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Program named Center of Excellence

One of Marshall University's most unusual programs has been formally designated a university Center of Excellence, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

The H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) Program becomes Marshall's third Center of Excellence, Gilley said, joining the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence and the Biomedical Sciences in earning that designation.

Organized in 1981 by Dr. Barbara P. Guyer in Marshall's College of Education, the H.E.L.P. Program began with three undergraduate students, two graduate assistants and Dr. Guyer with a \$5,000 grant from the Marshall Foundation. It currently serves 180 students and is staffed by 37 graduate assistants, eight full-time employees and 20 part-time employees. The students come from 33 states and three foreign countries, most of them drawn to Marshall by the H.E.L.P. Program's national reputation.

Outstanding black students to be honored

Marshall University will hold its ninth annual Honors Weekend for outstanding black high school students on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6.

The purpose of the event is to give recognition to outstanding black students from Tri-State area high schools, let them know Marshall is interested in them and encourage them to continue their educations, according to Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall.

Students, who were selected for recognition by their high school principals and counselors, will participate in a variety of programs which will include recreational activities and presentations on academics and campus life.

Activities also have been planned for the students' parents who will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Marshall's schools and colleges.

Students will be honored and presented awards during a banquet Friday at 6 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center. West Virginia Secretary of Education Barbara Harmon-Schamberger will attend the banquet.

Larry G. Jarrett Sr., coordinator of Marshall's African American Students Program, will be the guest speaker.

A graduate of Marshall, Jarrett is a veteran foreign service officer for the United States Department of State.

The Honors Weekend activities will end Saturday afternoon when the students and parents will be Marshall's guests at the MU-East Tennessee State football game.

The center's basic objective is to assist students with learning disorders, particularly dyslexia, in achieving academic success. One phase of the program, Medical H.E.L.P., designed to assist physicians and medical students, is the only one of its kind. Medical H.E.L.P. has attracted students from all over the United States and from Europe and South America. Medical schools, including those at Dartmouth, Yale, Stanford, and the universities of Texas, Chicago and Michigan have sent students here for the program.

In designating H.E.L.P. a Center of Excellence, Gilley cited its national reputation, its impressive private funding support, new and well-equipped facilities, significant research work and "an ongoing commitment to progress by its leadership and its board of advisors."

"Here is a case where one dedicated professor took her ideas and her concern for students, started an innovative program and enlisted the necessary support to develop it into probably the finest of its kind," Gilley said. "I'm very hopeful this well-deserved designation as a Center for Excellence will be instrumental in raising it to a still higher level of performance and national recognition."

The H.E.L.P. Center moved into its own building--Wilbur Myers Hall--last year after raising enough private
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Conferences to focus on campus relations, unity

A national teleconference titled "Healing Racism: Education's Role" will be presented at Marshall University on Friday, Nov. 5, from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the lounge on the eighth floor of Smith Hall.

The program, open to the public free of charge, will feature Nathan Rutstein, a former network news journalist, college educator and author who has presented lectures throughout the country.

Rutstein's autobiographical account of his own racism, "To Be One, A Battle Against Racism," led him to study the root cause of racism in America and search for a cure. His findings are detailed in his latest book, "Healing Racism in America: A Prescription for the Disease."

Rutstein also produced a documentary titled "Black and White in Springfield" and is one of the founders of the Institutes for the Healing of Racism which are located in more than 150 cities in North America.

Dr. Ulysses V. Spiva, chairman of the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling in Old Dominion University's Darden College of Education, will be the
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moderator for the teleconference.

The program has been designed for teachers at all levels, college and university faculty, educational administrators and students but will be open to the public, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall.

"This should be a beneficial and enlightening program for everyone," said Cleckley. "We can't close our eyes

Wilmink receives CPCM designation from NCMA

The title of Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM) has been bestowed on Thomas R. Wilmink, project manager at Marshall University's Robert C. Byrd Institute for Flexible Manufacturing Systems, by the National Contract Management Association.

The CPCM designation recognizes individuals who have attained a high level of education, experience and training in the procurement and contracting profession, according to David L. Balint, functional director for the CPCM program.

In order to receive the designation, Wilmink had to pass a rigorous, six-hour examination covering general topics in procurement and contract management as well as specific areas of concentration. The honor is given only to college graduates who have passed eight procurement and procurement-related courses and have a minimum of two years of contracting experience.

"The CPCM certification is the culmination of years of professional development which only a few have achieved," said Balint.

Prior to accepting a position at the Byrd Institute this year, Wilmink served as research and development contract manager for Inco Alloys International. He has served for four years on the board of directors of the National Contract Management Association and is immediate past president of the Southern West Virginia Chapter of the NCMA.

