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## Black History Month events planned

Three nationally prominent guests from the fields of politics and the arts will be featured during Marshall University's observance of Black History Month in February, according to Macel Braxton, coordinator of Marshall's Office of African American Students' Programs.

Jesse L. Jackson Jr., president of the "Keep Hope Alive" political action committee, vice president at-large of Operation PUSH and the youngest member of the Democratic National Convention, will be a guest speaker on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Galen Abdur-Razzaq, considered by many to be one of the world's best flutists and leader of "Galen & Saud Live Jazz" will perform Thursday, Feb. 6, at 9 p.m. in Marco's in Memorial Student Center.

Matty Rich, the youngest of the new generation of black film directors producing impassioned films about life on

today's mean streets, will make a presentation on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

All of the presentations will be open to the public free of charge.

Jackson has been involved in numerous ventures with his father, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and accompanied his father to Syria and the Middle East to try to secure the release of Lt. Robert Goodman who was being held hostage and to El Salvador, Nicaragua, Cuba and Panama to work on a new Central American policy. He also accompanied his father to Africa to help chart a course to end apartheid and to Europe for a meeting with Pope John Paul II.

He has traveled throughout the United States on behalf of Operation PUSH.

Jackson has been named an "Outstanding Young Man of America" and was named one of the "30 Leaders of the Future" by Ebony magazine. He has appeared on numerous television programs such as the "CBS Morning News," "Good Morning America," "Nightwatch," "60 Minutes" and the "Oprah Winfrey Show."

Abdur-Razzaq has been performing, arranging, composing, directing and teaching music for more than 25 years.

He has performed with Billy Taylor, Houston Person,  
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## SOM applications up

West Virginia applicants to the Marshall University School of Medicine have risen 22 percent in the last year, school officials report. Nationally, medical school applications are up approximately 14 percent.

Dr. Patrick I. Brown, associate dean for academic and student affairs, said it appears the quality of applicants at Marshall parallels the increase in numbers. "I'm impressed with the level of competitiveness of those interviewed and selected for the class so far," he said.

Brown attributes the increase primarily to Gov. Caperton's rural health initiative, but added that increased awareness of innovative rural health programs at Marshall also seems to be a factor.

"Clearly Gov. Caperton's efforts to spotlight rural health are paying off in a heightened awareness of the opportunities that exist in health care," he said. "His determination to solve our state's rural health problems cannot help but inspire confidence in young men and women who might otherwise have considered their prospects dim for a successful career in West Virginia."

Brown said the applicants seem to be especially oriented toward primary-care specialties such as family practice and pediatrics. "They talk very knowledgeably about our rural education opportunities which allow them to spend weeks or months learning in rural areas. They're also demonstrably sincere in their primary-care focus."

Cynthia Warren, director of admissions, said that applications from all locations have increased from 1038 to 1202, an increase of 15.8 percent.

"Normally we have our interviews completed by the end of January," she said. "This year we're already booked through the first weekend in March."

## 'Beyond the Dream IV' to be shown on campus

A videoconference titled "Beyond the Dream IV" will be presented at Marshall University in conjunction with Black History Month activities on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The program, sponsored by the publishers of Black Issues in Higher Education, will highlight the contributions of noted African Americans through their lives, works and careers and look at the emerging role of students in improving the status of African Americans.

Participants will include Alex Haley, author of "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" and "Roots"; Henry Hampton, creator and producer of "Eyes On The Prize"; Barbara Reynolds, USA Today columnist, and Chuck Stone, a journalist and professor at the University of North Carolina. The conference will be moderated by Renee Poussaint, a news anchor for WJLA-TV in Washington, D.C.

The videoconference will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Multicultural Affairs, 696-4677.

# Committee discusses NCAA regulations

(The following report on the Jan. 16 meeting of the Marshall University Athletic Committee was submitted by John Wallace, secretary.)

Marshall's NCAA representative, Dorothy Hicks, reported on changes in the NCAA regulations.

