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HEAT will meet at Marshall University Aug. 25

The Higher Education Advocacy Team (HEAT) will kick off a statewide series of public meetings on higher education Tuesday, Aug. 25, at Marshall University. Registration for the meeting here, in Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the plenary session scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

President J. Wade Gilley has urged that all Marshall employees--faculty and staff alike--attend the Aug. 25 session and participate. "Since the regional meeting at Marshall will be the first in the statewide series of 11, all the subsequent sessions will be measured against the standard we set here in terms of attendance and participation," Gilley said. "This gives us an opportunity to help set the agenda for West Virginia higher education for many years to come.

"The HEAT Team's ultimate findings and recommendations to the governor and the Legislature can have a profound impact not only on Marshall University as an institution, but on the lives and welfare of all of us involved in higher education in this state," Gilley added. "Therefore, I believe it is essential that we show our strength and that we make every effort to get our ideas on the table. I'd like very much to see every employee of Marshall University at the meeting Aug. 25."

The regional meetings are open to the public, so friends and family members of Marshall employees also will be able to participate.

Bill Burdette, MU director of governmental affairs, is coordinating arrangements for the Aug. 25 session here.



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Moffat to be honored through teaching fund

A fund to promote teaching excellence at Marshall University, established with a grant from MU President J. Wade Gilley and Mrs. Gilley, will honor a retired Marshall historian.

The Charles H. Moffat Fund for Excellence in Teaching will be administered by the vice president for academic affairs and will finance projects such as distinguished lectureships on the art of teaching and seminars for teaching assistants and part-time faculty members.

"Dr. Charles Moffat earned a reputation as one of Marshall University's most outstanding teachers," Gilley said. "My wife, Nanna, and I agreed it would be most fitting to name a fund for excellence in teaching in recognition of an individual who epitomized outstanding teaching during his long career at Marshall."

Moffat retired as chairman of the MU Department of History in 1977 after a 31-year career at the university. A native of Mississippi, he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Mississippi and his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He is the author of several books, including a history of Marshall.

Noted widely as a speaker, Moffat has delivered more than 1,000 lectures in 15 states and the Far East. He is a former president of the Huntington Kiwanis Club, the West Virginia Historical Society and the Marshall Emeritus Club, and was elected to the Huntington "Wall of Fame" in 1989. He received the Marshall Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1979 and was awarded an honorary doctorate at Marshall's 1980 Commencement.

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Marshall President J. Wade Gilley, right, presents a check for \$5,179 to the MU Foundation, honoring a pledge he made shortly after assuming the Marshall presidency last August. Gilley said at that time he would contribute the difference between his annual salary and that of his predecessor, Dale F. Nitzschke, to the foundation. Accepting the check is Vice President for Institutional Advancement Edward G. Boehm, Jr.

Building tours planned

Marshall University's Department of Theatre/Dance will conduct tours of the new Fine and Performing Arts Center for patrons, the general public and the Marshall community, according to Dr. N. Bennett East, chairman of the department.

East said the tours are simply a means to make people feel welcome in the new facility.

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Marshall graduate will autograph book

Marshall University graduate Grace Barrett Mark will autograph copies of her first novel, "The Dream Seekers," at the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 Fifth Ave., Sunday, Aug. 16, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the Marshall University Library Associates and the Marshall University Foundation. Light refreshments will be served.

The autographing will be open to the public with books being provided for signing by Stadium Bookstore.

Program brings student journalists to campus

Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism will recognize 15 leading high school journalists from West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio this fall, according to Dr. Harold Shaver, director of the school.

The Scholastic Journalism Program will introduce the students to university life. They will spend two days on the Marshall campus, attending classes, working on university publications and living in residence halls. Advanced MU journalism students will serve as college companions for those selected for the program.

"We are inviting nominations of high school juniors and seniors who have made significant contributions to their school newspapers and yearbooks," said Shaver.

Nomination information has been sent to Tri-State area high schools. Nominations must be returned to Marshall by Sept. 25.

"The student journalism program has been highly effective, both for students and Marshall in recent years," Shaver said. "It has helped many young people make up their minds about career goals, and many of them have decided to attend our journalism school."

To obtain further details contact the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism, 696-2360.

Fund honors Moffat

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The \$2,500 earmarked for the Charles H. Moffat Fund for Excellence in Teaching is part of a \$5,179 gift from Dr. and Mrs. Gilley presented to the Marshall Foundation early this month. Gilley announced shortly after assuming the Marshall presidency last Aug. 1 that he would contribute to the Foundation the difference between his salary and that of his predecessor, Dale F. Nitzschke, each year. This year's gift was based on the 11 months he served during the 1991-92 fiscal year.

Another \$1,600 is designated for a new Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program for non-faculty employees; \$900 will support scholarships for classified staff members who want to take classes, up to \$100 per person. In addition, \$150 will go toward a scholarship for a member of the MU Marching Band.

