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Seminar on computers open to all employees

Registrations from administrators, faculty members and classified staff for a Computer Users Seminar are now being accepted in the Office of the Provost.

"The seminar, which is free, was developed to provide our employees an orientation to the fundamentals of the computer technology which is revolutionizing both our work place and our personal lives," said Dr. Olen E. Jones, Jr., provost.

According to Dr. William S. Deel, associate provost, enrollment in the seminar is limited and preference will be given to those who have never had any kind of computer training.

The seminar will be taught from 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays for nine weeks. Two sections, composed of 36 people each, will be offered with the first section to start up on Jan. 30 and the other to begin three weeks later.

The seminar will be conducted by three different teachers, each covering his own area of expertise.

Computer concepts, including terminology and relationships, will be explored with Dr. Robert Babb, Computer Science and Information Department chairman. Allen Taylor, assistant director of MU’s Computer Center, will conduct an orientation to Marshall’s computer facilities. The instructor for the hands-on experience will be Randall Jones, Community College micro-computer program coordinator.

“We want to have a diverse mix of people from the various areas of the campus, so the normal rule of first-come, first-served, will not be applicable this time,” said Deel, who will select the participants.

Anyone interested in being considered for the seminar program should call the Provost’s Office, extension 6690, giving name, department and telephone number, or send the same information to the office through campus mail.

THOUGHT... It is only the ignorant who despise education.

-Publilius Syrus

Faculty urged to write legislators, governor

The BOR Advisory Council of Faculty met most recently in Charleston on Dec. 5-6. Major discussion was devoted to the impact of the Council on the deliberations of the Board of Regents. While all veteran members of the Council agree that its influence has gradually expanded, there remains dissatisfaction. In reaction to this concern the following resolution was approved unanimously:

Out of its concern for improved communication, and in order to fulfill its stated function of informing the Board of Regents of its counsel, the Advisory Council of Faculty requests that the Board of Regents receive a monthly oral report from the Advisory Council of Faculty Chairman as a regular public session agenda item.

On the afternoon of Dec. 6, the Advisory Council of Faculty met jointly with the Board of Regents. Our resolution was received graciously by Board members.

Much of the joint meeting concerned the coming state legislative session. With respect to a bill to convert the present salary bonus provided by the Faculty Improvement Fee to the subsidy of faculty/staff development, the BOR indicated its willingness to support a careful definition of development activities which will be funded.

There was a lively exchange of views regarding the role of campus constituencies in the political process. Somewhat ironically, several Board members cited their faculty and administrative employees for ineffectiveness in the public arena. Clearly the BOR has renounced its previous practice by officially “unleashing” us upon elected officials. Just as clearly there has been inadequate coordinated response from several campuses, including our own.

In behalf of the Advisory Council of Faculty and, yes, the Board of Regents, I urge the readers of this news letter to write our legislators and governor in a special ap- (Continued on page 4)
Dr. Beverly Twitchell named U Honors head

Dr. Beverly H. Twitchell, assistant professor of art at Marshall University, has been named director of the University Honors Program, MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. announced today.

She will assume the post at the start of the Spring Semester in January. As director of the interdisciplinary program for academically outstanding students, Dr. Twitchell succeeds Dr. Michael Galgano, professor of history and department chairman, who guided the program since 1979.

A member of the faculty since 1972, Dr. Twitchell holds the B.A. degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, the M.A. degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Ph.D. degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

"The Honors Program is a vital part of the university's overall educational program," Dr. Jones said. "A strong honors program is crucial if we are to provide excellent students with the challenges they need above and beyond the normal course offerings," he said.

"Those challenges are not limited to students, but extend to the faculty as well," said Dr. Twitchell, who added that she hoped to see an even greater involvement in the Honors Program from both faculty and students.

"Honors programs encourage students to fulfill their academic and intellectual potential and they offer similar rewards and stimuli to faculty," she said.

Marshall's program is open to underclassmen and upperclassmen with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.5. Incoming freshmen are required to have an ACT composite score of 25 in addition to a high school GPA of 3.5.

Under a multidisciplinary structure and small class setting, the outstanding student is allowed to develop a comprehension of the relationships between disciplines, while developing critical thinking abilities—two important elements in the educational process.

During the Fall Semester, 18 students participated in the seminars on "The American Experience," an exploration of contemporary American themes, and "Primateology and Human Evolution."