Athletic Director Lee Moon explained how Marshall officials choose positions on NCAA issues.

Coaches first discuss how each proposal might affect their programs. Then the athletic director and NCAA representative discuss the university-wide perspective, prior to discussions with the president and vice president for administration.

Moon said he had been asked why Marshall opposed several of the NCAA Presidents' Commission positions. Moon indicated that it was because rural areas in general

are at a disadvantage on some of the proposals. Rural schools, for example, find it difficult to offer all the core courses that the Presidents' Commission recommends.

The athletic director reported that the football team exceeded expectations and noted that the soccer team deserved congratulations.

Keener Fry reported that football ticket sales and concession revenues had come in close to expectations, while revenues from merchandising and concessions were much better than estimated. Basketball season ticket sales are up more than 10 percent over last year, but weak gate receipts are holding down revenues.

Moon gave several examples of the expected impact of Marshall's football television exposure on academics and athletics. Several committee members cited students and parents across the country who had seen Marshall play and expressed interest in the school.

Richard Shreve, the Big Green representative, reported that a new Big Green Club had been established in Martinsburg. He said efforts are progressing to establish a club in the Princeton/Bluefield area.

Alumni Director Linda Holmes reported good attendance at the reception at the Palm Beach Classic. She said she had been mailing alumni reminders about holding "game watching parties."

Kenneth Blue distributed the Fall 1991 Athlete Grade Report which showed combined male and female student-athlete grade point averages were down approximately 3 percent compared to the past two terms (2.36 from 2.43). Female athletes' averages improved approximately 2 percent (2.73 from 2.67).

## Black History Month

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Melba Moore, Gwen Guthrie and others and has worked with actor John Amos on many children's telethons and community programs.

Abdur-Razzaq has performed and received excellent reviews throughout the country. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

At the age of 19, Rich recently wrote, directed, produced and acted in his first motion picture, "Straight Out of Brooklyn," which was based on his own life experience.

Driven to tell his story of growing up in the tragedy-riddled Red Hook section of Brooklyn, Rich raised the money needed to complete his film by using credit cards, donations from friends and a grant from the PBS program, "American Playhouse."

Due to the success of his first venture, Rich currently is being courted by several major motion picture studios.

Rich said he feels his film raises important questions about social and economic oppression in America. However, he also feels there might be a way out.

Rich attended film school at New York University. He founded his own company, "Blacks 'N Progress," and currently is developing his next project, a film set in the south during the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

To obtain further details about the presentations or other Black History Month activities contact the Marshall University Office of African American Students' Programs, 696-6705.

## Printing changes announced

Effective Monday, Feb. 3, all printing jobs will be received and picked up at the Old Main Copy Center, B14, according to John McKinney, printing services director.

Copying and duplicating jobs earmarked for the Old Main Copy Center and Campus East Copy Center will continue to be handled as before, McKinney said.

## Quincentennial events set

Marshall University's Quincentennial Celebration of the Discovery of America will continue through February, March and April with a lecture series titled "Discovery and Encounter of The Two Cultures," according to Dr. Harold T. Murphy, chairman of Marshall's Department of Modern Languages and chairman of the university's Quincentennial Celebration Committee.

The activities have been planned to commemorate the 500th anniversary of one of the most important events in world history--Christopher Columbus' encounter with the New World.

Presentations will include the following:

-- "The Impact of Columbus' Discovery on West Africa" on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 414, by Dr. G.F. Kojo Arthur.

-- "Music of the Discovery and Colonial Period" on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 414, by Maria Teresa Marti de Miller.

-- "The Transatlantic Exchange of Art Forms" on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 414, by Dr. Susan C. Power.

-- "Afro-Cuban Poetry" on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 414, by Dolores Johnson.

All of the presentations will be open to the public free of charge.

## Videoconference to focus on 'understanding needs'

A videoconference titled "Understanding the Needs of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students" will be presented at Marshall University on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Nancy Larsen, administrative assistant in the Multicultural Affairs Office, said the videoconference is being held because faculty, staff and students on today's college campuses frequently face issues related to sexual orientation, with little understanding of the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students. She said the videoconference will focus on the institution's responsibility for meeting these needs.

