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Secretaries' Day program planned April 26

The annual Professional Secretaries' Day Conference will be held at Marshall University Wednesday, April 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The program has been designed for all office support secretaries, executive secretaries, administrative assistants and aides, office managers, information processing coordinators and others who provide secretarial or administrative support for one or multiple bosses, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

"This program, sponsored by Marshall's Office of Continuing Education and Department of Human Resources, will feature practical training that can be applied immediately back on the job," said Hensley.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by welcoming remarks at 8:50 a.m.

A workshop titled "I Don't Remember That" will begin at 9 a.m. The workshop will examine techniques to improve memory. Jon Rickey, superintendent of employee relations at the AlliedSignal Carbon Material and Technologies Plant in Ironton, Ohio, will be the workshop instructor.

Participants will be able to attend two of three programs scheduled from 10:15 to 11:05 a.m. The programs are: "Changing Technology in the Workplace" by Allen Taylor, associate director

Play auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Huntington Outdoor Theatre production of "Music Man," the hit Broadway musical, will be held at Marshall University's Fine and Performing Arts Center, Room 224, April 24-25.

Dance auditions will be held at 6 p.m. and singing and acting auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m. Singers should be prepared to sing at least 30 seconds of a song. Auditions for children will be held Saturday, April 22, at noon and Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. People who want to audition should enter the Fine and Performing Arts Center through the Sixth Avenue entrance beside the loading dock.

Performance dates will be July 6-9 and 13-16 at the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Theatre Department, 696-2787.

Rally set for basketball team

A post-season pep rally to honor the Marshall University men's basketball team and coach Billy Donovan will be held Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Gullickson Hall Gymnasium.

The event will feature a basketball game between the senior basketball players and the coaching staff. Spectators can participate in a three-point shoot-off and a free-throw contest during halftime. Contest winners will receive \$50. Registration for the contests will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A cash prize of \$100 and various gift certificates will be raffled off throughout the event which is being held to benefit the River Cities Ronald McDonald House.

There will be an admission charge of \$2 for the general public. Marshall students will be admitted free. The event is being sponsored by the MU chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and WMUL-FM. To obtain further details contact Mary Page Marshall, project director, 733-4675.

of the Marshall University Computer Center; "Sharpen Your Writing Skills" by Dr. David Hatfield, assistant professor of English at Marshall, and "Health and Safety in Today's Office" by Juanita Steele, a registered occupational therapist at Huntington Physical Therapy Services.

Following a noon luncheon, a workshop titled "Yes, You Can Say No!--Coping With Stress Without Quitting or Being Fired" will be presented by Tammy Jerrell, assistant professor of business management technology at Marshall.

Kate Long, a teacher and public radio commentator who has received national awards for writing, newspaper projects and video production, will present the final workshop, "Stories in Words and Song," at 2 p.m.

Hensley said Long's presentation will be a "sit back and enjoy" program of funny and moving stories and songs about ordinary people experiencing life's dilemmas and a rural girl contemplating life, religion and politics.

There will be a \$15 registration fee for MU faculty and staff which will include materials, lunch, refreshments and a continuing education unit certificate.

The registration deadline will be Friday, April 21.

To register or obtain further details contact Billie Weis in Marshall University's Office of Continuing Education, 696-3113.

Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Your kindness at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can express.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Winn

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to thank the Marshall faculty, staff and administration for your many kindnesses during the recent passing of my mother, Essie R. Maddox.

Sincerely,
Bob Maddox

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to extend a very special thank you to all of you who sent cards, flowers or donations for the loss of my husband, Bob Dyer.

In our time of mourning, my family and I took great comfort in knowing we were in your thoughts and prayers.

The overwhelming response to our loss from the faculty and staff of Marshall University touched us deeply and would have meant a lot to Bob.

Sincerely,
Shirley Dyer
Mike and Vallery Dyer

Mitchell to get outstanding teacher award

Karen Mitchell, assistant professor of mathematics at Marshall University, has been selected as the 1995 recipient of the university's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, according to Dr. Lyle C. Wilcox, senior vice president and provost at Marshall.