The theme for the Spring Semester is "The Left and Right" and the seminar leaders will include Gordon Henderson, instructor in political science; Dr. Morris Coats, instructor in economics; Dr. Christopher Dolmetsch, assistant professor of modern languages (German), and Dr. John Vielkind, associate professor of philosophy and department chairman.

Tickets now available for Broadway show

The Marshall Artists Series will sponsor a performance of the Broadway play "Agnes of God" at the Keith-Albee Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25.

"This is not part of any of our regular series programming, but the opportunity to bring this fine drama to the Tri-State Area was one the Artists Series Board could not pass up," said Mrs. Nancy P. Hindsley, MU cultural events coordinator.

"The touring cast for this production is a stellar one: Susan Strasberg as the psychologist, Peggy Cass as the Mother Superior and Lynn Chausau as Agnes," Mrs. Hindsley said.

The daughter of noted acting coach Lee Strasberg, Miss Strasberg has a number of Broadway credits to her name and recently completed a film, "The Other Side of the Wind," with director Orson Wells.

Miss Cass, a popular television quiz show panelist who has been a regular on "What's My Line?" and "To Tell the Truth," is a veteran Broadway actress and may be best remembered for her role as Agnes Gooch in the original "Auntie Mame."

A graduate of the Juilliard School, Miss Chausau is a member of Acting Company, a repertory theatre group which will perform here in March.

"If you have an avid theatre-goer on your holiday shopping list, a ticket to this production might make you a very popular Santa Claus," she said. Tickets for this same play go for $35 each in New York, Mrs. Hindsley noted.

"Tickets will be for reserved seats, but season subscribers will not automatically receive tickets for their regular seats," Mrs. Hindsley said.

Community Division season ticket holders may purchase orchestra and loge seats at $15 each or balcony seats at $12. Nonsubscribers may buy orchestra and loge seats at $17.50 each or balcony seats at $15. Balcony seating tickets will be sold to youth age 17 and under for $7 each.

Marshall students with valid second semester ID and Activity cards may purchase one ticket each for $5.

The Artists Series Box Office, located on the first floor of Memorial Student Center, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and tickets may be reserved by calling the office at 696-6656.

Marshall Emeritus Club to meet at MU student center

The Emeritus Club will meet at noon Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the Shawkey Room (formerly Special Dining Room) of Memorial Student Center for a Christmas program by Al Zabel, minister of music at Johnson United Methodist Church, on "Bells of History."

"This represents a change from our normal meeting place which has been the UpTowner Inn and we will be meeting at the Student Center in the future," according to Dr. Eugene Q. Hoak, emeritus professor of speech and president of the club.

All persons holding emeritus status or retired from Marshall, as well as their spouses or guests, are invited to attend.

NOTICE

The MU Research Board has limited funding available for research, travel for delivering scholarly papers and page costs. For additional information, contact Graduate School Dean Robert Maddox, Research Board chairman, at extension 6606.

THOUGHT...

A wrongdoer is often a man that has left something undone, not always he that has done something.

-Marcus Aurelius
CAMPUS HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Marshall University administrative offices will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, and reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

THE HOLIDAY/semester break for faculty and students begins at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17; however, semester grades are due in the Registrar's Office by 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19. Second semester classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 17; however Monday night classes will meet on Monday, Jan. 16.

PAYROLL checks for the second half of the month

MU faculty, staff achievements, activities

DR. MACK GILLENWATER, Geography Department acting chairman; DR. HOWARD ADKINS, professor, and CHARLES STEPHEN, associate professor, attended the annual meeting of the South East Division of the Association of American Geographers Nov. 20-22 in Orlando, Fla. Adkins presented a paper, "Transition in a plantation community: The case of Waverly, Mississippi." Gillenwater was a paper discussant and Stephen participated in a seminar on the status of geography in small departments.

DR. DONALD ROBINSON, Pharmacology Department chairman, was a panel member in the Consensus Development Conference on Drugs and Insomnia: The Use of Medications to Promote Sleep, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., Nov. 14-17.

JEANNE DeVOS, associate professor of nursing, conducted a one-day workshop for nurses on "Psychosocial Assessment of the Elderly" at Twin Falls State Park near Mullens on Nov. 29. The program was part of the MU School of Nursing's continuing education outreach program.

