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Office of University Relations
Play, lecture to be featured symposium events

“The Meeting,” an award-winning play about what might have happened if Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had met Malcolm X, will be presented Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall University’s Fine and Performing Arts Center. The performance by the Pin Points Theatre of Washington, D.C., is being presented in conjunction with the Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium being sponsored by Marshall University, the City of Huntington and theCabell County/Huntington Branch of the NAACP.

Pin Points Theatre’s contemporary and historic adaptations have been highly acclaimed by the Smithsonian Institution, the Washington, D.C., Commission on the Arts and other organizations. Performances have been presented at more than 2,000 schools throughout the United States.

There will be an admission charge for the performance of $6 for adults and $3 for youth 17 and under. Tickets will be available at the Box Office at the Fine and Performing Arts Center and will be sold at the door.

“THE MEETING” is based on a book titled “Martin & Frances Kahle dies

Frances H. "Francie" Kahle, 51, of Huntington, wife of Dr. E. Bowles Kahle, professor of biological sciences at Marshall, died Sunday, Jan. 9, at her home.

Mrs. Kahle, who received a graduate degree from Washington State University and graduate degrees from West Virginia University, was a retired West Virginia University professor of extension, serving as youth and 4-H agent in Monongalia and Cabell counties from 1970 to 1984.

She was a member and deacon of First Presbyterian Church in Huntington, a docent of the Huntington Museum of Art, a member of the Marshall University Faculty Wives, PEO and the West Virginia 4-H Foundation.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Clowen Hight, and recently by a brother, Walter Hight, and her mother, Katherine Redmond Hight, all of Athens, Va.

She is survived by her husband; one son and daughter-in-law, John and Bridget Kahle of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Dr. Mary Eta Hight of Huntington and Libby Angelici and Charles Hight of Athens, W. Va.; and the Kahle family after our son, Garth, was killed on June 25.

Her body was cremated.

Malcolm: A Dream or a Nightmare” written by Dr. James H. Cone.

Cone, the Charles A. Briggs distinguished professor of systematic theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, will make a presentation titled “Martin, Malcolm and America” at Marshall University on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22. The presentation will be open to the public free of charge.

Cone received a bachelor’s degree from Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., and a divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. He received his master’s and doctoral degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston.

He has been awarded honorary degrees by Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.; Philander Smith College; Denison University, Granville, Ohio; Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., and Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

In his prolific writer, Cone has authored 11 books and written more than 100 articles for professional publications and journals.

He has presented lectures at more than 400 colleges and universities throughout the United States and lectured abroad in Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

“We are fortunate to be able to get a speaker of Dr. Cone’s caliber for our first Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium,” said Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall University. “He is a nationally recognized scholar and author.”

To obtain further details about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium contact Marshall University’s Office of Multicultural and International Programs, 696-4677 or 696-5430.

Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the love, sympathy and many kind of support extended to us and our family after our son, Garth, was killed on June 25.

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Sincerely,

Peggy Badon
School of Nursing

Library hours announced

Marshall University’s James E. Morrow Library will ob­serve the following schedule during the winter semester, ac­cording to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries:

Monday through Thursday—7:45 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Fri­day—7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun­day—1 to 10 p.m.

The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

MU Foundation acquires Butler building

The Marshall University Foundation has acquired the former Butler Furniture Co. building at 434 20th St. to house a proposed Marshall University Applied Biotechnology Center.

We are very appreciative of the role the Foundation is playing in providing “seed money” to enable the university to launch a tremendously exciting academic, service and research programs. Gilley said “This is, in fact, what university foundations are all about—allowing institutions to achieve objectives they could not accomplish otherwise.”

The Center for Applied Biotechnology is being developed in three phases by the Marshall School of Medicine under the direction of Dr. L. Howard Aulick, assistant dean for research development.

Phase 1 will be the Forensic Science Division, featuring a state-of-the-art DNA Typing Facility. This will consist of a cell molecular laboratory designed to support the accelerating demands for identification testing of law enforcement agencies and the courts systems. It will also serve as a training center for a molecular-based Master of Science Degree in Forensic Science program.

