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Marshall & Henan College establish program

Marshall University has inaugurated a cooperative English language school with the Henan College of Education in Zhengzhou, People's Republic of China, according to Dr. William A. Edwards, executive director of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

Establishment of the HMC Language Institute is the result of almost two years of negotiations between Marshall and Henan College.

Edwards said the agreement is one of the first of its kind between China and the United States. "Although U.S.-foreign cooperative university programs have become quite common in other countries, the Chinese government only recently, in March 1995, enacted legislation that permits western universities to establish joint educational programs inside its borders," explained Edwards.

The main goal of the cooperative project is to prepare Chinese

Jane Brown of Huntington, manager of accounting in the Accounting Office, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for October, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Brown has worked for the university for 20 years.

She was nominated for the award by Larry Barnhill, director of accounting. In making the nomination, Barnhill said, "Jane Brown has been at the university for more than 20 years and during that time has always been someone that could be depended on to 'get the job done.'

"She has consistently responded to inquiries from university departments regarding questions on various accounting reports with timely and accurate information. Despite her heavy workload, Jane always takes time to research and explain transactions to individuals unfamiliar with university accounting reports. Of particular importance to the university is Jane's ability to maintain a sense of order while negotiating a complex system.

"Jane truly exemplifies the spirit of the Employee of the Month program."

Brown will receive a plaque and $100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

The program has been designed to recognize outstanding performance by classified and non-classified staff at the university.

Awards will be made to MU employees who have exhibited exceptional levels of work performance and displayed high regard and loyalty toward the university and their job responsibilities.

students for employment in a rapidly expanding and globalized domestic market. "As China opens its doors to the outside world, there will be a growing need for people who are proficient in English and have the necessary skills for working in the international business community," noted Edwards.

He said the HMC program, which combines intensive English instruction with courses in business and general studies, seeks to prepare students for positions in international travel and tourism, world trade and English translation.

The HMC Language Institute enrolled 60 students in mid-October for its two-year program. Classes are scheduled to begin early in November.

To commemorate the momentous accord, a delegation from Marshall visited Henan College early in October. Edwards, Clark Egnor, director of the MU English as a Second Language Institute, and Qing Qing Zhao, coordinator of China projects for the university, attended the opening ceremony for the HMC Institute.

Egnor said more than 1,000 people attended the ceremony including prominent political and educational leaders and the lieutenant governor of Henan Province, a region with a population of 90 million people.

"Most of the speakers at the ceremony remarked on the uniqueness of the HMC program and its potential for enhancing Sino-U.S. relations," said Egnor.

In order to make the cooperative institute complete, two native West Virginian instructors have been selected to teach in China. Gary Taylor of Huntington and Paul Talkington of Barboursville currently are preparing for their move by taking courses in Marshall's Appalachians Abroad program that features a curriculum that focuses on living and teaching in China.

The HMC program is expected to grow in the coming years.

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Patterson returning to speak to students

Dr. Walter Patterson, a physician in Newark, N.J., and alumnus of Marshall University, will make a presentation in conjunction with the university’s African American Students’ Program Alumni Lecture Series Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

A native of Mullens, Patterson received his bachelor of science degree in cytotechnology from Marshall in 1973 and his master’s degree in science and education from the university in 1975. He graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in 1979.

He currently is doing locum tenens (providing temporary physician services) while waiting for his license to practice medicine in Newark.

Patterson did his residency in pathology at the Naval Hospital in Oceanside, Calif., and served internships at Cabell Huntington Hospital (1972-73), Akron (Ohio) City Hospital (1979-80) and St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, N.Y., (1993-94).

Prior to moving to Newark, Patterson directed a family care medical group clinic in National City, Calif., worked at the Naval Hospital in Oceanside, Calif., and served as a general medical officer for the Indian Health Services in Wagner, S.D.

Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall, said Patterson will discuss his experiences as a student at Marshall and how today’s students need to prepare themselves for the 21st century.

Patterson also will visit some Marshall classes and area elementary schools.

The presentation will be open to all students and the general public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact Blue at Marshall University, 304-696-5430.

