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King symposium to be presented in January

"Cherishing the Dream and Continuing the Legacy" will be the theme for the third annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium being sponsored January 15, 16, 22 and 24, 1996, by Marshall University, the City of Huntington and the Cabell/Huntington chapter of the NAACP.

The program is an effort to broaden knowledge and perspectives about the ideals set forth by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., improve community relations and promote understanding and social justice, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall University.

Activities will include the traditional candlelight march and memorial service, a workshop designed for students of all ages, a dramatic presentation by the Wheeling YWCA Theatre Group, forums and presentations by nationally prominent speakers.

"We feel that different cultural events and programs are important components of our Martin Luther King Jr. celebration," said Cleckley. "We want to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King and give everyone an opportunity to participate in the activities."

Cleckley said the symposium planning committee, composed of community leaders and Marshall University faculty, staff and students, hopes to accomplish the following objectives through the program:

--To encourage students, teachers and community residents

to identify and address issues and questions about inequality, human rights and social justice.

--To increase knowledge and perspectives about Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his value to society.

--To encourage commitment to social justice and new efforts to promote social justice for all.

--To improve intergroup relations.

The schedule includes the following:

Monday, January 15

11 a.m. -- 2 p.m. **An Investment in Leadership Forum** features an open discussion between youth and community leaders at Unlimited Futures Inc., 1650 8th Ave.

4 -- 6 p.m. **Rally and Traditional March** starts at Huntington High School, 8th Street and 9th Avenue.

6:30 -- 9 p.m. **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service**
Speaker: Justice Franklin D. Cleckley, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, at the 16th Street Baptist Church, 1647 9th Ave.

Tuesday, January 16

10 a.m. **Dramatic presentation on racism** by high school students from the Wheeling YWCA Theatre Group at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

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MU professors, computer company receive contract

Dr. Herbert Tesser, Weisberg professor and chair of the Computer Science and Software Development (CSSD) Department at Marshall University, and Dr. Hisham Al-Haddad, assistant professor in the CSSD Department, have received a \$24,000 contract to develop MegaProgramming Education concepts for a project sponsored by the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA).

The contract has been awarded through the Software Productivity Consortium.

Tesser and Al-Haddad are working with Strictly Business Computer Systems in Huntington to develop MegaProgramming materials for use by high school teachers throughout the United States.

The goal of the project is to improve the software development process in the United States and motivate teachers to introduce a new model for cost effective software development.

"MegaProgramming is the strategy devised by ARPA to dramatically reduce the cost of software development while increasing the quality of software products," explained Tesser. "MegaPrograms integrate the process by which software is produced and the reuse of existing domain specific software components."

This is the second MegaProgramming contract awarded to Marshall University and Strictly Business Computer Systems.

Check distribution set

Paychecks for all employees for the period ending Dec. 31 will be distributed Friday, Dec. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Payroll Office, Old Main Room 205, according to Sharon Rutherford, director of payroll and sponsored programs.

Entry to Old Main will only be available through the south entrance (adjacent to Northcott Hall). Employees must show a university identification card before the check can be released.

If someone other than yourself will be picking up your check, you must notify the Payroll Office in writing by Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Checks not picked up on Dec. 29 will be distributed to departments through normal channels on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Senate to meet Dec. 14

Marshall University's Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. in the Patio Dining Area on the second floor of Memorial Student Center.

The agenda will include the following: approval of minutes of 11/16/95, announcements, presentation of the Case Teacher of the Year Award, report of the university president, ACF report, discussion with Dr. Charles Manning, report of the university Calendar Committee, three standing committee recommendations proposing the addition of courses, one recommendation proposing the establishment of a course overload policy, standing committee reports, requests to speak to the senate, old business, new business/open forum and agenda requests for future meetings.

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Monday, January 22

10 a.m.

"Approaching the 21st Century: Assessing the Legacy," a forum: Speaker, Dr. Greer Dawson Wilson, founder of Greer & Company Consulting and Diversity Training Organization, in the W. Don Morris Room in Marshall's Memorial Student Center.

Noon

Book signing and reception featuring Edna Duckworth of Huntington, author of "Ramblings of a Scorched Soul," a collection of poems, in the W. Don Morris Room.

1:30 p.m.

"The Time to Heal," Speaker, Dr. Paul Herron, professor at the University of Tennessee Allied Health Center School of Medicine in Memphis, in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Wednesday, January 24

12 -- 2 p.m.

Luncheon (by invitation), Speaker, Dr. Freddie Warren Nicholas Sr., president emeritus of John Tyler Community College in Chester, Va., in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

All of the activities will be open to the public free of charge with the exception of the luncheon on Jan. 24.

