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Facility named USOC Rehabilitation Center

Marshall University's Sports Science and Wellness Institute (SSWI) has been selected by the United States Olympic Committee as a center for the USOC National Rehabilitation Network, according to Dr. William P. Marley, executive director of Marshall's SSWI.

As part of the USOC network, Marshall's SSWI will participate in the care and rehabilitation of elite athletes in training for the United States Olympic team.

Marley said in order to provide the highly specialized care Olympic athletes might need, several Marshall University units including the Human Performance Laboratory, the Department of Sports Medicine, the School of Medicine, the Department of Athletics and the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) will work together with community health care providers.

The center will rely heavily on the combined efforts of Dr. Marley as administrative director; Ross M. Patton, M.D., medical director of the SSWI; Jose J. Ricard, M.D., director of sports medicine for Marshall; Mark Taylor, P.T., physical therapy director; Terry A. Shepherd, Ph.D., director of the Pediatric Sport, Exercise, and Therapeutic Center; R. Daniel Martin, coordinator of the athletic training curriculum, and Bruce McCallister of Marshall's HPER Division. McCallister presently serves on the USOC Medical Committee and has served as a trainer for the United States Olympic team.

"This is a high honor for Marshall University and the community," said Marley. "Only a few facilities throughout the nation have met the stringent requirements to be named a center for the USOC National Rehabilitation Network. It is a tribute to our medical and athletic training facilities."

Marshall's SSWI, located in Henderson Center Room 2018, was established in 1991 as a joint effort of the university's HPER Division, Department of Athletics and School of Medicine with a grant from St. Mary's Hospital.

The institute's goal is to promote fitness as preventive medicine with emphasis on research, education and service. Marley said the multidisciplinary unit aims to more effectively address the issues of wellness through the study of etiology, prevention and treatment of injury and disease.

"The SSWI provides unique services to citizens and athletes in the Tri-State region," said Marley. "Our main focus is on prevention and treatment of injuries and illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes and obesity but we can also provide training..." (Continued on page 2)

Gospel Extravaganza set

A "Gospel Extravaganza" will be held at Marshall University in conjunction with Black History Month activities on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The program, featuring a variety of local gospel choirs, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University African-American Students Program Office. 696-6705.
Applications sought for Bruce scholarship

Applications are being accepted from students who wish to apply for the Larry Bruce Memorial Scholarship, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, professor in Marshall University's Department of Political Science.

The scholarship was created to perpetuate the spirit and ideals of Larry Bruce Jr., former president of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, who was a native of Huntington and a Marshall alumnus. Bruce died in December 1992.

Matz said the scholarship will be awarded to Marshall University juniors or seniors who in their freshman and sophomore years exhibited an international spirit as evidenced by: an interest in a career in international affairs; humanitarian service, or concern for children in the Third World. Students must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 at the time of application. The scholarship will not be awarded on the basis of financial need.

Applications must be accompanied by an essay (300-500 words) based on research about UNICEF or Larry Bruce or perpetuating his spirit.

The scholarship award is expected to be $800.

Application forms are available from Matz in the Political Science Department, Smith Hall Room 742. The deadline for returning applications to Matz will be March 17.

Scholarships will be awarded by a committee comprised of the faculty of the Political Science Department and two representatives from the community. Notification of the award will be made by April 15.

To obtain further details contact Matz, 696-2763.

The first Larry Bruce Memorial Scholarship was awarded last year to Nandini Shastry of Russell, Ky.

Facility chosen by USOC

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programs that help athletes maximize their potential."

The SSW1 has developed several outreach programs to help area residents lead healthier lives and, through grants from St. Mary's Hospital and the Teubert Trust Foundation, assisted in developing specialized programs such as the Diabetes and Blindness Control and Prevention Program.

"We have or can develop many fitness and health prevention programs that everyone, not just athletes, can utilize," explained Marley.

"Being selected by the United States Olympic Committee is an indication of the quality of our program and facilities and the expertise of our medical personnel, trainers and faculty. As the Olympic games in Atlanta draw closer, we are honored to be a part of the USOC National Rehabilitation Network and look forward to providing America's best athletes with the best available care."

To obtain further details about the Sports Science and Wellness Institute or the United States Olympic Committee National Rehabilitation Network contact Marley at Marshall University, 696-3668.

Learn to stop smoking

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor "Fresh Start," a smoking cessation class developed by the American Cancer Society, beginning Monday, March 20, at 5 p.m. in Prichard Hall.