WAC programs scheduled

Special programs have been planned for faculty who would like to work with others who are preparing or planning to prepare a Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) teaching portfolio as part of the application process to become a WAC professor.

Interested faculty can attend any or all of the following sessions: Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 12:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 403; Monday, Nov. 27, at noon in Harris Hall Room 402, and Wednesday, Jan. 24, at noon in a location to be announced.

Faculty who can’t attend these sessions can contact Dr. Charles Lloyd, 696-4642. The deadline for submitting spring portfolios is Thursday, Feb. 1.

Former MU chaplain dies

The Rev. Mark Angelo, 73, of St. Petersburg, Fla., former chaplain in the Campus Christian Center at Marshall University, died Thursday, Oct. 12.

He was born in Shamokin, Pa. He received his doctorate in education from Fordham University in 1958 and taught at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., where he was dean of the graduate school. He also taught at St. Bonaventure University, Olean, N.Y., where he was acting dean of the school of education.

Angelo spent six years in campus ministry at the University of South Carolina and Marshall. While at Marshall from 1977 to 1982, he was instrumental in the construction of the Newman Center for Catholic worship.

He was a member of the Franciscan Order for 53 years and was a Catholic priest for 47 years. He served as a delegate of Catholic relief in Liberia, served at Our Lady’s Chapel in New Bedford, Maine, and was the founding pastor of St. Leo Church Chapel in Inwood, W.Va. He moved from Inwood to St. Petersburg in 1984.

Survivors include three brothers, Joseph and Robert of Sun City, Fla., and Alfred of San Bernardino, Calif.; and a sister, Irene Persing of Middletown, Pa.

HMC program established

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Graduates of the institute will be able to transfer to Marshall after completing the two-year program at Henan College.

Efforts are underway to establish an articulation agreement between the two schools to allow the Chinese students to transfer credit from the HMC program and enter Marshall at the junior level of study.

Poet to read from works

Poet Robert Kinsley will read from his works at Marshall University Thursday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Kinsley, assistant editor of the Ohio Review and professor of English at Ohio University, is the author of two collections of poetry, "Endangered Species" (Orchises Press, 1989) and "Field Stones" (to be publishing in 1996).

His work has appeared in many magazines including Harvard Review, Indiana Review, Ploughshares and Yankee Magazine.

Kinsley’s presentation, open to the public free of charge, is part of the Visiting Writers Series sponsored by Marshall’s College of Liberal Arts and English Department.

To obtain further details contact Art Stringer in the Marshall University’s Payroll and Sponsored Programs Office, 304-696-2403.

Office machines for sale

Marshall University’s Payroll and Sponsored Programs Office has two items for sale: an inserter (for stuffing envelopes) and a labeling machine.

To obtain further details contact Sharon Rutherford, 696-2208, Old Main Room 205.

MU Newsletter deadline

Items for the Marshall University Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday. Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to ensure publication.
West Virginia Black History Conference set

The eighth annual West Virginia Black History Conference will be held at Marshall University Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11, in Memorial Student Center.

Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall, said the conference will focus on the study of black history in West Virginia and include presentations by local and nationally known scholars who have demonstrated interest in researching and retaining the state's African-American history.

Ronald Mack of the National Park Service will be the keynote speaker. He will make a presentation titled "Interpreting African American History in the National Park Service" at 9 a.m. Friday.

At 10 a.m., Joe Bundy, director of the Afro-Appalachian Performance Company, will give a presentation on Byrd Prillerman, a pioneer of black education in West Virginia.

Dr. James W. Gipson will discuss "Afro-centric Huntington: 1871 to the Present" at 11 a.m.

"The Black Community in Lewisburg" will be the topic of a presentation by Marshall Petty at 1 p.m.

Dr. Charles Ledbetter, assistant to the president at Virginia State College, will discuss the aeronautics program at WVSC at 2 p.m.

At 2:45 p.m., Dr. Ancella Bickley will talk about the significance of William L. Hill, a Tuskegee Airman from Huntington.