"I would like to encourage all Marshall faculty, staff and students to participate in the activities," said Cleckley. "It is an important event with quality speakers and programs. In fact many of the events could be used in conjunction with class assignments."

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Multicultural and International Programs, 304-696-5430 or 304-696-4677.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Marshall's Art Department was well-represented by faculty, students and alumni in the West Virginia Cultural Center biennial art competition. Among those chosen to exhibit their paintings, sculpture, prints and crafts were no less than 20 artists with connections to Marshall. Marshall faculty represented in the exhibit were: PETER MASSING, ROBERT ROWE, STANLEY SPORNY, LAURE WILLIAMSON and former faculty member JUNE KILGORE. Marshall students and alumni represented in the exhibit were: CHRISTOPHER ASHWORTH, PATRICIA A. CHAPMAN, FERN CHRISTIAN, WHITNEY ESKEW, JANET M. HAMSTEAD, VERNON F. HOWELL, SARAH NAAS, PAULA PERRY, SUSAN PETRYSZAK, JERI ELLIS PLATT, LARRY RIFFLE, ALLEN TONEY, CARYL TOTH, DIANE WHITE and EILEEN WOODS. SPORNY, who was an award-winner in the exhibit for the second time, said the juried exhibition is probably the largest of its kind in the nation and possibly the largest of its kind in the world due to the generous prize purse that totaled \$33,000.

Dr. BARBARA GUYER, director of the H.E.L.P. Program, Dr. KENNETH GUYER, associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and YVEA DUNCAN, coordinator of the Medical H.E.L.P. Program, made a presentation at the International Conference of the Orton Dyslexia Society held Nov. 4 in Houston, Texas. The topic of the seminar was "The Dyslexic Student in Professional School--Is This Appropriate?"

Dr. MACK GILLENWATER, professor of geography, presented a paper titled "Development of the West Virginia Coal Heritage Highway" at the Kentucky Ecotourism Conference. The

conference was held at two locations, Pine Mountain State Park on Nov. 9 and Natural Bridge State Park on Nov. 14. GILLENWATER served on a panel with Steve Millburg, travel editor for Southern Living magazine.

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of recreational sports and fitness activities, attended the 1995 Region II Conference of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association held Nov. 9-11 at Embry Riddle University, Daytona Beach, Fla. LOVINS, vice president of Region II, chaired the annual business meeting and was a facilitator in a presentation titled "NIRSA Mission/Name Review."

Dr. JANET HARRISON, associate professor in the Department of Communication Disorders, presented two papers at the International Conference on Behavioral Disorders held Oct. 5-7 in Dallas, Texas. Her presentations were titled "The Relationship of Instructional Language and Aberrant Behaviors of Children and Youth with E/BD" and "A Conceptualization of Teacher Behavior Through a Negative Reinforcement Paradigm: What Teachers of Children with E/BD Should Know."

Dr. IGOR N. SERGEEV and Dr. WILLIAM B. RHOTEN of the Department of Anatomy, Cell and Neurobiology in the School of Medicine recently had a paper titled "1,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D3 Evokes Oscillations of Intracellular Calcium in a Pancreatic β -Cell Line" published in Endocrinology. This work was supported in part by an EPSCoR grant from the National Science Foundation (OSR-925524) and a grant from the Diabetes Action Research and Education Foundation.

Library hours announced

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will observe the following holiday schedule, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The library will be open Friday, Dec. 8, from 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 15, from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Administrative hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed Saturday and Sunday) will be observed from Dec. 16 through Dec. 21. The library will closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1 for the holidays.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I really want to express my thanks from the bottom of my heart to each and every one of you for seeing to it that my grandchildren were blessed with a good Christmas.

Sincerely,
Linda McComas

Faculty, staff can get discount on MU cookbook

Looking for a Christmas gift that will fit every size and every taste? How about a copy of "From Campus to Kitchen," a collection of nearly 800 recipes published to raise money for the Marshall University scholarship fund?

"This cookbook has everything," said Linda S. Holmes, director of the Office of Alumni Affairs which is marketing the book. "Not only are there delicious recipes, there are hints on using herbs and other edible plants, Marshall historical facts, a trivia quiz and sports notes."

The spiral-bound cookbook includes: appetizers, beverages, soups and salads, breads, main courses, side dishes, desserts and tailgating. The collection includes recipes from Marshall alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends, plus all of Marshall's living past presidents and a number of political figures.

