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INCOMING DEAN MEETS MEDIA

Lester R. Bryant, M.D., Sc.D., discusses medicine and medical education at a news conference Feb. 21. Dr. Bryant, who will succeed Dr. Robert W. Coon on or before July 1, said medical education must be in the forefront in adapting to the coming changes in health care needs and delivery. He said he supports the school's charge to produce primary-care physicians, and plans to work with state health leaders to help make practicing in West Virginia attractive to young physicians. (Marshall University photo by Rick Hays.)

Judge Juanita Kidd Stout to speak on Thursday, Feb. 28

Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Juanita Kidd Stout will speak at Marshall University at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Morris Room, Memorial Student Center as part of MU's Black History Month programming. The event is free and open to the public.

The first black woman to be elected to a court of record in the United States, she has been on the bench since 1959 and currently presides over the Homicide Division.

A native of Oklahoma, she earned her undergraduate degree in music from the University of Iowa and the J.D. and LL.M. degrees from Indiana University's School of Law. She has received eight honorary doctorates, and been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Jane Addams Medal from Rockford College and the Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Award from Oklahoma State University.

Inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1981, Judge Stout received the Philadelphia Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section Award in 1982. In 1963 she was appointed by President Kennedy as a member of the U.S. delegation with the rank of Special Ambassador to the Kenya Independence Celebration. She also has toured six African countries as a specialist with the State Department's Cultural and Educational Exchange Program and was part of a 1983 People-to-People mission to China, Japan and Hong Kong.

Billups to leave MU following spring term

Marshall University Personnel Director Marvin E. Billups has announced plans to resign at the end of the academic year in mid-May.

A retired Army colonel with 24 years of service, Billups has been a member of the Marshall staff for the past 14 years. Billups, who makes his home in Charleston, said the daily round-trip of 106 miles was a major factor in his decision to resign.

"After 14 years of driving between Charleston and Huntington, I've grown very tired of commuting," Billups said. "Although I could retire, I may decide to try to find a job in the immediate Charleston area, either full-time or part-time," he added.

"I'm sorry Colonel Billups has decided to resign," MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said. "He has served Marshall University extremely well in several important positions since 1971. In addition, he is one of the most pleasant, friendly members of the Marshall staff. We're going to miss him."

Billups assumed the personnel director position two years ago, after serving as associate director for three years. He also had additional responsibilities as affirmative action officer for 10 years, initially being appointed to that position in 1974.

Billups joined the Marshall staff in 1971 as director of the Student Relations Center and later advanced to assistant dean and then associate dean of students before becoming affirmative action officer.

New committee begins search to locate Financial Affairs VP

An 11-member search committee has been appointed to screen applicants for the position of Vice President for Financial Affairs, according to Lynne Mayer, assistant to the president.

The committee will be looking at candidates to fill a vacancy in the post created by the resignation of Michael F. Thomas, who accepted the position of Vice President for Business Affairs with the West Virginia University Foundation.

The committee includes: Aaron Alexander, representing the Student Government Association; Dr. Robert Alexander, Academic Affairs; Sharon Ambrose, budget and appropriations committee; Marvin Billups, Support Services;

Joseph Feaganes, athletics/Big Green Foundation; Becky Shaw, MU Foundation; Ed Miller, Student Affairs; Dan Moore, Institutional Board of Advisors; Nate Ruffin, Affirmative Action; Richard Vass, Financial Affairs, and John Zizzo, School of Medicine.

The committee was scheduled to hold its first meeting earlier this week.

Film launches Women's History Week

Marshall University's Women's Center will observe National Women's History Week March 3-9 with a variety of programs which will be open to the public.

The campus observance will begin with a showing of the film, "She's Nobody's Baby," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 4, in Memorial Student Center 2W22. An award-winning documentary, the film is narrated by Alan Alda and Marlo Thomas.

A covered dish dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Campus Christian Center. Those at-

'BACHanalia' concert, other arts events on tap

The Marshall Artists Series' Student Division will present Concert Royal with "BACHanalia," a program of 17th and 18th century music, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, in Smith Recital Hall.

Performing on instruments from the baroque period, the ensemble will present a program of works by Bach, Handel, Scarlatti and Telemann.

Concert Royal's appearance at Marshall has been made possible in part by a grant from the Arts and Humanities Division, state Department of Culture and History.

Tickets are available from the Artists Series Office, located in Memorial Student Center, at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youth age 17 and under. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Artists Series Office, (304) 696-6656.

Computer graphics lecture

A free public lecture on computer generated graphics will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in the Birke Art Gallery, Marshall University.

William Woodward, whose work is represented in the exhibition, will discuss both the images on display and the work of the Computer Graphics Research Group at Ohio State University from which the color graphics were generated.

Jazz Ensemble

The MU Jazz Ensemble will present its winter concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in Smith Recital Hall, according to J.D. Folsom, director.

Singer Hollis Dobreff will be featured on several numbers along with an original work and "golden oldies."

The concert is open free to all.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

DEBBIE WHITT, systems analyst, Computer Center; CINDY DAVIS, counselor, Special Services; KAREN S. JOHNSON, secretary, Community College; WILMA K. LYNCH, secretary, Department of Medicine; MARY NELL WARD, secretary, Parking Division, Public Safety; MARY BETH MARTINO, clerk, Plant Operations, and DANIEL NEAL WHEELER, watchman, Public Safety.

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tending are requested to bring a dish that has special significance to them or their families. The evening's program will include the reading of the winning essay on women's history from a contest sponsored by the Marshall History Department.

At a "lunchbag seminar" at noon Wednesday in Prichard Hall 101, Nancy Whear of the Morrow Library's West Virginia Collection will discuss "Historical Huntington Women" and provide glimpses into the lives of the community's women leaders of the past.

An exhibit of posters from the Smithsonian Institution's "Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds" collection will be on display in Prichard Hall 101 on Thursday. The Women's Center will sponsor a reception from 3 to 5 p.m.

On Saturday, March 9, which is International Women's Day, feminist musicians Teresa Trull and Barbara Higbie will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in Ferrell Auditorium, West Virginia State College. Ticket information may be obtained by calling the Women's Center.

Nearly 40 area businesses participating in MU jobs fair

Nearly 40 business organizations are expected to participate in Marshall University's 11th annual Business and Career and Job Placement Fair scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in Memorial Student Center.

Sponsoring this year's event are the MU Career Planning and Placement Center, the Marshall Accounting Club, Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, the National Management Association, the American Marketing Association, the Huntington Rotary Club and Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity.

"We are pleased at the number of businesses that have indicated interest in participating this year in spite of economic uncertainties," said Reginald Spencer, MU placement center director.

Among the participants will be banks, consumer product firms, utilities, insurance companies, military services, governmental agencies and service organizations.

"The program provides an ideal opportunity for students to informally discuss the job market, including employment opportunities after graduation, part-time and summer jobs, with prospective employers," Spencer said. Previous fairs have drawn between 200 and 250 students, according to Spencer.

Doctorate completed

Nancy Katherine Stump, assistant professor of modern languages, has earned the Doctor of Education degree from West Virginia University, according to MU Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan B. Gould.

The title of Dr. Stump's dissertation is "An Investigation of the Way in Which Novice Students of French Learn Four Basic Grammatical Principles When the Direct Method is Used."

Excused absences...

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

FEB. 17-18-Lady Herd Basketball Team members.

FEB. 28-Kennie Bass, Janice Boggs, Paul Carson, William Cornwell, William Durstein, Jan Forero, Marja Kernanen, Timo Kernanen, Pamela McCallister, William St. Clair, Christopher Swindell and Paul Wallace.