A 1963 graduate of Marshall, Mark taught literature and writing at the university level before entering the business world. She started her own advertising firm, Arons & Associates, in San Francisco. In 1986 she moved to Chicago where she now lives with her husband, television personality Norman Mark. She has shifted her career into being a consultant and speaker and developing marketing strategies, training programs and videos.

The setting for "The Dream Seekers" (Wm. Morrow & Co., 1992) is framed by Chicago's 1893 World's Fair and focuses on two women whose lives reflect the social and economic upheaval of the era. Studs Terkel called "The Dream Seekers" a "story of ordinary people profoundly affected by celebrated labor battles and trials in a vividly telling way."

To obtain further information contact Josephine Fidler, director of libraries at the James E. Morrow Library, 696-3095.

Medical students work in community offices

Third-year students from the Marshall University School of Medicine spent two weeks in July working with physicians in 14 West Virginia communities as part of a course on primary-care medicine.

Marshall hopes the course will encourage more students to enter such fields as family practice, general internal medicine and pediatrics, according to Dr. Linda Savory, assistant dean for curriculum and evaluation.

Before observing and working with individual physicians, students spent a week in a Huntington-based program designed to help them adjust quickly to their new medical duties. They then spent two weeks working alongside primary-care physicians in Weirton, Wheeling, Kenova, Charleston, Huntington, Spencer, Milton, Beckley, Hurricane, St. Albans, Hamlin, Dunbar, Wayne and Glen Dale.

The course gives students their first full-time exposure to patient care. It's no accident that it focuses on the "frontline" specialties of medicine, according to Dr. Savory: many medical students decide on a specialty area during their third year, so early exposure to the challenges and rewards of primary-care practice is important.

Marshall is a national leader in the percentage of graduates entering these fields, and has ranked as high as second in the nation in the percentage entering family practice residencies.

Building tours planned

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Theatre patrons will be invited to tour the building on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 8 p.m. Tours for the general public and media will be held Sunday, Aug. 23, at 2:30 p.m. and tours for Marshall faculty and staff will be held Thursday, Aug. 27, at 3 p.m.

Black History Conference scheduled

The fifth annual West Virginia Black History Conference will be held at Marshall University on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25-26.

Guest speakers will include Dr. Elizabeth Brown of the West Virginia State College Psychology Department, Dr. Dana Brooks of the West Virginia University Department of Physical Education, Dr. Lois Blackburn of Marshall's Music Department, Dr. Woodrow Berry, professor of business and finance law at Marshall, and Dr. C. Robert Barnett of Marshall's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

They will discuss a variety of topics including "The History of Lakin State Hospital," "Black High School Bands

in West Virginia," "Black People in Logan County, Fayette County, Jefferson County and Keystone," "Revella Hughes," "Black Athletes in West Virginia," "Black Lawyers in West Virginia" and "West Virginia Blacks and the Military."

All presentations will be open to the public free of charge. There will be a \$12 charge for the Friday evening banquet and an \$8 charge for the Saturday luncheon.

To obtain further details contact Kenneth E. Blue, associate dean for student affairs at Marshall, 696-5430.

Residency program receives accreditation

The family practice residency program of the Marshall University School of Medicine has received the maximum five-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

"Five-year accreditation has, at least in the past, been a rarity," said Dr. Stephen Petrany, director of the program. "Certainly it is a sign they are very confident in the job we are doing. We also did well in filling our residency program at a time when other programs are having increasing trouble recruiting, so this is a one-two punch that indicates to us that our program is doing exceptionally well.

"The individual who reviewed our program commented while he was here that he was very impressed with the quality of our residents, by the positive role family practice and our residency program have within the university setting, and by the quality of our faculty," Petrany added.

Previously the program had three-year accreditation, which is typical for good programs, he said.

SOM opening event set

Dr. Donald Weston, vice chancellor for health science's for the West Virginia Board of Trustees, will be the guest speaker for the annual opening exercises of the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The exercises, which include the presentation of awards to faculty and students, will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, in Marshall's Memorial Student Center. A reception will follow.

The event is open to the public.

Student reception set

Marshall University's Office of African American Students' Programs will hold a reception for new students and freshmen on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Changes required on purchase order forms

The U.S. Postal Service has asked Marshall University departments to change the way the vendor's name and address is typed on the university's blue purchase order form, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management.

The Postal Service's OCR equipment is having difficulty reading the vendor's name and address in the window envelopes that are used by the Purchasing Office. When the information can't be read, the envelope is rejected and processed manually, which delays the movement of the purchase order to the vendor.

Shondel said the new format eliminates all punctuation and small letters. An example of the new style is:

MS S ONEIL PRES
LIGHTNING INC
4321 MAPLE ST
OAKTON MD 12345 6789

Optical character reading equipment also has difficulty processing the following: script or italic characters, non-letter quality dot matrix print, faded or light print, print styles where the characters nearly touch, addresses that are not in the sequence in the previous example, and state names that do not use the official two-letter state abbreviations.

