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Marshall Alumni Weekend will be held April 21-22

Marshall University alumni will be returning to campus April 21-22 for the annual spring sharing of memories, good times and friendships -- Alumni Weekend.

"We hope alumni from all years will attend, but special attention will be given to the Classes of 1935, 1945, 1950 and 1955 and the Grand Class (pre-1935 alumni) which will celebrate reunions," Alumni Director Linda S. Holmes said.

Events get under way at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 21, with a Meet-and-Greet reception in the Erickson Alumni Center. Complimentary coffee, tea, juice, donuts and bagels will be available.

Marshall alumnus Leon Oxley of Frazier and Oxley Inc. will present an estate planning seminar at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Memorial Student Center Room 2E10.

A luncheon honoring the Class of 1935 and the Class of 1945 on their 60th and 50th reunions, respectively, and the Grand Class will begin at noon Friday in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center. Each member of the Classes of 1935 and 1945 will receive one complimentary ticket. Price for all others attending the luncheon is $8.

At 2:30 p.m., campus trolley tours will depart from the Fifth Avenue side of Memorial Student Center.

A champagne reception will begin at 5 p.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center. The $5 price per person includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres, coffee and punch. Other beverages will be available at a cash bar.

On Saturday, April 22, alumni and friends again will be treated (Continued on page 2)

CEGAS receives contract

Marshall University's Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences has been awarded a $200,688 contract by the Department of Energy Morgantown Energy Technology Center (METC) for a project titled "A GIS-Based Infrastructure for Site Characterization and Remediation," according to Dr. James Hooper, director of the MU center.

The 12-month contract, issued through a West Virginia University/METC cooperative agreement, focuses on determining and specifying a system--consisting of a geographic information system (GIS) and supporting software and hardware--that is well-suited for describing, characterizing and remediating/restoring sites that are contaminated by hazardous and/or toxic materials.

Hooper said the work is being carried out by considering the remediation needs of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District Office as a basis which will give researchers the benefit of working with the real needs of on-going remediation projects.

"The results are expected to be beneficial to both METC and the Corps of Engineers in providing better means to cope with contaminated sites," said Hooper. (Continued on page 2)

Marshall University Senior Vice President and Provost Lyle C. Wilcox, right, and MU President J. Wade Gilley present an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Elizabeth Gibson Drinko. The presentation was made during the university's Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation held Friday, April 7. The convocation was named in honor of Mrs. Drinko last year in recognition of her generous support of academic programs at Marshall. Mrs. Drinko and her husband, Dr. John Deaver Drinko, who reside in Lyndhurst, Ohio, have been consistent supporters of the university and in 1987 established a distinguished chair in liberal arts.

CTC develops unique law enforcement program

Marshall University's Community and Technical College has developed a new Law Enforcement specialty within its Occupational Development degree program, according to Dr. F. David Wilkin, dean of the college.

The new specialty, offered in conjunction with the West Virginia State Police Academy at Institute, will enable law enforcement personnel who have completed the Basic Police Officer Program to earn an associate of applied science degree by taking courses by satellite, taking general education courses at approved collegiate institutions throughout the state and through the utilization of approved on-the-job training activities.

Wilkin said a significant number of people who have completed the Basic Police Officer Program at the State Police Academy should welcome the opportunity to continue their educations while serving as active officers in their communities.

"The Community and Technical College welcomes the opportunity to work with these officers in reaching the next step of their educational goals, the associate of applied science degree," said Wilkin.

Captain W.J. Shaw, commandant of the State Police Academy, said, "This will add a new facet to law enforcement education in the state and will enhance the professionalism of law officers in general."

To obtain further details contact Marshall University's Community and Technical College, (304) 696-3646.
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 re-

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to a continental breakfast in the Erickson Alumni Center, beginning at 9 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m. Saturday, the 1995 Distinguished Alumnus, Matthew A. Reese, a 1950 graduate, will speak on the topic “Searching for Green Noses and Purple Ears: My 30 Years in Politics.”

Members of the Class of 1950 and the Class of 1955 will be the Alumni Association’s guests at a Saturday noon luncheon in the John Marshall Room in Memorial Student Center. The price for all others attending the luncheon is $8.

For a closer look at changes on campus, a walking tour will de-part at 1:30 p.m. Saturday from the campus side of Memorial Student Center.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, a complimentary social with light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will be held in the Erickson Alumni Center.

The 58th annual Alumni Awards Banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room. Dinner is $15 per person. Reservations should be made by Wednesday, April 19.