Two editions of "From Campus to Kitchen" are available at Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center: the regular edition, priced at \$24.95, and an autographed edition, complete with gold gift box, for \$40. Shipping and handling is \$3.95 per book. The West Virginia sales tax is applicable to all books purchased at the Erickson Alumni Center or mail-ordered by West Virginia residents.

Through Dec. 18, Marshall faculty and staff will receive a 30 percent discount making the cost of the book \$18.51 or \$29.69 for the special edition.

Books may be purchased at the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 5th Ave., or ordered by calling 304-696-3134.

Donations of food sought

Marshall University is once again assisting the Huntington City Mission in collecting canned goods for the preparation of food baskets to be given to needy families in our community during the Christmas holidays, according to Sherry Brooks, project coordinator for the SCORES Program.

Boxes for the collection of canned goods have been placed in Corbly Hall, Memorial Student Center, Prichard Hall, Jenkins Hall, Harris Hall, the Science Building, Morrow Library, Old Main, Smith Hall, the School of Medicine and the Community and Technical College Building.

Brooks said monetary donations for the purchase of toys for underprivileged children also will be accepted. Monetary donations can be sent to the Marshall University Staff Council Office or the SCORES Office in care of Brooks. Checks should be made payable to the Huntington City Mission. Faculty and staff members also might want to choose to support a child from the Christmas tree in Memorial Student Center.

"We would appreciate the support of the entire campus community for these very important projects," said Brooks.

Students raise funds for center

Students in Marshall's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications raised \$500 for the Barnett Child Care Center during a fund-raiser held Nov. 30 at the Memorial Student Center bowling alley.

Students in the public relations writing class taught by Randy Bobbitt, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications, organized the "Bowl for Barnett" event in which teams of fraternities, sororities and other campus groups competed for prizes donated by local restaurants.

Michelle Tveten, a junior from Hurricane, was coordinator of the event.

The Barnett Center will use the money to buy new playground equipment, according to Rebecca Glass, center director.

Christmas party is Friday

President and Mrs. J. Wade Gilley cordially invite all Marshall University employees, current and retired, and their families to join them for the annual Marshall University Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

A light buffet and entertainment will be provided. Santa Claus will attend and free photographs of children with Santa will be made.

University Death Notices

Charles W. Dinkins

Charles W. Dinkins, 75, former assistant athletic director at Marshall, died Sunday, Nov. 26, in St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born Nov. 16, 1920, in Huntington, a son of the late Jessie Dinkins and Marjorie Billups Dinkins.

Dinkins received his master's degree from Marshall and was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army.

While at Marshall, Dinkins helped organize WMUL-TV. He retired as assistant administrator from the Barboursville Veterans Home.

Surviving is his wife, JoAnna Hagley Dinkins; a son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan S. and Nancy Dinkins of Huntington; a stepdaughter and stepson, Lisa Pfeuffer of Charlotte, N.C., and Steve Chapman of Huntington; two grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth Elizabeth Harris Derbyshire

Ruth Elizabeth Harris Derbyshire, 101, of Huntington died Thursday, Nov. 23, in Presbyterian Manor.

She was the widow of Charles Edward Derbyshire, professor of Spanish at Marshall from 1920 until his death in 1933.

She was born in Hopkinsville, Ky., on Oct. 24, 1894, the eldest daughter of the late Clarence Earl and Mary Emma Johnson Harris.

Derbyshire attended Bowling Green State Teachers College, George Peabody College and Marshall. She taught at Meadows, Davis Creek, Guyandotte and St. Joseph's schools prior to her retirement.

She was a charter member and past president of the Marshall Faculty Wives Club and was active in many church and community organizations.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Derbyshire II of Huntington; two brothers, Jim Harris and Joe Harris both of Memphis, Tenn., and a sister, Nell Albright of Chattanooga, Tenn. She is survived by a brother, John Harris of Memphis; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Marshall G. Murrell of Sun City, Ariz.; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Swann Derbyshire of Huntington; a granddaughter, two grandsons, two great-grandsons, two great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Newsletter deadline set

The last issue of the Marshall University Newsletter for the fall semester will be published Thursday, Dec. 14.

Items for the last newsletter of the semester must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11.

Faculty Senate discusses board initiatives

(The following report on the Nov. 16 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Kay Wildman, secretary.)

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Elaine Baker.

Minutes of the Oct. 26 meeting were approved with two corrections: 1. Dan Cowell was present at the meeting. 2. NCATE was corrected to be NCA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presidential Action on Senate Recommendations:

All recommendations passed at the previous senate meeting were approved.

Appointments: Ed Scheiner was appointed by the Executive Committee for a five-year term to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Fees.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

Senate Bill 547: Dr. Gilley stated that even though the five-year financial projections have been submitted to the board, a steering committee is working toward a five-year strategic plan that must incorporate the 34 board initiatives.