Mitchell will be recognized and presented the prestigious award, which includes a \$3,000 stipend, at the university's Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation on Friday, April 7, at 11 a.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

A native of Huntington, Mitchell received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and English education from Marshall in 1971 and received her master's degree from Marshall in 1979. She

currently is working on her doctoral dissertation at West Virginia University.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1979, Mitchell taught mathematics and served as chair of the Mathematics Department at Milton High School. She also served as a graduate assistant at Marshall and West Virginia University.

Mitchell has been involved in numerous activities at Marshall. She has served as the Mathematics Department liaison to the College of Education, program director and adviser to mathematics majors in the College of Education, placement director, director of the MU Mathematics Competition and served on the Institutional Hearing Panel and the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee. She also conducts various inservice workshops.

She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Mathematics Association of America, the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Dr. Charles V. Peele, professor and chair of the Mathematics Department at Marshall, said, "Karen Mitchell puts the needs of her students first. She presents class material in ways students can understand. She invents projects for her students in the hope of getting a lesson across to them. She seems to excite even the

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Mitchell

Alumni will honor three



Reese



Hayes



Spencer

A Marshall University graduate known as the man "who changed politics forever" is among three to be honored April 22 during the Marshall Alumni Association's annual Alumni Awards Banquet at 7 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Longtime political consultant Matthew A. Reese, who earned an A.B. degree from Marshall in 1950, will receive the association's 1995 Distinguished Alumnus award. Dr. Robert B. Hayes, Marshall president from 1974 to 1983, will receive the Distinguished Service award, and Betty Lovett Spencer, a clinical psychologist and community volunteer, will be honored as the Alumna Community Achievement award recipient.

During his career Reese became known as the man who "reinvented politics," but a Marshall professor, the late Maurice Burnside, gave him his start in politics. Reese helped Burnside win a seat in the U.S. Congress representing West Virginia's Fourth District and then served on Burnside's staff in Washington.

The Huntington native first attracted national attention in 1960 when he coordinated an impressive volunteer campaign that resulted in John F. Kennedy winning the West Virginia presidential primary.

Noted for creating new technologies, procedures and strategies, Reese in 1966 became the principal in Reese Communications Inc.

Campaigns and Elections magazine credited Reese as the man

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Health Center named for Williams

A veteran Marshall University professor and administrator was honored Tuesday when Marshall University dedicated its new Health and Fitness Center. The facility, built at a cost of \$630,000 and located on the ground level of Gullickson Hall, has been designated the W. Donald Williams Health and Fitness Center.

Use of the well-equipped facility will be open to all Marshall students at no cost, President J. Wade Gilley said. MU faculty and staff members also will be able to use it for a modest monthly charge.

"While we have had excellent fitness training facilities available for athletes in the major revenue-producing sports, we have not had adequate resources for the total student population," Gilley said. "The W. Donald Williams Health and Fitness Center will remedy that situation."

The center was constructed over the past several months in the area formerly occupied by the Gullickson Hall swimming pool, which had been plagued with problems during much of its active existence. An Olympic-sized pool in Henderson Center has served Marshall's needs since 1981.

Williams joined the Marshall faculty in 1972 as a professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, becoming departmental chairman in 1983. In May 1992, Gilley appointed him acting vice president for research and economic development, a position he held until a successor was appointed

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who "changed politics forever, and in the process, transformed political consulting from a backroom fraternity of cutthroat hacks into a bona fide billion-dollar industry of influence."

A resident of McLean, Va., and Bethany Beach, Del., Reese retired in 1988 as chairman and president of Reese Communications Companies but continues to be involved in political work as a campaign consultant, public affairs counselor and campaign evaluator.

Reese and his wife, the former Martha Sedinger, also a 1950 Marshall graduate, are parents of three children and have six grandchildren.

Hayes has a 30-year association with Marshall. He joined the university administration in 1965 as dean of the College of Education and, although he retired in 1990, continues to work in behalf of the university. He is currently coordinating Marshall's self-study project.

During his tenure as Marshall president, 1974-1983, the School of Medicine and the Community and Technical College were established and more than \$50 million worth of campus improvements were realized including construction of Henderson Center, Corbly Hall and Harris Hall.