Wilmink currently is developing manufacturing networks among small- and medium-sized businesses in West Virginia.

Dissertation to be defended

Bruce Brown is a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Education in higher educational administration from West Virginia University in cooperation with Marshall University.

He will defend his dissertation on Friday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

The defense is open to the public but persons interested in attending should contact Dr. Ermel Stepp, 696-2946, to reserve seating.

and pretend that racism does not exist. It is a complex and deeply-rooted problem that won't easily be eradicated. We still have a lot of work to do before we can experience ethnic harmony. If this program does nothing more than get people thinking and talking about racism, it will be a success because too often people tend to avoid talking about racism at all because it is an emotional issue."

The teleconference is being sponsored locally by Marshall University's Commission on Multiculturalism, the Department of Social Work, the School of Medicine and the Office of Multicultural and International Programs.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Robert Sawrey, chair of the Commission on Multiculturalism Campus Climate Committee, 696-3347.

A teleconference titled "We Can Get Along: A Blueprint for Campus Unity" will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

A national panel of educators and higher education administrators will provide guidance on how to build a diverse campus climate that promotes and enhances the educational experience, according to Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall.

Following the national videoconference, a panel of student leaders will discuss the issues as they relate to the Marshall University community and will respond to audience questions.

Blue said the program will be beneficial to all campus organization leaders, student affairs personnel, equity and affirmative action officers, faculty, administrators, resident advisers, counselors, academic advisers, admissions officers and staff members.

The program, sponsored by the Division of Multicultural and International Programs, will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details call 696-5430.

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funds to finance the construction. Efforts are now underway to raise funds to add a second floor to Myers Hall.

"Without question, Dr. Guyer will succeed in that and the other objectives she has for the H.E.L.P. Program," Gilley said, "because like her program, she is one of a kind. I'm very pleased she elected to come to Marshall University and to remain here."

Excused absences . . .

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

Oct. 15--Michael Ross, Marcia Walker, Jessica Scott, Cristy Miller, Christopher Hennessy.

Oct. 22-25--Michael Ross, Marcia Walker.

AEE Center extending office hours

Marshall University's new Center for Adult and Extended Education (AEE) is extending its hours in order to assist working adults interested in resuming their education.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, AEE Center interim dean, said it will be open until 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. It is located in Old Main Room 115.

Spears said the center will assist in admission of new students and readmission of former students, provide advice on course scheduling, disseminate financial aid information and applications and generally offer information about the university and assistance to interested individuals.

WVASPA will hold conference on campus

Marshall University's Department of Residence Services will host the West Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrators/Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers Resident Adviser Conference, "Focus on Community: Programming for the Programmer," on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13.

Resident advisers, resident directors, area coordinators and residence life/housing staff from colleges and universities in a five-state region will attend the conference, according to Marcia E. Bourgeois, assistant director of residence services at Marshall.

Gary Kimble, associate director of residence life at Southern Mississippi University and formerly director of residence life at Marshall, will be the conference keynote speaker.

Persons interested in attending the conference or obtaining further details can contact Bourgeois, Kim Reece or Charlie Boone in the Marshall University Residence Services Office, 696-6766.

'Forum' begins Nov. 11

The Marshall University Theatre Department will present "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" on Nov. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. It also will be presented Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.

The Tony Award winning musical revolves around the antics of Pseudolus, a slave in search of his freedom. All he has to do is obtain Philia, a beautiful woman who lives next door, for his master Hero. The only problem is that the house next door is a brothel.

Written by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, the play features several popular songs including "Comedy Tonight," "Pretty Little Picture" and "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid."

To obtain further details and ticket information contact the Marshall University Theatre Box Office, 696-2787.

"We know adult students often find it difficult to accomplish many of the necessary tasks associated with being admitted and registering for courses," Spears said. "By having our office open later we hope to provide busy people a little extra time in getting things done."

Actual registration for courses will be available at the center during the regular registration period in December and January, Spears said.

The Center for Adult and Extended Education was initiated last summer by MU President J. Wade Gilley to provide expanded services to adult students and those living long distances from campus. Courses by television, an increased number of evening classes, off-campus courses and credit for career experience through the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, are being facilitated by the AEE Center.

Students to be honored

The Office of Student Activities and Organizations is preparing to recognize and honor student leaders and scholars who have made significant contributions to Marshall University, according to Annmarie Merritt, coordinator of student activities and organizations.

The following awards will be presented: Outstanding Leadership, Outstanding Leader/Scholar, Outstanding Contributions to Marshall (awards to five graduating seniors), Multicultural Program Award, and Sophomore of the Year. Marshall University outstanding volunteers also will be recognized.

Application forms for these awards are being sent to faculty and staff members to distribute to deserving students. Each award has a separate application form which includes the criteria for the award. A student may apply for any or all of the awards.