A panel discussion of historical activities in the Tri-State area will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Friday’s events will conclude with a banquet and presentation by Barbara Dodson Walker, national president of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Inc., at 6 p.m. Walker’s presentation is titled "What, Who, When, Why and How of an African American Descendant." Events on Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. with a presentation titled "Black Participants in John Brown's Raid" by Aleta Morgan.

A panel discussion at 10 a.m. will focus on pedagogical concerns. Stuart McGee will discuss "Researching and Teaching Black History." Dr. Shirley Lumpkin of Marshall’s English Department will focus on "Intersections Between Black History and Black Literature."

Dianna Bell of Wheeling will present a chautauqua portrayal of Sara Lucy Bagby, the last slave tried under the Fugitive Slave Act, at 11:30 a.m.

The conference will conclude with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. featuring Larry Peters who will talk about "Great Football Players from West Virginia’s Black High Schools."

All conference programs will be open to the public free of charge. There will be a $13 charge for the Friday banquet and a $9 charge for the Saturday luncheon.

Continuing education units can be earned by attending the conference. To obtain further details contact Blue at Marshall University, 304-696-5430.

Women’s Awareness Week activities begin Nov. 6

Marshall University’s Office of Women’s Programs will sponsor a series of daily workshops and presentations Nov. 6-10 in conjunction with Women’s Awareness Week.

Each day will have a different theme, according to Kimberly Walsh, coordinator of women’s programs at Marshall.

The theme Monday, Nov. 6, will be "Women’s Health in the ’90s." Workshop topics will include women’s health concerns, eating disorders, sex, menopause and breast cancer.

"Celebrating the Diversity Among Women" will be the theme for Tuesday, Nov. 7. Workshops will focus on what it means to be a woman and the diversity among women.

Workshops on Wednesday, Nov. 8, will revolve around the theme "Women Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Programs will explore careers for women in the ’90s. A special program on the "History of Women and Music" will be presented by Judy Gorman, an internationally renowned singer, songwriter and guitarist. Gorman also will perform in concert Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The theme for Thursday, Nov. 9, will be "Violence Against Women." Discussions will be held on sexual assault, domestic violence and cultural mutilation against women.

Friday, Nov. 10, has been designated as "Women of Marshall Day." A "Women Meeting Women" reception and exhibit will be held. Walsh said all women are invited to participate in the exhibit by displaying their work and discussing their abilities, achievements and successes.

To obtain further details and the locations and times of the various workshops and presentations contact the Marshall University Office of Women’s Programs, 304-696-3112.

Lunchbag seminar slated

A lunchbag seminar titled "What does it mean to be a Woman" will be presented Tuesday, Nov. 7, 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 and Returning Student Programs, 696-3112.

MU Symphony will perform

The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of its new music director and conductor Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, will present its first concert of the season Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Open to the public free of charge, the program will be devoted to three popular orchestral compositions: "Music For The Royal Fireworks" by George Friedrich Handel, the second suite of dances from Manuel de Falla’s ballet "The Three Cornered Hat" and Mendelssohn’s Symphony #5 in D Minor titled "Reformation."

The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra is a 72-member ensemble that includes students, faculty and well-known musicians from the community.

Balshaw recently rejoined the Marshall faculty as distinguished professor of music and fine arts after serving as the founding dean of the university’s College of Fine Arts. He previously served as chair of the MU Music Department and from 1965 to 1979 was director of choirs and opera at Marshall.

To obtain further details contact Balshaw, 696-2399.
Cease smoking in class

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor "Fresh Start," a class developed by the American Cancer Society to help people quit smoking, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 5 p.m. in Prichard Hall.

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

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

Registration should be completed prior to Monday, Nov. 6. To register or obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall University, 304-696-4800.

Media Committee to meet

The Media Committee of the Huntington Forum on Racism will hold its second meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Huntington Herald-D Dispatch building, 946 5th Ave.

Several leading journalists from a variety of local media will field questions on the impact of news coverage on race relations during the meeting that is open to the public.