DR. WILLIAM T. TWEEL JR., assistant professor of family and community health, has been named physician advisor to the state Nursing Home Licensure Advisory Council.

DR. MARY ETTA HIGHT, associate professor of biological sciences, has been appointed to a one-year term on the Citizens Advisory Council to West Virginia's Nongame Wildlife Program. The program was established by legislation in 1981 to provide for the management, preservation, protection and perpetuation of nongame wildlife under the Department of Natural Resources. The term "nongame," an artificial designation, refers to any species of wild animal not considered as game or sport species typically sought by hunters, trappers or fishermen.

DR. WILLIAM McDOWELL, Counseling/Rehabilitation Department chairman, and DR. DONALD L. HALL, assistant professor, conducted a one-day workshop on "Family Violence: A Challenge for Health Care Providers" at Paintsville, Ky., on Dec. 8. The program was part of the School of Nursing's outreach program on continuing education for nurses.

DR. MAURICE A. MUFSON, Medicine Department chairman, has been invited to study with internationally known virologist Erling Norby next year in Stockholm.

Tuition waiver forms accepted until Jan. 11

A limited number of graduate and professional tuition waivers for Marshall University's Spring Semester will be available, MU Graduate School Dean Robert F. Maddox announced this week.

In line with the West Virginia Board of Regents Policy Bulletin 49, priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents, Dr. Maddox said.

A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students. Academic merit and financial need will be considered in awarding the waivers, according to Dr. Maddox.

The forms for graduate tuition waivers maybe obtained from the Graduate School and Finance offices and will be accepted in the Graduate School Office through Jan. 11. Any waivers not awarded in the initial period will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Professional tuition waiver forms may be obtained from the School of Medicine Dean's Office in the Medical Education Building at the VA Medical Center. They are to be returned to that same office for processing.

The waivers cover tuition, registration, Higher Education Resources and Faculty Improvement fees, but not the Student Activity Fee which must be paid by the recipient, Maddox said. Students who held Fall Semester waivers must reapply for the Spring Semester to be considered.

The Graduate Degree Scholarship Program is authorized under West Virginia law and provisions of the BOR Policy Bulletin 49.
More faculty and staff achievements, activities... 

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where he will learn about monoclonal antibody techniques for studying respiratory syncytial (RS) virus antigens. He has received sabbatical leave for the study.

JUDY SORTET, assistant professor of nursing; LAURA LEE WILSON, associate professor of nursing, and JANE FOTOS, continuing education director, represented the School of Nursing at the West Virginia Nurses Association annual convention in Washington, D.C., Nov. 16-19. While there, they met with West Virginia's congressmen. The convention was held at the capital in conjunction with other state association meetings from this region.

DONALD A. WAHLMAN, assistant professor of accounting, attended the Higher Education-Industry Col-

Personnel personals... 

Pvt. Larry D. Cooper, son of Carolyn A. Sowards, Old Main copy center operator, has been assigned to a U.S. Army tanker division in West Germany. A 1983 Huntington East High School graduate, he completed armor crewman training school at Fort Knox, Ky., this fall.

Allen R. Taylor, assistant director of the Computer Center, and his wife Vicki are the parents of a son, Steven Allen, who was born Oct. 16, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Proud of a family member's accomplishment! Is there a new baby at your house? Is there something else you'd like to share with your colleagues? "Personnel personals..." is just the place. Send your information to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 102.

Appeal for support 

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peal for their support of public higher education in West Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. William E. Coffey
MU Representative
BOR Advisory Council of Faculty

WPBY Channel 33 to air road games on delay basis

WPBY Channel 33 has announced its schedule of delayed telecasts of Marshall University basketball.

Five home games will be aired on a delay basis and WPBY is planning to air two additional road games live. These will be announced at a later date.

Home games to be shown on a delay basis include:
Mon., Jan. 16... Furman (10 p.m.)
Sat., Jan. 28... Western Carolina (10 p.m.)
Sat., Feb. 11... Davidson (10 p.m.)
Mon., Feb. 13... Appalachian State (10 p.m.)
Sat., Feb. 18... The Citadel (10 p.m.)

Ron Kwozalla and Dan Shoemaker will provide the play-by-play and commentary for Channel 33. Karl "Skip" Hill of WPBY-TV is producing the telecasts.