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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 the Cabell 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 available 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. Bowie Kahle, professor of biological sciences at Marshall, died Sunday, Jan. 9, at her home.

Mrs. Kahle, who received an undergraduate degree from Concord College 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 Clownie Hight, and recently by a brother, Walter Hight, and her mother, Katherine Redmond Hight, all of Athens, W.Va.

She is survived by her husband; one son and daughter-in-law, John and Bridget Kahle of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Dr. Mary Etta Hight of Huntington and Libby Angelici of Ames, Iowa; two brothers, Richard Hight of Bluefield and Charles Hight of Athens, W. Va.

Services were conducted Jan. 12 at First Presbyterian Church.

Library hours announced

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will observe the following schedule during the spring 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.

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.

A 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 American 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:

I would like to thank the faculty, staff and administration of Marshall for the beautiful flower arrangement and for all the thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent surgery. May each of you have a wonderful 1994.

Sincerely,
Peggy Baden
School of Nursing

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

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

We thank you also for your generous gifts to the Garth Derek Brown Memorial Fund and gifts in his memory to the Huntington Museum of Art, the Marshall University Foundation and Hospice.

Such generosity, along with your cards, your continuing words of love, encouragement and support, tells us something of how many lives Garth touched and helps us through a very difficult time. We are most grateful.

Sincerely,
Mahlon and Dee Brown

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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 Center for Applied Biotechnology, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Gilley said the university is in the process of retaining an architectural/engineering firm to perform programming studies and provide renovation cost estimates. At the same time, he said, the university is seeking grants through the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation to cover renovation costs.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr. said the building was made available to the MU Foundation through a gift/purchase arrangement by Miss Ruth Butler of Gallipolis, Ohio, in memory of her brother, John Butler, who owned the fine quality furniture business for many years.

"Miss Butler has been very generous in allowing the Foundation to purchase the building at a price well below its appraised value," Boehm said.

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 the event which will include the traditional candle-light march and memorial service, a workshop designed for students of all ages, a dramatic presentation by the Wheeling YWCA Theatre 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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MU Vice President for Administration K. Edward Grose said the three-story building contains 18,800 square feet of floor space for the proposed Center for Applied Biotechnology.

"We're 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 program," 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 identity testing of law enforcement agencies and the courts systems. It also will 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.

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Employee of Month named

Sheila 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 was nominated for the award by Registrar Robert H. Eddins.

In making the nomination, Eddins said, "Sheila Wiley is extremely deserving of receiving the award, Employee of the Month. Sheila 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 is 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.

"Sheila 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-

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Sheila Wiley

King Symposium will be held Jan. 17-19

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--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, 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 speaker Rev. Riggins R. Earl Jr., professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., at the 16th Street Baptist Church, 1647 9th Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

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.

7 p.m.

"The Meeting," an award winning play about what might have happened had Dr. King met Malcolm X, at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

10 a.m. to Noon

Lecture and discussion by Dr. James H. Cone, a noted author and distinguished professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York, in Marshall's Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

All of the activities will be open to the public free of charge except for the performance of "The Meeting" on Tuesday, Jan. 18. There will be an admission charge for the play of \$6 for adults and \$3 for youth 17 and under. Full-time Marshall students with valid identification and activity cards will be admitted free.

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

Butler building bought by Marshall Foundation

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Under the proposal, it will feature only those educational, research and clinical services not available at existing local medical facilities.

Phase 3, the Environmental Science Division, will focus the research of investigators in the College of Science and the School of Medicine on environmental effects with the long-term goals of environmental reclamation and restoration of health.

Dr. Terry W. Fenger, acting chairman of the School of Medicine's Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, told Marshall's Faculty Senate he hopes to have the Forensic Science Division, including the Master's Degree program, initiated by the fall semester of 1995.

The Phase 1 proposal has been approved by the Faculty Senate and by Gilley. It will be submitted to the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees for final approval.

"These are the types of programs that will put Marshall in the forefront of scientific research, education and application in the years ahead," Gilley said, "but even more importantly, they will prepare students for the jobs our region will need to prosper in the future."

Employee of the Month named

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ing and items of that type where a tremendous amount of external pressure is placed. The bulk of the deadlines Sheila is asked to meet are not in her control to establish but are established by policies and procedures of the university and the academic calendar.

"She consistently meets these deadlines and performs her duties with a positive attitude. She appears outwardly to meet the pressures of the job in a manner that makes dealing with her a pleasure at all times."

Wiley 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.

Concerts will 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 Thursday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall, according to Dr. Donald A. Williams, chair of the Music Department.

The concert, open to the public free of charge, will feature instrumental chamber music written by Whear.

Whear is an internationally recognized composer who has had works commissioned by many groups including the American Guild of Organists, the Strategic Air Command and the U.S. Navy Band. His composition, "March Onward," was recorded by the Calgary Symphony Orchestra for the 1988 Winter Olympics and his musical epic, "The Chief Justice John Marshall," was performed during the nation's Bicentennial celebration.

He has served as a guest conductor for various musical groups throughout the United States and in England, Canada and Japan.

UW campaign continues

Marshall University's United Way campaign will continue in an effort to reach its goal of raising \$62,500, according to Dr. Nell C. Bailey, campaign coordinator.

Bailey said the university has reached 85 percent of its goal and she hopes the campaign can be completed before Jan. 31. She said Marshall only needs to raise approximately \$9,500 more to achieve its goal.

Three more MU faculty members became golden pacesetters over the holiday break: Dr. Gilbert Ratcliff, Dr. Joyce Martin and Dr. Gretchen Oley. The following became pacesetters during the break: Dr. Dallas Brozik, Dr. Mildred Bateman, Dr. Paul Balshaw and Dr. Ramchandra Akkihal.

Bailey said she thought this was the first time all Marshall vice presidents and deans have become pacesetters.

She said she would like to urge everyone to contribute something to the campaign no matter how large or small the donation. "This is an important cause and all of the money we raise will stay in this area," she said.

Contributions can be made through the various campaign captains. Persons who don't know who their campaign captains are or persons who did not receive or misplaced their United Way material can contact Bailey at 696-6355.

'Fresh Start' class set

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor "Fresh Start," a smoking cessation class developed by the American Cancer Society, beginning Monday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. in Prichard Hall.

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

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

To register or obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall University, 696-4800. Registration should be completed by Jan. 20.

Whear has been a consultant and editor for the LudwigMusic Publishing Company and has had works published by seven music publishers in virtually all mediums. His compositions have been performed and recorded by professional and collegiate organizations 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 Meet-the-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 conductor 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 Petteys, piano; Wendell Dobbs, flute; Kay Wildman, piano; Reed Smith, violin, and Williams, clarinet.

Another concert featuring Whear's compositions performed by Petteys 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 will perform for the national meeting of the Sonneck Society 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, director of the Autism Services Center in Huntington; Angela Patnaik, president of the Southern chapter of the West Virginia Society for Autistic Children; Dr. Carlos Vega, psychiatrist, 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 free of charge. To obtain further details contact Wanda Wells at the Autism Training Center, 696-2332.