After resigning the Marshall presidency in 1983, Hayes continued to serve as a professor in the College of Education until his

Mitchell to get award

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students who have an aversion to mathematics. The students, in turn, speak of her in glowing and grateful terms.

"In a subject as abstract as mathematics, Karen Mitchell has a knack for teaching classes. She is an innovative and conscientious teacher. Both her students and colleagues recognize that Karen is a very special educator and very special person. If there were more educators like Karen Mitchell, innumeracy and math anxiety would no longer be front page news. She clearly exemplifies the best at Marshall University and in higher education in general. She is an outstanding teacher and deserves this award."

The university's Outstanding Teacher Award was created in 1985 through an endowment established by Marshall and Shirley Reynolds of Huntington.

A number of special awards will be presented to students and faculty during the Honors Convocation which is sponsored by Marshall's John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence.

The Honors Convocation will be followed at 2 p.m. by Marshall's second annual Drinko Symposium sponsored by the university's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture. Both events will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Drinko Academy Office, 696-3183.

Lunchbag seminar set

A lunchbag seminar titled "Women's Health" by Shari Bias of the Women's Health Services Department at Cabell Huntington Hospital will be presented Wednesday, April 12, at noon in Priehard 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.

"retirement" in 1990. Hayes then served as executive vice president of Warner Southern College in Lake Wales, Fla., returning to Huntington in 1992. Soon he was called into service by Marshall President J. Wade Gilley to serve as interim dean of the College of Business for nearly a year.

At the 1993 Marshall Commencement, Hayes was awarded the title President Emeritus of Marshall in recognition of his accomplishments in behalf of the university.

Hayes was named an Honorary Alumnus of Marshall in 1983 by the alumni association.

Betty Spencer, whose husband Walter was afflicted with Parkinson's disease prior to his death in 1991, was a driving force and co-founder of the Parkinson Support Group of Huntington, the first such group in West Virginia.

Spencer also has been involved with the American Heart Association, serving on the local board from 1984 to 1990.

In September 1994, Spencer completed 50 years of working as a psychologist. She earned her B.A. degree from Marshall in 1942 and after receiving her M.A. degree from State University of Iowa in 1944, she returned to Marshall to teach for one year prior to opening a private practice.

In 1948 she became the first psychologist employed by the newly-formed Bureau of Mental Health, working in the first state mental health clinic in Charleston. In 1949 she was acting administrator in developing Huntington's first state mental health clinic. She continued with the West Virginia Health Department until 1952.

For 20 years, she was associated in practice with psychiatrists. She also has served as clinic director and chief clinical psychologist at Huntington Mental Health Center, consultant and director of the counseling program at St. Mary's School of Nursing and clinical psychologist at Community Mental Health Center, Huntington.

Since 1978 Spencer has been in private practice and now works part-time.

For more information call the Office of Alumni Affairs, (304) 696-2523. The dinner is \$15 per person. Reservations should be made by Wednesday, April 19.

MU Health Center named

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a year later. Although he formally retired from the university faculty May 31, 1994, Williams later served as interim associate vice president for institutional advancement and director of athletic fundraising for several months.

Williams, who earned academic degrees from Concord College, West Virginia University and Virginia Tech, began his career in 1955 as a teacher and coach at Bluefield (W.Va.) High School and later was assistant principal, director of athletics, teacher and coach at R. B. Worthy High School in Saltwell, Va.

He served 12 years at Concord College as an assistant professor of health and physical education, including 10 years as football and track coach.

"Don Williams has made many outstanding contributions with his service to Marshall University and the people of West Virginia in the course of a career spanning four decades," Gilley said. "I believe it is most appropriate that we recognize those contributions by naming this facility, devoted to the health and physical fitness of our students, in his honor."

Bickley to speak at Carter Woodson event

Dr. Ancella R. Bickley, an authority on research into West Virginia black history, will be the featured speaker at the third annual Carter G. Woodson Fundraising Banquet Saturday, April 15, in the Radisson Hotel in Huntington, beginning at 6 p.m.