Phase 2, the Medical Sciences Division, will be developed through creation of an Advanced Medical Diagnostics Laboratory as an extension of the DNA Typing Facility. It will provide both DNA-based and non-DNA-based clinical diagnostics, emphasizing assays for cancer, infectious diseases and genetic diseases.

First King Symposium to be held Jan. 17-19

In 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, the area’s next celebration of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday will be expanded into a three-day symposium, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall University.

The first Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium, sponsored by Marshall University, the City of Huntington and the local chap­ter of the NAACP, will be held Jan. 17-19.

“Advancing the Dream and Promoting Social Justice” will be the theme for an event which will include the traditional candlelight march and masonic service, a workshop designed for stu­dents of all ages, a dramatic presentation by the Wheeling YWCA Youth Group, a play and presentations by nationally prominent speakers.

We feel that different cultural events and programs are impor­tant components of our Martin Luther King Jr. celebration this year,” said Cleckley. “In the past we have held the traditional march and church service but we would like to do more to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King and to give people more oppor­tunity to participate.”

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:

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Employee of Month named

Shelia Wiley, production supervisor in the Computer Center, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for December, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection com­mittee.

Wiley has worked for the university for 16 years.

She is nominated for the award by Registrar Robert H. Edlin.

In making the nomination, Edlin said, “Shelia Wiley is extremely deserving of receiv­ing the award, Employee of the Month. Shelia has been em­ployed at the university for 16 years and has risen to the position of supervisor of production. In this capacity she is constantly per­forming beyond the call of duty in that no job too great, and her dedication to duty goes far beyond the 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. time concept of most employees of the university.

“Shelia does a great deal of work from her computer terminal at home. She also is exceedingly conscious of the pressures placed on the Office of the Registrar for registration, grade process­(Continued on page 2)
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Monday, Jan. 17
Noon to 2 p.m.

"An Investment in Leadership Forum" featuring an open discussion between youth and community leaders at the Douglass Building Auditorium, 1448 10th Ave.

4 to 6 p.m.

Rally and Traditional March starting at Huntington High School, 8th Street and 9th Avenue.

6:30 to 9 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service with special guest Rev. Rev. R. Earl Jr., professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., and Presiding Bryan Street Baptist Church, 1647 9th Ave.

Concerts honor former MU professor

Marshall University's Department of Music will hold a concert in honor of retired music professor Dr. Paul W. Whear on Jan. 20 at Smith Recital Hall. His compositions have been performed and recorded by professional and college orchestras throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

A native of Indiana, Whear earned bachelor's degrees from Marquette and DePauw universities, a master's degree from DePauw and a Ph.D. from Western Reserve University.

He joined the Marshall faculty in 1969 and in 1987 was the recipient of the university's-Scholars Award, which honors faculty scholars who represent the highest standard of research or creative excellence.

Whear has received many awards for his work and has been honored numerous times by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

A founder and former director of the Huntington Chamber Orchestra, Whear retired from Marshall in 1992. All of the works featured during the concert will be Whear's compositions. Some of the works were written specifically for the faculty members who will be performing them.

Marshall faculty members participating in the concert include Judi Fine, cello; John Mead, trombone; Leslie Petefey, piano; Wendell Dobbs, flute; Kay Wildman, piano; Reed Smith, violin, and Williams, clarinet.

Another concert featuring Whear's compositions will be performed by Petefey and Reed Smith will be held Thursday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. This concert will include the world premiere of "Sonata for Solo Violin" which was written for Reed Smith and material the two musicians used in the keynote address of the Student Health Education Symposium. Students and various other concerts throughout the region.

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

ATC open house planned

The Autism Training Center at Marshall University will hold a panel discussion and open house on Friday, Jan. 14, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in observance of National Autism Week, according to Dr. Barbara Becker, director of the center.

The panel discussion, "Issues in Autism," will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Panel members will include Janet Bucey, occupational therapist; David Smith, audiologist; Dr. Ruth Sullivan, psychologist; and Becker.

The open house will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Old Main Room 316. Autism Training Center staff members will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served in Old Main Room 317.

Both activities will be open to the public for free.

To obtain further details contact Wanda Wells at the Autism Training Center, 696-2332.