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**AIDS workshop set**

Marshall University's School of Medicine and School of Nursing will present a workshop titled "AIDS: Responding to Fear or Fact" on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Holiday Inn Gateway, Route 40 East, Huntington.

The program has been designed by representatives from several regional hospitals and agencies and focuses on facts about AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), its transmission and implications for those who are most likely to come in contact with AIDS infected patients or persons who may be in high-risk groups.

The program will continue throughout the day and adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

The workshop carries six contact hours of continuing nursing education and application has been made to the Marshall University School of Medicine for five credit hours in category one of the Physicians Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Jane Fotos, associate dean and director of continuing education for Marshall's School of Nursing, 696-6758.

**Holiday schedule announced**

Marshall University will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Marshall University News Letter will not be published the week of Nov. 23-29.

The library will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26. The library will be closed Thursday and Friday. It will reopen from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29, and will resume regular hours Sunday, Nov. 30.
Council meets with BOR representatives

(The following report on the Oct. 31 meeting of the University Council was submitted by Karen Stufflebeam.)

The University Council met with Board of Regents members John Shott, chair, and J. K. Handy and displayed a list of the topics of interest to the Marshall faculty, including the following issues.

Funding for Marshall and WVU

Chris Dolsmetch indicated that he was appalled at the lack of commitment from the legislature for higher education in West Virginia. Short stated that the Board of Regents had been working to get a larger percentage of the budget allocated to higher education, and he felt that this would "be our year." Handy said that this was indicated through the budget for the upcoming year, with more of a percentage of the budget funds going to higher education than last year.

Merit Pay for Faculty:

Hirsheim presented information on how Marshall's faculty stands regarding merit pay. Frances Hirsheim, BOR representative from Marshall, said that the faculty recognized she had spoken with all that they would not advocate merit pay until the faculty salary schedule is fully funded.

It was mentioned that Marshall is much further from full funding than WVU, due to the lack of guaranteed income from WVU obtained salary monies for vacant positions a few years ago and divided the monies among the fac members.

The issue of whether the legislature would leave the decision of merit pay up to colleges or mandate it was also discussed. Short stated that he the regents would not mandate a certain percentage of a college's funds to go to merit pay, but would leave that decision up to the individual colleges.

Research Funding:

Dolsmetch said that Marshall is treated like the four-year colleges in the state, as far as research funding is concerned, because Marshall only receives five percent, while WVU receives ten percent.

Sick Leave Policy:

In answer to a question by Rainey Duker regarding the sick leave policy for faculty, the regents indicated that universities and colleges are still under the policy initiated under the previous Advisory Council of Faculty, acting on the advice of Jon Reed, asked that nothing be changed.

When several council members indicated that the faculty did want the paid-up health insurance plan, from accrued sick days, the regents indicated they would try to explain the concept of collegiality in regard to class coverage and absences when the issue was brought to the Board of Regents at its next meeting.

Student Evaluations:

Handy asked what council thought about the effect of student evaluation in faculty evaluations. Dolsmetch said that some students might not be a good opportunity for other students to evaluate fairly. Therefore, this evaluation should be considered by faculty, but should not receive undue attention.

Conference scheduled

The fifth annual West Virginia RA (Resident Assistants) Conference will be held at Marshall University on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15.

Approximately 130 professional and paraprofessional residence hall staff members from universities and colleges throughout West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky have registered for the conference, according to Gary Kimble, director of residence life at Marshall.

Participants will attend a variety of workshops and training sessions designed to help them provide better programs and services to students who live in college and university residence halls.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "The Business of Small Business" on Wednesday, Nov. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Lunchbag of Women & Employment, Inc., will discuss successful small business ventures started by women in West Virginia, and the potential for further economic development.

To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.

A multi-purpose aquarium complex located in or near the downtown area of Huntington is a feasible and could attract as many as 1,000,000 visitors a year, according to a study presented this week to the City of Huntington, the West Virginia Department of Commerce, and Marshall University's Center for Regional Progress by Dr. Christine L. Barry, assistant professor of marketing.

Dr. Barry spent the past nine months studying aquaria in more than 10 cities throughout the United States and Europe, which led to her conclusions in her report.

Aquaria are one of the great growth industries of the 1980s. They have the potential for being a year-round, compact downtown attraction;

Aquaria can generate substantial tourist dollars, lead to enhanced property values in surrounding areas, contribute tax dollars to the state economy and create new jobs.

The image of a city, both to the external world and in the minds of its own residents, can be changed by an aquarium.

The popularity of aquariums can contribute to increased business opportunities for nearby shops, restaurants and businesses.

An aquarium can be a major catalyst for positive change.

During the last decade, civic leaders have become more aware of the economic development potential of aquariums, zoos and botanical gardens as a stimulation tool for the development of all regions of the state, said Dr. Barry. "While the last two decades encouraged the construction of sports stadiums and convention centers, the next generation of downtown attractions are likely to be aquariums.

It seems the public has a continuous fascination with aquatic life and it is encouraging programs that have the potential for a year-round, compact downtown attraction.

"With a strong and specific promotional program, the aquarium could easily attract visitors within from a 350-mile radius," said Dr. Barry. "An aquarium in the downtown Huntington area has the potential annual attraction of 500,000 to 1,000,000 tourists," she said.

Dr. Barry's proposal calls for a complex that would be 100,000 square feet in size and would cost approximately $30,000,000 to construct.

There would have aquatic exhibits, classrooms for instruction, an auditorium and theater.

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Exhibit begins Nov. 22

The works of four Marshall University art majors will be exhibited at Brie Art Gallery from Nov. 22 to mid-December. The show is sponsored by the art department, gallery director, Lee Ann Billups of Kenova, Brent Seckman of Barboursville and Marisa Jones Hooser of Huntington, all candidates for the bachelor's degree in art education, and Biddle Williams of Huntington, a candidate for the bachelor's degree in graphic design, will have their works on display.

There will be a reception for the four artists on Monday, Nov. 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Employees to get cards

The Personnel Office recently made arrangements with Super Saver Wholesale Warehouse, a wholesale warehouse club, to provide membership cards for all Marshall University employees.

Super Saver is a cash and carry wholesale operation that offers a variety of brand name merchandise at a discount.

The nearest Super Saver is located at the Cross Lanes exit of I-64 near Charleston. Employees will be receiving a Super Saver membership card and informational pamphlet through the mail.