Topics will include "Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Development," "Institutional Responsibilities," "The Impact of Homophobia on the Campus Community," "Providing a Supportive Campus Environment" and "Campus Response to Harassment, Discrimination or Violence."

The program, open to the public free of charge, is being sponsored by the Marshall University Office of Multicultural Affairs, the MU Student Affairs Office and the MU Office of Student Health Education Programs.

To obtain further details contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs, 696-4677.

## Employee achievements

Dr. LOIS BLACKBURN, associate professor of music, participated in a symposium titled "The 21st Century Cellist: Preparing the Careers of Tomorrow" held Jan. 17-19 at East Carolina University. Participants took part in panel discussions on the training of cellists and career possibilities for young musicians.

Dr. GIRMAY BERTIE, associate professor in the Department of Social Work, had a paper titled "The Health Planning Process at the National and Facility Levels in Saudi Arabia: Policy Implications" published in the Journal of KSU, Vol. 3, Administrative Services (1), published in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. BERTIE co-authored with Dr. Jahangir Khan a manuscript titled "Health Administration Residency in Saudi Arabia: A Multinational Program" which was published in the Jan. 9 issue of the Journal of Health Administration Education, an AUPHA publication in Arlington, Va.

Several Marshall University faculty and staff members are serving on the six task forces named by the new Health Care Planning Commission to make recommendations concerning health care reform in West Virginia. The Marshall task force members include: **Health Service System**--Dr. CHARLES McCORMICK and Dr. BOB WALKER of the School of Medicine; **Health Care Financing and Cost Control**--JAMES SCHNEIDER of the School of Medicine; **The Health Professions**--BRIAN LOSBOUGH and Dr. LYNNE WELCH of the School of Nursing.



### JACK R. BROWN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Dr. Joan T. Mead, left, chairwoman of Marshall University's English Department, meets with Susanne House, the 1991-92 recipient of The Jack R. Brown Memorial Scholarship in English. Ms. House, a resident of New Madison, Ohio, also is a Yeager Scholar. The scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Brown, a member of Marshall's faculty for 28 years. Brown served as chairman of the English Department, 1967-74, and was a founder of Marshall's Honors Program and the university's Research Board. The scholarship is awarded to the sophomore English major with the highest overall grade point average.

## RLPO to perform here

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra will perform for the Marshall Artists Series on Monday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre, according to Celeste Winters Nunley, director of the series.

The RLPO celebrated its 150th anniversary in 1990, making it one of the oldest concert giving organizations in the world. For its anniversary, the orchestra commissioned the "Liverpool Oratorio" from Paul McCartney. The RLPO premiered McCartney's first work of classical music in June 1991.

Tickets for the performance will be \$22, \$24 and \$30. Tickets will be half-price for youth 17 and under, part-time MU students and Marshall faculty and staff.

To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

## Sculptor will discuss work

Ceramic sculptor Mark Gordon will discuss his work during a slide/lecture presentation at Marshall University on Monday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Birke Art Gallery.

The presentation, which will be open to the public free of charge, will be followed by a reception.

Gordon has taught and served art residencies throughout the United States and in Venezuela, Israel, Egypt, Spain and the Dominican Republic.

His work will be exhibited in Birke Art Gallery through Feb. 20.

# Committee will develop future goals

**(The following report on the Nov. 14 and Dec. 5 meetings of the Marshall University Faculty Development Committee were submitted by Steve Shuklian, secretary.)**

Pamela Gardner and Merle Thomas chaired the meetings.  
**Nov. 14**

The committee discussed the procedure for receiving reimbursement from the Queen Fund for expenses incurred while traveling to conferences, seminars and workshops. Sherry Asbury, manager of the Marshall University Foundation, explained the procedure to the committee. The form will be distributed to this year's four recipients of Queen Endowment funds.