For more information or reservations call the Office of Alumni Affairs, (304) 696-2523.

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Researchers will determine system capabilities for data capture, retention, manipulation and graphical presentation, determine features for examining proposed remediation strategies, establish operational procedures for effective use of the integrated system and establish methods for effective technology transfer.

Hooper, who will serve as principal investigator and project manager, said commercially available software products will be recommended for use when possible. He said the Environmental Center will work closely with Corps of Engineers personnel in carrying out the project.

Dr. Akhtar Lodgher, associate professor of computer science, will serve as co-principal investigator and assistant project manager. Other university researchers working on the project will be Dr. Tony Szwilski, professor of environmental engineering and science; Dr. Herbert Tesser, chair and professor of computer science, and Dr. Richard Begley, chair and associate professor of engineering.

marks 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.

Comedian to give show

Comedian Christopher Titus will perform at Marshall University Wednesday, April 19, at 9:15 p.m. in Marco’s in Memorial Student Center.

He has toured with Kenny Loggins and appeared on several television shows including “21 Jump Street” and “Columbo.” He has done comedy shows such as “Evening at the Improv,” “Star Search” and “Caroline’s Comedy Hour” and recently filmed a pilot for the Showtime network. He also had a part in the movie, “Killer Clowns from Outer Space,” which he describes as a cult classic.

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.

Opera star to perform

Opera singer Roberta Peters will perform for the Marshall Artists Series Thursday, April 20, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

At the age of 20, she was one of the youngest singers ever to join the Metropolitan roster. She celebrated her 35th anniversary with the Metropolitan in 1985 after more than 500 performances in the famous theatre.

Tickets will be $30, $26 and $22. Marshall faculty and staff and part-time students will be admitted for half-price. To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office, 696-6656.
Students with disabilities will be topic

"Making Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities" will be the subject of a workshop presented by Marshall University's Office of Disabled Student Services Monday, April 17, at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The program, open to the public free of charge, will begin with a panel discussion of the rights of students with disabilities, the responsibilities of the university and programs available for students with disabilities.

Panelists will include Dr. Barbara Guyer, director of Marshall's H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) Program; Sandra Clements, coordinator of disabled student services at Marshall; Layton Cottrill, university legal counsel; Peggy Wilmink, coordinator of special projects in the Community and Technical College, and Donna Mauk, director of the Student Athlete Program.

Following the panel discussion, Dr. Thomas Scott, a local physician and state senator, will discuss the growing number of persons with disabilities who return to the job market and seek retraining in colleges and universities.

Anne Weeks, director of the Mountain State Centers for Independent Living, will make a presentation titled "Advocacy for the '90s."

Representatives from the Cabell-Wayne Association for the Blind, the American Heart Association, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, West Virginia Rehabilitation Services, Marshall's Office of Student Health Services, Radio Shack and other organizations will attend the program and have information available for participants.

Free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings will be available during the workshop.

To obtain further details contact John Proctor or Sandra Clements in Marshall University's Disabled Student Services Office, 696-2271.

International Festival will be held April 23

"Mosaic of Marshall University" will be the theme for the university's 29th annual International Festival which will be held Sunday, April 23, 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 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 International Festival brings the Marshall University community and citizens from the Tri-State area together to share cultures and gives people the opportunity to celebrate and share their international heritage.

"This effort promotes understanding and awareness and reminds everyone of the increasing interdependence of all nations and peoples," he said. "Every individual is unique but also is a member of a larger community. All are invited to attend the festival."

To order tickets or obtain further details about the International Festival contact Lena Ji, 696-2379, or visit the Marshall University Center for International Programs in Old Main Room 212.

Libraries closing for holiday

Marshall University’s James E. Morrow Library will be closed Easter Sunday, April 16, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

Marshall University’s Health Science Library will close at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, and be closed Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16, according to Randy Price, head of circulation at the Health Science Library.

The libraries will resume regular semester schedules Monday, April 17.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ALLAN STERN, professor of safety technology, attended the 46th annual West Virginia Safety and Driver Education Association Conference held March 24 at Charleston. He is a member of the association.

CHARLOTTE EDWARDS, adolescent health specialist in the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology, recently completed HIV/AIDS training with the Red Cross. She now is a certified HIV/AIDS instructor under the supervision of the Western Virginia Red Cross chapter.

Dr. DOROTHY HICKS, professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, attended the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance meeting held March 28-April 2 in Portland, Ore. HICKS received the Pathfinder Award presented annually by the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports. The award is presented to people who continue to conduct clinics, recruit and advocate and enhance sports opportunities and leadership for girls and women. HICKS is the first from West Virginia to be nominated and selected for the Pathfinder Award.