People attending the meeting are urged to bring samples of news stories they believe show bias against minorities or insensitivity on racial issues.

The first meeting of the Media Committee, held during Huntington's recent town meeting on racism, was co-chaired by Marshall University journalism professors Carl P. Burrowes and Ralph Turner. Others attending the meeting were James W. Gibson, Brenda Stephenson and Aleetha Walker, all of Huntington, Mickey Johnson of the Herald-Dispatch, and Christopher Barr of Ashland, Ky.

Committee members suggested four means of improving media coverage: more positive stories on minority organizations and individuals, training for community organizations on how to secure increased media coverage, cultural-sensitivity training sessions for journalists, and increased attendance by white journalists at events in minority communities.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. BRADFORD R. DeVOS, professor of music, chaired a session titled "Music and Text, Composers and Authors," at the CaroIins Symposium on British Studies held Oct. 7-8 at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. DeVOS also attended the fall meeting of the Allegheny chapter of the American Musicological Society held Oct. 14 at the Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio). He is the chapter representative to the national council of the American Musicological Society.

Dr. ELIZABETH REED SMITH, associate professor of music, presented a lecture-recital titled "String Duos by British Women" at the Symposium on Women, Music and Creativity held Oct. 15-16 at Furman University. She was assisted by Dr. SUSAN TEPHLY, assistant professor of music.

Dr. WILLIAM N. DENMAN, professor and chair of Communication Studies, has been appointed the West Virginia coordinator for the Popular Culture/American Culture Association in the South. He attended the joint conference of the American Culture Association of the South and the Popular Culture Association of the South held Oct. 5-7 in Richmond, Va. He presented a paper titled "FDR and the Isolationists: Shaping Public Opinion Towards a European War, 1937-1941" at the International Popular Culture Conference held July 23-28 at Oxford, England.

Dr. AMY HUDOCK and Dr. JOHN TEEL of the Department of English attended the joint conference of the American Culture Association of the South and the Popular Culture Association of the South held Oct. 5-7 in Richmond, Va. HUDOCK presented a paper, "The Protestant Artist on Catholic Art: Sophia Peabody Hawthorne's 'Notes on England and Italy,'" at an ACAS session on "Cultures in Conflict: American Travel Writers in Europe," TEEL presented a paper, "From Mean Streets to Troubled Suburbs: Jon Katz and the Post-Hardboiled Detective Novel" at a PCAS session on "Hard-Boiled Fiction."

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of recreational sports and fitness activities, attended the 1995 mid-year meetings of the Executive Committee of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association held Oct. 17-21 in Kansas City, Mo. He is vice president of the association's Region II.

WYLMA C. SKEN, assistant professor of business and office technology, was an invited lecturer at Ohio State University Oct. 24. She lectured to business and marketing education student teachers about the importance of interpersonal relationships in the workplace.

MU excused absences...

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

Nov. 1-5--Christopher Hennessy, Katie Fisk, Eric Gollanek, Gusti Newquist, Elizabeth Grujovski

Nov. 6 (evening classes)--Paul Tony Barnhill, Tracey Blankenship, Marc Bryan, Michael Cheshire, Tony Clark, Clifford Cody, Tricia Conley, Jonathan Eddy, Monica Egermayer, Jocelyn Eikenburg, Danny Fox, Courtney Grimes, Eric Haas, Joel Hatfield, He Jianjin, Alexa Icard, Nathan Kerr, Audrey Kiser, Jennifer Lanham, Kimberly Wilson.


Room named for Lotspeich

As part of its Medical Alumni Homecoming weekend activities, Marshall dedicated a reading/conference room in honor of the late Dr. Frederick J. Lotspeich. Kathleen Lotspeich, his widow, cut the ribbon to officially open the room, which is located in Marshall's Coon Medical Education Building at the Huntington VA Medical Center.

Lotspeich was the first chairman of Marshall's Department of Biochemistry, holding that position from 1977 until his retirement in 1991. He was a dominant figure in medical education in West Virginia, having previously taught for 21 years at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. He is believed to have taught more West Virginia physicians than any other faculty member.