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TIAA-CREF slates retirement planning seminars

TIAA-CREF will conduct a half-day seminar of pre-retirement considerations in early May, according to MU Personnel Director Ray Nissen.

"While the specific date and location have not been set, the seminar probably will be held in the Charleston area," Nissen said. There will not be any charge for the session and any staff or faculty member 55 years of age or older is invited to attend.

Employees interested in attending should call either Mrs. Bias or Mrs. Nutter at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, 768-9711, extension 273 or 312. The following information will need to be provided: Name, college/university employed, TIAA-CREF contract number, and spouse's date of birth.

A similar program will be conducted at Marshall this fall as part of a series of pre-retirement planning seminars, Nissen said.

Tickets now available for 'The Mousetrap'

Tickets are now available for the Barter Theatre production of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" to be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Keith-Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall Artists Series Student Division programming.

Reserved seat tickets for the general public may be obtained from the Artists Series Office in Memorial Student Center or by calling the office, (304) 696-6656. MU students with ID and Activity cards may obtain free tickets from the Artists Series Office.

Tickets will be $10 each for orchestra and loge seats or $8 each for balcony. MU part-time students, youth age 17 and under, and Marshall employees may purchase seats in the orchestra, loge or balcony at half-price, according to Mrs. Nancy P. Hindsley, MU cultural events coordinator.

A tremendously successful mystery thriller by the "Queen of Crime," the original production of "The Mousetrap" is currently in its 30th year on the London stage, making it the longest running play in theatrical history.

The setting for the show is a secluded old manor house in the English countryside, which is being run as an inn. A group of mysterious guests arrives for the weekend and word comes of a murder in the vicinity. A blinding snowstorm cuts off all access to the roads, isolating the inn, and after a second murder victim is discovered, it becomes evident that the culprit is someone at the inn.

Barter Theatre and "The Mousetrap" both have anniversaries this season. The theatre is celebrating its 50th anniversary, making it the oldest, longest running professional theatre in the country.

Headquartered in Abingdon, Va., Barter Theatre began in 1933, during the Great Depression, with the idea that farmers could trade, or "barter," produce to see live drama, thereby feeding hungry actors. Touring plays to other areas has been a part of the theatre's tradition from its first season.

Barter Theatre's appearance on the Artists Series schedule has been made possible in part with financial assistance from the Arts and Humanities Division, West Virginia Department of Culture and History.

PIONEERS DONATE SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The Huntington Council, Telephone Pioneers of America, recently presented the Marshall University Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department with special sports equipment designed for the blind. Fitted with "beepers" or sound emitting devices, the equipment makes it possible for the blind to play basketball, softball or horseshoes as well as to compete in bicycle races. The special devices will be used in therapeutic recreation classes taught by Donna Lawson, left, MU assistant professor of HPER. Pictured with Ms. Lawson are David McKinney, Beckley junior and student in therapeutic recreation; Anne Richardson, local council president, and Henry Clay, member-at-large.

College bowl team places third

Marshall University's College Bowl team took third place in regional competition held recently at the University of Maryland, according to Dr. David Cusick, associate professor of mathematics and team coach.

Fifteen teams participated in the competition with the University of Maryland-College Park and Lehigh University taking first and second places respectively.
MU faculty and staff achievements, activities... 

Several Marshall University faculty members attended the Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS) held in Morgantown March 17-19. They were: DR. JABIR ABBAS, professor of political science; DR. CORAZON ALMALEL, professor of modern languages; DR. CLAIR MATZ, professor of political science; DR. FRANK S. RIDDEL, associate professor of social studies; DR. WILLIAM COFFEY, professor of social studies; DR. MAHLON BROWN, Social Studies Department chairman; CHARLES GRUBER, assistant professor of social studies; DR. ROBERT GREGORY, assistant professor of counseling/rehabilitation, and DR. MICHAEL GALGANO, professor of history and University Honors director. Matz, a member of the FACDIS steering committee, and Gruber presented a discussion on the MU Honors Seminar, Latin American Frontiers. Galgano chaired a faculty course demonstration session and discussed the Honors Seminar on Future Studies.

REGINALD SPENCER, placement director, was guest speaker for the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity's annual founder day banquet held recently at the Coaches Inn. His topic was "Responsibility: Hide or Seek."

BETTY JOAN JARRELL, assistant professor and Community College programs coordinator, spoke to the Huntington Chapter, American Society of Women Accountants, Thursday, March 17, at the UPToWner Inn. Her talk was entitled: "Recognizing, Accepting, and Encouraging the Paraprofessional in Accounting."


DR. CHRISTOPHER DOLMETSC, assistant professor of modern languages, was a featured speaker at the annual Foreign Language Week program at West Virginia University. He presented a slide-illustrated lecture, "The German-American Tricentennial: Its Relevance to Southern Appalachia," on March 23.

DR. DONALD CHEZIK, Psychology Department chairman, addressed the West Virginia Defense Trial Counsel at Glade Springs on March 4, his topic was "Psychology and the Law."


Two free, public lectures scheduled by market researcher

Linday Schutz, a member of one of the nation's largest marketing research companies, Burke & Associates of Cincinnati, will speak at Marshall University at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in Harris Hall 134.

Schutz, who will discuss "Marketing Research: Estimating New Product Sales Potential," is the second of three speakers being sponsored by the MU Psychology Department under a special grant from the Marshall Foundation.

Schutz also will speak at noon Friday, April 8, in Harris Hall 134 on "Tools and Techniques of Marketing Research." In his lectures, Schutz will discuss psychology's potential contributions to business, including its use in market analysis and advertising.

Both lectures are free and open to the public.

The series, "Psychology as a Means of Promoting Business and Health in Huntington," was developed to show how psychology can be applied to all aspects of life, including business and health.

Excused absences... 

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

MARCH 23-27-Varsity Golf Team.
MARCH 24-Men's Intercollegiate Tennis Team.
MARCH 24-28-Intercollegiate Soccer Team.