Completed applications should be returned to the Student Activities Office, Memorial Student Center Room 2W38, by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24.

An awards selection committee will review the applications. Winners will be honored at a banquet scheduled March 11 at the Radisson Hotel.

Graduate receives award

Joetta Pat Moore of Barboursville, who received her bachelor's and master's degrees in home economics from Marshall University, has been named Cabell County's 1994 Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

The award is among many she has received for achievements such as helping to develop new programs at the Vocational Technical Center and Barboursville High School where she teaches.

Moore, who was nominated by fellow educators and selected by a curriculum committee, will compete for the state Teacher of the Year Award which will be announced in November.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. H. KEITH SPEARS, interim dean of adult and extended education, recently participated as an expert panelist at the annual CPB/Annenburg Conference on Non-traditional Delivery Systems held in Alexandria, Va. The conference was a national forum for evaluating higher education efforts in alternative delivery of credit courses via telecommunications. SPEARS also recently presented an informal program titled "Marshall University, Focus on Higher Education in West Virginia,

Faculty will be honored by student organization

Marshall University's chapter of Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society, in conjunction with the residents of Laidley Hall and the third floor Academic Community Environment in Holderby Hall, will sponsor a reception for its "Fabulous Faculty" on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the formal lounge in Laidley Hall.

Phi Eta Sigma sponsors the event as a means to promote good faculty-student relations and recognize faculty who are exceptionally supportive and helpful to students, according to Linda Rowe, assistant director of residence services and Marshall's Phi Eta Sigma adviser.

She said the faculty members invited to participate are nominated by the members of Phi Eta Sigma and by the residents of Laidley Hall and the Academic Community Environment of the third floor in Holderby Hall.

Faculty members nominated for 1993 are: Alan Altany, Religious Studies; Kenneth Ambrose, Sociology; George Arnold, Journalism; Daryll Bauer, Special Education; David Cusick, Math; Susan Ferrell, Education; Joan Gilliland, English; Marsha Keller, Upward Bound; Sharon Lake, Upward Bound; Nancy Lang, English; Betty McClellan, English; James McQueeney, French; Maureen Milicia, Theatre; Frank Mininni, Philosophy; Sandra Parker, Parks-Leisure Services; Simon Perry, Political Science; Evelyn Pupplo-Cody, Math; James Riemer, English; Emma Sue Smith, Education; Reed Smith, Music; Debra Teachman, English; Ralph Turner, Journalism, and William Westbrook, Sociology.

SCORES luncheon set

The SCORES Department will sponsor its annual recognition luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at noon in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The purpose of the luncheon is to "kick-off" preparations for the university's annual Academic Festival and thank the many MU faculty members, high school principals and counselors who support the festival, according to Sherry Brooks, SCORES director.

This year's luncheon will be held in conjunction with a workshop presented by the College of Business. To obtain further details call 696-6752.

U.S.A." at Anglia University in Cambridge, England, during a seminar for new college students.

Dr. SUZANNE DESAI, chair of the Marketing Department, has had an article titled "Purchasing Ready To Help Solve Environmental Problems, Say Purchasers" published in the October 1993 issue of Purchasing Management magazine.

Dr. ANTHONY BOWDLER of the Department of Medicine has been elected president of the West Virginia division of the American Cancer Society. The society is the foremost national charitable organization for the funding of cancer research and patient assistance. BOWDLER and Dr. PHILIP LEPANTO, clinical professor of radiology in the School of Medicine, were co-chairs of the third annual Cancer Conference of Huntington held Sept. 10 at St. Mary's Hospital. The conference is jointly sponsored by Marshall University's schools of Medicine and Nursing, the American Cancer Society and St. Mary's Hospital and the St. Mary's School of Nursing. The conference brought a nationally renowned faculty to address advances in the diagnosis and treatment of malignant diseases. Local faculty provided a community input into the conference which attracted more than 130 registrants.

Smoking class planned

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor "Fresh Start," a smoking cessation class developed by the American Cancer Society, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 9, 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, however enrollment will be limited.

To register or obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall University, 696-4800.

Image will be discussed

The image of lawyers and the legal profession in the United States will be the topic of an open forum at Marshall University on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge on the eighth floor of Smith Hall.

Professor Forrest Bowman of the West Virginia University School of Law will be the speaker for the program. He will discuss the current trend of "lawyer-bashing" and what the legal profession can do to improve its image.

Marshall's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), Alpha Psi Sigma criminal justice honor society and the Cabell County Bar Association are sponsoring the program which has been approved for Continuing Legal Education credit for lawyers.

To obtain further details contact Randy Bobbitt, 696-2728.