Announcement of the event was made by Newatha Perry, president of the Carter G. Woodson Memorial Foundation Inc. and a staff member of Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library.

A retired West Virginia State College vice president, Dr. Bick-

ley currently is working with Marshall University on a research project on the history of blacks in the Ohio Valley.

"Ancella Bickley has compiled an enviable record as a scholar, a teacher, a college administrator--and a human being," Ms. Perry said. "Hers is a story of phenomenal success in the face of racial, gender and other barriers. She serves as an inspiration and a role model not only to minorities or to women, but to all of us. We're very pleased she has agreed to serve as our 1995 speaker."

Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950), a former Huntington resident, was a pioneer in the study of black history and in 1915 formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. During one point in an outstanding academic career, he served as a dean at West Virginia State College in Institute (1920-22).

A graduate of Huntington's Douglass High School, Ancella Bickley earned degrees from West Virginia State College, Marshall University and West Virginia University. She has taught at West Virginia State, West Virginia University, in Annapolis, Md. and at U.S. Army facilities in Maryland, Texas and Germany. At West Virginia State, she served as vice president for administration and as vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Bickley received the 1988 Humanities Award of the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia. Additional honors include an honorary doctoral degree from Marshall, appointment as a Danforth Associate, the Distinguished Citizen Award of the Mountain State Bar Association, the Carter G. Woodson Award by the National Education Association and the Alumna of the Year Award from West Virginia State College.

Music for the banquet will be provided by Rodney D. Boyden, a well known performer from Beckley, Ms. Perry said.

Ticket information may be obtained by calling Ms. Perry at 696-2342 or 894-5772, or Jackie Jackson, secretary of the foundation, at 522-9610.

Young women's program on campus

Nearly 300 young women in grades six through nine and more than 90 adults will gather at Marshall University Saturday for an inside look at dozens of scientific careers at the "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics" conference.

The conference includes 32 workshops for students, brief lectures, a resource fair and panel discussions by women from nine science/math career areas.

"West Virginia needs its young women to become the scientists, physicians and engineers of the next century," said Dr. Susan DeMesquita, program chair, who will speak to students on that topic as one of the event's two keynote speakers.

Marian Alston, executive director of the Children's Policy Institute of West Virginia, will provide the opening address.

The conference is co-sponsored by Marshall and the West Virginia chapter of the Association for Women in Science, the Huntington branch of the American Association of University Women, the Math-Science Network, and the Sex Equity Program of the state Department of Education.



Bickley

TQM subject of meeting

Representatives from Marshall and other West Virginia colleges and universities attended a conference on the application of Total Quality Management in higher education sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts March 21 in Flatwoods.

The conference was part of the governor's INSPIRE program of using "Quality Improvement Teams" to improve state government.

Conference participants discussed results of their teams' campus efforts and the possibility of forming a network of schools to apply for the new trial national Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award for institutions of higher education.

Larry Kyle of Marshall's Research and Economic Development Center presented an overview of the university's quality program. Dr. John Wallace of the MU Division of Marketing and Management described a recent project to improve patient registration and billing at the John Marshall Medical Service.

Kyle and Wallace said they learned about many exciting projects being conducted on West Virginia campuses.

For example, Wallace said James Stephens of the West Virginia Graduate College described a new customer feedback system that encourages students, faculty, staff and parents to send comments and complaints to WVGC's Continuous Improvement Council. Stephens said the WVGC President's Office sends thank-you letters in response and the comments and suggestions are forwarded to the council where some are used to start new improvement teams and others used to monitor how the customers perceived the college's quality.

Wallace said they also learned about a staff-scheduling project in West Virginia University's Physical Plant Division that involved staff at all levels and led to dramatic increases in productivity, job satisfaction and customer satisfaction as well as several other Total Quality projects.

In the closing session, participants decided to use the Internet to exchange information about how to improve quality on West Virginia campuses.

History of Science lecture slated

"Persian Astronomy: The 1300s," part of the History of Science Lecture Series, will be presented by Jamil Ragep of the University of Oklahoma on Thursday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

To obtain further details contact Dr. James Moloney, associate professor of mathematics, 696-3045.