One-hour classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for two weeks, according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of Student Health Education Programs.

The course will be open to the public free of charge, however enrollment will be limited.

To register or obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall University, 696-4800. Registration should be completed prior to March 16.

Lunch series continues

A lunchbag seminar titled "Date Rape/Sexual Assault: Myth, Fact and Reality" will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 22, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.

The seminar is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Office of Women's Programs, 696-3112.

Children's College planned

Children's and Teens' College, conducted by Marshall University's Community and Technical College, will begin Saturday, Feb. 25, and feature a variety of enrichment courses for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

All of the 50-minute classes will be held from 9 to 10:50 a.m. on Saturdays from Feb. 25 through April 8 in Northcott Hall, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education at Marshall. Classes will not be held March 25.

"The courses have been designed to be entertaining as well as educational and have been separated into four sections for students of different ages," said Hensley.


Students in the second and third grades will be able to take: "Math Challenges," "Creative Writing," "Creative Dramatic Stories," "Gears in Motion," "Travels in Space," "New Games" and "New Computer Skills".

Courses for students in the fourth and fifth grades include: "Bridge Design and Construction," "Introduction to Computers," "Engineering Technology Part II," "Creative Reading and Writing," "Gears in Motion," "Math, Science and Technology" and "Act I, Scene I."


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 or 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, 696-3113.
Recipes needed for new university cookbook

Got a favorite recipe?
Any cooking tips?
A historical anecdote about Marshall?
All of the above—and more—will be included in a new Marshall University Cookbook which should be coming off the press in a few months.

The project--spearheaded by Regina Boehm, Shirley Dyer, Linda Holmes and Nan Gilley--will raise money for Marshall

‘MU REPORT’ will air stories gathered in D.C.

Marshall University broadcast journalism students who produce the weekly magazine program, MU REPORT, will continue Feb. 19 with reports about the “Contract with America” and West Virginia issues connected with it, using material gathered Feb. 4-9 in Washington, D.C.

Six MU journalism students made the five-day trip to Washington and their reports will be featured on the television program throughout the spring. MU REPORT is seen on WPBY on Sunday mornings at 11:30. WPBY broadcasts on Channel 33; Century Cable subscribers in Huntington see it on Channel 6.

The journalism students interviewed both of West Virginia’s senators, Robert C. Byrd and Jay Rockefeller, and Rep. Nick Rahall. They were present at the White House press briefing at which President Clinton and Vice President Gore reviewed the President’s proposed budget.

The students visited the Holocaust Museum and will produce a report about that later in the semester, as well as reports about American participation in the Second World War—which ended nearly 50 years ago—and subsequent wars. One report about a topic not often discussed on television news is about women’s participation in warfare.

Students visited the Duke Ellington School for the Arts in Washington and came away with insights into specialized kinds of secondary schools, and about public education in general.

Janet Gordon of Boston will produce the Feb. 19 program, which will feature reports about the Republican party’s Contract with America. The series of programs will continue through April, with a four-week break in March during spring vacation and the WPBY fund-raising campaign.

Employee achievements


Dr. ROBERT D. OLSON, professor of communication disorders, gave a lecture on "Contemporary Trends in Therapy for Persons Who Stutter" to the speech-language pathologists of Kanawha County Feb. 10 in St. Albans.


MU doctor will operate

Dr. Lorenzo Gonzalez-Lavin of the Marshall School of Medicine has been invited to discuss and demonstrate heart valve replacement surgery at an international conference in France next week.

The "Second Live Teleconference on Valvular Autografts and Homografts Banking and Surgery" will be Feb. 16-17 in Marseilles. Gonzalez-Lavin will lecture on a specialized procedure known as a pulmonary autograft, then perform the surgery in a sound- and video-equipped operating room from which he can talk with surgeons attending the conference.

Gonzalez-Lavin joined the Marshall faculty as chief of the section of cardiothoracic surgery in 1989, and is a member of the University Physicians and Surgeons medical group.

He performs several kinds of open heart operations, including coronary artery bypass grafting and valve repairs or replacements.

Excused absences.

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


CE courses will focus on computer skills

Marshall University's Division of Continuing Education will sponsor a series of 15 introductory and intermediate computer courses during the spring semester, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

Hensley said the classes, the first beginning Feb. 21, will focus on basic computer applications and popular programs.