Enrollment Report: Referring to the report provided for senators at the meeting, Gilley noted that Marshall's enrollment has remained stable, although we're entering a period of time where there is a 23 percent decline in high school graduates. Marshall will be concentrating on increasing its retention rate and attracting part-time students.

Certifications and Recognition: Marshall University has been named to the Templeton Foundation Honor Roll as a character-building institution. The North Central Committee is recommending full accreditation for Marshall for 10 years. The NCAA has certified our athletic program; Marshall is among the first 50 of 300 to be certified.

A question was asked of the president regarding the faculty salary goal of 95 percent of SREB. He replied that our salaries are actually quite close to that goal due to the \$5,000 salary increase at Marshall over the past three years and the lack of increase for many southern schools during the same period.

ACF REPORT

Since a discussion of the board initiatives was the topic of the report, Duke moved and it was seconded to allow a non-specified time for discussion. The motion carried. Caroline Perkins invited comments and questions concerning the initiatives. Some of the points made or issues raised were:

--None of the initiatives should be enacted until financial implications are made clear and costs known.

--Citizenship goals are fine, but it would be difficult for students to find time for community service when many of them already work one or more part-time jobs just to finance their schooling.

--Quantitative analysis is not always measurable in terms set out in the initiatives. Intangibles such as communication, analytic thought processes, etc., cannot be quantified.

--Qualitative analysis requires volumes of time and money to accomplish.

--Standardization defeats uniqueness and/or innovation; can't be applied across the board since a university by its very nature is a very diverse group of individuals.

--There is an academic conflict in preparing for life's work vs. for life itself; guaranteeing employment should not be the bottom line.

--There are positive things about the document; there are good goals, but we need the tools to implement them. Also, there are quite a number of areas that have already been addressed and are in the process of being implemented.

TRANSITION FACULTY AND CTC DISCUSSION

With regard to instructional loads, Dr. Maurice Ryan stated

that topic is being addressed with faculty actively participating in the process. After some discussion, Ed Taft expressed his continued concern regarding this issue and asked that the Community and Technical College (CTC) reconsider the 15-hour load.

A question was asked about facilities for the CTC. The present Huntington High School has been considered but it is too far away from the Marshall campus and parking would be a big problem. Since nearly 2,000 Marshall students are enrolled in the CTC, some site much closer to campus must be found.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

SR-95-96-6 through SR-95-95-10(GR): To approve the following course changes--PMC 620 and PMC 637, BMS 630, PHS 637, ACB 637; and to approve the following course addition--HST 601. Sporny moved to approve the recommendations. The motion was seconded and approved.

SR-95-96-12(GR): To approve the proposal for a new master's degree in Technology Management. Jackson moved and it was seconded to approve. After some discussion with questions regarding where the program will reside (College of Science) and whether it will require additional faculty (current faculty for the present with an additional position later), the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum--Hal Shaver reported that the committee has met twice and approved several new courses with several more yet to come to the senate.

Faculty Development--Margaret Gripshover stated that \$8,741 in Inco funds have been dispersed thus far. The committee is in the process of developing a handbook that can be distributed to the faculty describing the programs available, including such information as amounts available, criteria for applying, application deadlines, etc.

Graduate--William Marley reported that 35 faculty have been approved for graduate status. Five courses have been approved thus far; seven more are under consideration.

Library--Ed Taft said the committee has met twice. Three librarians have been hired recently and three more positions are in the recruitment stage. One issue of major concern is availability of materials once the Health Sciences Library moves to the Cabell Huntington site. An ad hoc committee has been formed to recommend feasible solutions to document delivery. Taft also distributed information regarding budget and departmental allocations and asked someone from the university administration to address an apparent shortfall from the additional \$100,000 commitment made last spring to the senate. Dr. Wilcox indicated that the \$20,000 needed to make up the deficit could be added.

OLD BUSINESS

Monies from Athletics--With regard to monies raised by athletics being used for equipment or supplies in other departments: the NCAA prohibits it.

AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Chancellor Manning will be here Dec. 14 to meet with the Faculty Senate. Keith Spears of Adult and Extended Education has requested time to address the senate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The senate moved into executive session to consider the recommendations of the University Functions Committee regarding honorary degree recipients.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Krasnow moved to approve the recommendation for honorary degree recipients. The motion was seconded and approved. It was asked if it was appropriate to include the name of someone who was previously approved but never received the honorary degree. Hearing no objection, Shaver moved that an approved nominee from last year be contacted again about receiving an honorary degree. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.