Dr. DAYAL SINGH, professor of finance, attended the annual meeting of the Midwest Finance Association held March 30-31. He served as discussant for two papers, "An Evaluation of the Performance of Reits With Arbitrage Pricing Model" and "Money Market Funds--An Evaluation of Performance Over Time." He also attended two tutorial sessions and a special session on "Innovative Electronic Tools for Financial Education."

Dr. DAVID A. CUSICK, professor of mathematics, presented a talk titled "Lagrange Interpolation" to the students of Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honorary at Morehead (Ky.) State University March 30. He also attended the 1995 meeting of the Kentucky Section of the Mathematical Association of America held March 31-April 1 on the campus of Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky.

Dr. CHRISTOPHER DOLMETSCH, professor of modern languages, contributed a review of "The Lament of the Nibelungen = (Div Chlage)" translated by Winder McConnell (Columbia, S.C.: Camden House, 1994) to the March issue of CHOICE (Vol. 32, No. 7).

Marshall University served as the host institution for the 1995 annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Accounting Association held March 23-25 at the Holiday Inn Gateway. The meeting was arranged by the MU Division of Accountancy and Legal Environment. Dr. GARY SAUNDERS, professor in the division, is the 1995 president of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Dr. WILLIAM J. RADIG, also a professor in the division, served as program director for the regional meeting. Dr. ANNA L. MEADOR, MU associate professor, served as continuing professional education coordinator. CHARLES D. WEBB, MU associate professor, served as contributions coordinator. MEADOR and WEBB also served as moderators for one of the meeting sessions. Other Marshall University faculty members taking part in the meeting were: Dr. PATRICIA BROCE served as a moderator for a session and presented a paper she co-authored with SAUNDERS; Dr. ROBERT F. GODFREY served as moderator for two sessions; Dr. WOODROW BERRY moderated the session involving the presentation of papers by doctoral students; Dr. NEAL ADKINS, head of the division, and SUZANN PLUMLEY, administrative secretary in the division, attended and provided various services; Dr. LYLE WILCOX, senior vice president and provost, welcomed the participants and served on a panel discussing economic development in Appalachia; Dr. CALVIN KENT, dean of the College of Business, and FRANK P. JUSTICE, executive directors of Marshall's Research and Economic Development Center, also served on the panel. Approximately 200 people attended the meeting including former Marshall faculty member Dr. ROLAND L. MADISON who now works at John Carroll University.

Former MU employee dies

Everett D. "Paddles" Newman, 77, of Lesage died Tuesday, April 4, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Newman graduated from Milton High School in 1938 and went to work the same year in the Marshall Chemistry Department. He then worked at the TNT plant in Point Pleasant until 1947 when he became the assistant manager of the Marshall Bookstore where he worked until his retirement in 1974. He also served as a ticket-taker for MU football and basketball games for 37 years.

He was born Sept. 26, 1917, in Teays Valley, a son of the late Fred and Walker F. Carroll Newman. He was a member of the Greenbottom Baptist Church, Huntington Moose Lodge and Huntington Elks BPOE 313.

Survivors include a niece and her husband, Mary Jo and Edward R. Stanley of Ashton; a great-niece and her husband, Marsha and Donald Crawford of Huntington; a great-niece, Jessica Stanley of Ashton, and a great-great-nephew, Aaron Crawford of Huntington.

History of Science lecture slated

"Persian Astronomy: The 1300s," part of the History of Science Lecture Series, will be presented by Jamil Ragerp 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.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:
April 6-8--Michelle Adkins, Luke Bess, John Casto, Felicity Cooper, Sam DeBoard, Carol Elmore, Jason Happe, Stephen Johnson, Marsha Jones, Scott Koast, Christopher LeMaster, Steven Lively, Craig Matthews, Christopher Newman, Thomas Perry, Christopher Petty, Brent Purcell, Stephen Robinson, Cody Vest, Edward Walker, Joshua Walsh, Nicole Wilkins, Thomas Williams.
April 11-14--Joshua F. Walsh.

Percussion concert set

The Marshall University Percussion Ensemble will present its annual Spring Concert Thursday, April 13, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall, according to Dr. Ben F. Miller, professor of music and ensemble director.

The concert, featuring music from Africa, India, the Caribbean and Appalachia as well as music by Beia Fleck and Chuck Mangione, will be open to the public free of charge.

J. Steven Hall of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., will be the featured soloist for the concert.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Music Department, 696-3117.