The schedule includes the following courses:
-- "Introduction to Computers" on Tuesdays from Feb. 21 through April 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 439, $60.
-- "Introduction to Computers" on Wednesdays from March 15 through April 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 437, $60.
-- "Introduction to Computers" on Thursdays from April 6 through May 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 439, $60.
-- "Intermediate Computers" on Tuesdays from April 18 through May 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 439, $60.
-- "Intermediate Computers" on Wednesdays from April 26 through May 31, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 437, $60.
-- "Introduction to Lotus" on Wednesdays from March 15 through April 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 438, $66.
-- "Intermediate Lotus" on Wednesdays from April 26 through May 31, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 438, $66.
-- "Introduction to DOS (Disk Operating System)" on Wednesdays from Feb. 22 through March 29, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Northcott Hall Room 101, $60.
-- "Introduction to WordPerfect 6.0-DOS" on Fridays from March 3 through April 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 438, $66.
-- "Intermediate WordPerfect 6.0-DOS" on Fridays from April 21 through May 26, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 438, $66.
-- "Autocad" on Saturdays from March 11 through April 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 439, $66.
-- "Introduction to Pagemaker" on Mondays from March 13 through April 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 438, $66.
-- "Introduction to the Mac Computer" on Thursdays from March 16 through April 6, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 211, $55.
-- "Introduction to Internet" on Wednesdays from March 15 through April 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 434, $60.
-- "Introduction to E-Mail" on Thursdays from March 16 through April 30, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corbly Hall Room 439, $56.

Continuing education units will be awarded to individuals who complete the courses. A 10 percent discount will be awarded to participants enrolling in more than one course, companies or organizations enrolling three or more employees in any one class, senior citizens and Marshall University employees.

Enrollment in the classes will be limited. To register or obtain further details contact the Division of Continuing Education in Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 696-3113.

Jensen gets fellowship from newspaper editors

Marshall University journalism professor Dwight Jensen has been awarded a fellowship by the American Society of Newspaper Editors and will spend part of the summer writing news and opinion for The Times Leader, a daily newspaper in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The ASNE's Institute for Journalism Excellence, financed by a grant from the John S. Knight Foundation, selected 23 fellows in a national competition. Each will be paid expenses plus a stipend for the summer activity. Each will be expected to attend a week of orientation at ASNE headquarters in Reston, Va., work six weeks on the daily paper, then attend a debriefing and dinner in Washington. Their work will be evaluated and the evaluations will become part of the record of the institute and part of the process of deciding whether to continue the program.

ASNE Executive Director Lee Stinnett said, "One of the major objectives of this program is to help educators sample some of the excitement of newspapers today" and to see "some of the important innovations that have been launched as newspapers respond to the challenges of electronic publishing." Stinnett said he has asked the host newspapers "to encourage interaction between the educators and the newsroom staff and to open up the newsroom process to them.

The fellows are encouraged to spend weekends getting to know the communities better.

Jensen is in his seventh year on the faculty at Marshall. Before entering the teaching field he spent about 25 years as a working journalist on daily and weekly newspapers and in television and radio. He has also written for magazines and published books. In the 1960s he was a Professional Journalism Fellow at Stanford University.

Wilkes-Barre is one of the few American cities that have competing daily newspapers. Jensen will work with both the city desk, writing news, and the editorial page, writing opinion.

Another of the 23 fellows selected by the ASNE is Betsy Cook, a Marshall graduate who taught at Marshall from 1988 to 1990 and advised the student newspaper. She teaches at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and will spend the summer with the Chattanooga daily.

Statewide job fair set

More than 40 employers will participate in the Operation Native Talent Job Fair which will be held Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Charleston Civic Center.

Operation Native Talent is open to all West Virginia college seniors and recent graduates, according to Reginald A. Spencer, director of Placement Services at Marshall University.

"The real mission of this event is to help retain graduates, when possible, in West Virginia," Spencer said.

Recruiters representing business, health, science, retailing, banking, utilities, and state and federal sectors of the economy will attend the fair.

Operation Native Talent, now in its eighth year, is sponsored by the West Virginia Roundtable, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Governor's Office of Economic Development and various West Virginia college and university placement centers.

A videotape titled "How to Work a Job Fair" will be available for viewing at Marshall's Placement Services Center, 1681 Fifth Ave., on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. or by appointment. Spencer said the videotape will give students important tips on how to prepare for job fairs.

A list of employers registered to attend the fair also is available at the MU Placement Services Center.

To obtain further details about Operation Native Talent contact the Marshall University Placement Services Center, 696-2370.