Pamela Gardner and Donald Hall reported on their trip to the 16th annual conference of the Professional and

## *ASCR Committee discusses transfer*

**(The following report on the Dec. 5 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Standards and Curricular Review Committee was submitted by Wendell Dobbs, chairman.)**

The following course additions, changes and deletions were approved: Additions--CI 460-464; PLS 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, MS 102; Changes--EME 109, 120, 121, 240, 241; MS 221, 209; Deletions--MS 212, 217.

Earl Damewood has respectfully declined as ASCR representative to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for Faculty Senate. Since there were no nominations to replace him, the chair will represent ASCR until a duly elected representative is chosen.

Dallas Brozik reported that the transfer of CIS from the College of Business to the College of Science is accomplished fact. The transfer was negotiated between the provost, the deans of the two colleges and the president.

Brozik voiced concern that the COB Curriculum Committee never was given a chance to review the transfer and maintains that the constitution does give the faculty the right to review curricular alterations, hence alterations in departmental and collegiate structure. Members of the committee in turn voiced concerns over equipment and curricular logistics.

The following motion was approved: To insure that ASCR has appropriate review of curricular matters, ASCR recommends that the Faculty Senate develop guidelines concerning the transfer of departments from one college to another.

The chair will undertake to write the chair of the COS Curriculum Committee, Marcia Harrison, to supply details on how CIS will be employed in COS.

The committee recommended that the following stipulation be adopted in regard to prerequisites: A prerequisite (PR) for a particular course must be successfully completed in a previous semester or term before a student will be allowed to attempt the particular course. Responsibility for monitoring the honoring of prerequisites will rest with the department chairs and academic deans.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Organizational Development (POD) Network in Higher Education held Oct. 23-27 in Morgantown.

Gardner presented a written report which contains a summary of the history of the network, classification activities which have been included within the broad definition of faculty development, and guidelines for starting a faculty development program. The report also contains an appendix on examples of possible faculty development activities. The report can be made available to interested faculty members.

Committee members were asked to review the materials on file in Merle Thomas' office and come to the next meeting prepared to make some decisions regarding the future activities of the committee.

**Dec. 5**

Dr. Betty Cleckley sent a letter requesting a meeting with the committee. She will be invited to speak with the committee concerning "Multiculturalism and Faculty Development."

A subcommittee was formed to draft a mission statement for the committee, specifying the fundamental goals of faculty development. These will include, but will not be limited to, the following: professional development, improving instruction, allocation of funds to faculty for research, travel and training, and coordination of campus faculty development activities. Donald Hall and Merle Thomas will draft a statement and present it at the next meeting.

The second phase of the faculty development survey will be drafted and sent to all Marshall faculty members early in the spring semester.

The committee also discussed future programs for faculty development in the spring. Possible workshops include critical thinking and/or grant writing.

## Quinlan funds awarded

**(The following report on the Dec. 11 meeting of the Marshall University Research Committee was submitted by Marjorie Keatley, secretary.)**

Minutes of the Nov. 13 meeting were approved with the following correction: Steve Winn was added to the list of approved funding applicants.

There was no response from the Research Corporation as to additional funding. A letter from Mark Simmons, School of Medicine, requesting that indirect costs from grants be returned to the researcher was read and discussed with no action taken.

Applications for the "Greatest Needs" account were approved for Yorum Elitsur, Howard Adkins, Gregg Davis and Sandra Kimbrell.

Applications for Quinlan funds were awarded to Mark Simmons, SOM; Rudy Wang, SOM; Mike Little, COS; Mike Norton, COS; Tom Manakkil, COS; Dave Walker, COS; Ron Martino, COS; JeanAnn Boyce, COE; Danny Fulks, COE; John Wallace, COB; Marjorie McNerney, COB; Steve Shuklian, COB; Lawrence Wheeless, COLA; Bert Gross, COLA; Richard Badenhausen, COLA; Joan Gilliland, COLA; Joseph Wyatt, COLA, and Jeremy Barris, COLA.