Residence halls to open

Residence halls will open for the fall semester on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 9 a.m., according to Joseph Marshman, director of residence life.

Advisers, coaches and others involved with students who need to move into residence hall rooms prior to that time should contact the Office of Residence Services, 696-6765, to make arrangements for early arrivals.

Students who attempt to arrive early without obtaining prior approval may find that their rooms are not ready.

Marshman said residence halls are occupied during the summer and will not be ready for fall residents until Monday, Aug. 17.

To obtain further details contact Marshman in the Residence Life Office, 696-3193.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. H. KEITH SPEARS, director of instructional television services and distance education, recently was selected as one of 75 worldwide candidates for the Harvard University Management of Lifelong Education Institute, a postdoctoral higher education management program. The institute is a two-week program for educators involved with university adult education. The first Board of Trustees employee to receive this honor, SPEARS was selected as a "convener" for group discus-

sions. He was awarded the traditional Harvard key crest for his leadership at the institute.

CHARLENE R. HAWKINS, senior administrative aide in the Graduate School Office, recently gave a presentation on "Time Management" to members of the Southwestern Community Action Council's Transitions Class in Guyandotte.

Dr. LYNN RIGSBEE, assistant professor of political science, has been informed that his paper titled "U.S.-Omani Military Relations Under Sultan Qaboos and the Gulf War" has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Arab Affairs in 1993.

Dr. THOMAS J. MANAKKIL, professor of physics, was invited to give a seminar on "Environmental Monitoring--Radon Gas The Hows and The Whys" to the faculty of the Department of Applied Sciences at Anglia Polytechnic University in Cambridge, England, on July 8. His presentation included detection techniques, health effects and risk assessment of radioactive radon.

Fellowships available

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars has announced its annual residential fellowship competition for 1993-94.

The competition is open to individuals with outstanding project proposals representing the entire range of scholarship, with a strong emphasis on the humanities and social sciences.

For academic participants, eligibility will be limited to the postdoctoral level. The average yearly stipend will be approximately \$38,000.

The deadline for applications will be Oct. 1. To obtain further details contact the MU Academic Affairs Office, 696-5442.

Students get scholarships

Twenty Marshall University College of Education students have received Underwood-Smith Teacher scholarships for 1992-93, according to Dr. Carole A. Vickers, dean of the MU College of Education.

The Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship Program is a state funded student aid program designed to enable and encourage outstanding high school graduates to pursue teaching careers in West Virginia.

Undergraduate and graduate scholarships are awarded on the basis of qualifications and interest in teaching. The intention is for a recipient to obtain a teaching certificate and teach at a public school in West Virginia for two years for each year of scholarship assistance.

Marshall students who received the \$5,000 scholarships are:

HUNTINGTON--Clint M. Spitzer, Juliet C. Matthews, Renea A. Nelson Clark; ANSTED--Kevin S. Roberts; ASHFORD--Cynthia R. Lovejoy; BERWIND--Michelle L. Hagy;

ELKVIEW--Elizabeth A. Stricklen; GENOA--Mary E. Wilson; GRAFTON--Melissa A. Kuhl; LENORE--Sharon K. Hay; MATHENY--Melanie S. Morgan; MAXWELTON--Debra R. DeLong; MILLWOOD--Edward D. Meadows;

MOOREFIELD--Amber R. Perkins; NEW MARTINSVILLE--Amy B. McCaskey; ST. ALBANS--Tara K. Farley; VERNER--Christy M. Blankenship; WEST COLUMBIA--Lisa G. Starcher; WHEELING--Janet L. Myers; WILLIAMSON--Cynthia R. Tingler.

Disease policy adopted

In accordance with federal regulations, Marshall University has adopted policies concerning workplace exposure to diseases transmitted by blood, particularly the AIDS virus and the hepatitis B virus.

The Marshall policy applies to students, staff and faculty members who may be exposed to blood-borne and body-borne infections. It says that all at-risk students and employees will be informed of potential infectious hazards, that they will be given safety instructions, and that all must be vaccinated for hepatitis B or sign a consent form waiving immunization.

The six-page policy statement also includes guidelines on program policy for testing, guidelines for prevention of transmission and management of the AIDS virus, and specific procedures for carrying out the Marshall policy.

Persons with additional questions should contact their dean or unit head. Employees who are not sure whether they are at risk should contact a physician at the MU School of Medicine.

Childers gets grant to continue program

Martha G. Childers, associate professor and chairwoman of the Home Economics Program at Marshall University, has received a grant from the West Virginia Bureau of Health to continue her work with the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Project through 1992-93.

The project has received grants totaling \$165,000 since it was started in 1989.

Grant funding has been used to provide an adolescent pregnancy specialist, educational materials, travel and other expenses for the program which covers Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo and Wayne counties.