Preparations Underway for Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium

The Martin Luther King, Jr., Eleventh Annual Symposium, scheduled to run Jan. 19-20 in Huntington, will be celebrated through an array of panels, forums, memorial programs, a march, a Chautauqua impersonation and other activities in honor of the late civil rights leader.

Established by Marshall’s Office of Multicultural Affairs and partially funded by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, this year’s theme will be “Continuing the Legacy and the Struggle for Justice and Equality in the 21st Century.”

As Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs, observes, “Each annual symposium is an opportunity to promote Martin Luther King Jr.’s ideals of peace, equality, justice and unity, and to encourage the Marshall family and the Tri-state community’s participation in programs of service and action.”

The Symposium gets underway Monday, Jan. 19, with a Focus on Youth program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., presented by the Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA) at the A.D. Lewis Community Center at 1450 A.D. Lewis Avenue.

The program will be followed by a luncheon, and a roundtable panel discussion with the theme, “What would Dr. King do about violence and drugs in our community?” from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will be coordinated by Rev. Paul Willis Sr., pastor of the First Baptist Church at 901 Sixth Avenue.

A highlight of each year’s symposium is the traditional march, which begins this year with a line-up at 4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Beginning at 5 p.m., marchers will make their way to the Sixteenth Street Missionary Baptist Church located at 1647 Ninth Avenue, where the annual memorial service begins at 6:30 p.m.

During the service, the winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Competition will be announced by Dr. Christina Murphy, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and chair of the awards competition. In addition, a community mass choir will perform.

Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City will be the speaker. A recipient of six honorary degrees, Butts has gained renown for his professional and religious activities. He serves as President of the Council of Churches of New York, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of United Way of New York City, and he is a member of the leadership boards of the September 11th Fund, the Boy Scouts of America, the American Baptist College and the Community Development Corporation of Long Island.

Following the memorial service, a reception will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall, beginning at 8 p.m.

A Chautauqua impersonation (costumed characterization) of A. Phillip Randolph is sched-...
Library Commission, CTC Begin Certification Program

The Public Library Technology (PLT) certification program, which will enable students to qualify for jobs in West Virginia public libraries, is in the process of being approved, Monica Brooks, Associate Dean of Libraries at Marshall University, said today.

Brooks said the PLT program, which will be offered beginning in January, will provide critical training in areas such as cataloging, technical services, administration, children’s and young adult programming, and technology.

The 33 credit-hour program is being formed in conjunction with the Marshall Community & Technical College, the West Virginia Library Commission, and the Marshall University Libraries.

Many of West Virginia’s more than 170 public libraries are staffed by individuals who do not have an associate degree or bachelor’s degree. Because the PLT program is offered 100 percent online, those individuals who may be providing single-staff library operations in rural West Virginia locales can take the courses without having to leave their library or home.

Brooks said members of the West Virginia Library Association have been discussing this collaboration for many years. More than a decade ago, Marshall and the Library Commission offered a summer institute in which both public and school librarians could obtain college credits as they obtained necessary training.

“Participants without assistance had to shut down their libraries for the duration of the training which lasted from four to eight weeks,” Brooks said. “When this program was discontinued, we talked about using technology to offer some kind of online alternative. Finally, we are in a position to combine our expertise in libraries with our expertise in distance education delivery.”

The PLT program consists of six library courses and five general studies courses. When a student completes the certificate, he or she will have half of the credit hours needed for an associate degree.

“Encouraging the library employees all over the state to further their education is one of our many goals,” Brooks said. “We also want to help build a better workforce and provide educational offerings that are convenient and applicable to their daily work duties. Additionally, we may even entice some non-library folks to get into a wonderful career that has many opportunities for personal and professional growth.”

Public Library Organization and Administration will be offered in the fall 2004 term. For the first six semesters, only one library class will be offered. After this pilot period, more than one library class may be offered per semester. The courses do not require prerequisites. A new student may enroll in a course at any time.

More details and a description of the courses are available at www.marshall.edu/library/plt/default.asp. Anyone interested in taking a PLT course must first seek formal admission to the Marshall Community & Technical College, then should consult the financial aid office for higher education adult part-time student scholarship opportunities and funding. Scholarship opportunities might also be available through individual library boards, the West Virginia Library Commission and the West Virginia Library Association.

More information is available by contacting Brooks at (304) 696-6613, or by e-mail at brooks@marshall.edu.

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Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Lorraine Anderson and Dr. Lawrence Shao of the Lewis College of Business co-presented a paper, "Evaluation of Faculty Performance: Comparing U.S. Schools and Foreign Business Schools," at the Association for Global Business Conference in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 21. Their paper received the Best Paper Award certificate in recognition of excellence as determined by peer evaluation.

In Memoriam: Gene King

Gene King, who was supervisor of the mail room at the Graduate College in South Charleston until his retirement in 1996, died at his home in Montgomery on Jan. 3.

He was a longtime employee of the college. "He will be fondly remembered as the College poet, philosopher, wit, and keen observer of human behavior," said Kemp Winfree, Vice President for Regional Operations.

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Charleston Civic Center. Sponsored in part by the Friends of Coal, this free event is open to the public. Hot and cold hors d’oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available.

Marshall President Dan Angel, university staff and representatives will greet visitors during the reception. Marco and the Marshall University cheerleaders will be on hand to entertain the crowd.

Marshall and WVU meet in a women’s game at 5:30 p.m., and the Thundering Herd and West Virginia men play at 8 p.m. in the annual Capital Classic.

Tickets for the doubleheader are still available by calling the Marshall ticket office at 1-800-THE HERD or the Charleston Civic Center box office at 345-7469.

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the other miracles of life. The audience practically leaps for joy!”

Tickets may be purchased through the Marshall Artists Series Box Office, located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The office is open Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Phone orders may be made with a MasterCard or VISA by calling ext. 6656.

HR Training
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Jan. 22 – Banner On-line Inquiry and Reporting; 1:00-2:00 p.m., 224 Old Main, Linda Mollohan, Accounting Department, facilitator.


Jan. 30 – Banner Purchasing Refresher Course, two-hour sessions; to schedule a time and place, contact the Assistant Director of Purchasing at ext. 2821.

In addition, three TIAA-CREF One-on-One Counseling Sessions have been scheduled. Representatives will be available each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The dates and locations are: Jan. 13, Memorial Student Union, room 2W8; Jan. 14, Memorial Student Union, room 2W8; Jan. 15, Marshall Medical Center, room B501. Individuals may schedule a personal planning session by signing up online at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or by calling TIAA-CREF directly at 1-877-209-3136.

Registration for classes can be done online through the Human Resource Web page. For additional information, contact Judy Blevins at ext. 2593.

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uled Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Randolph was a political and civic activist who in 1917 co-founded “The Messenger,” an African American magazine dedicated to ending the exploitation of workers. He led the successful campaign to outlaw racial discrimination in the Federal government and defense industries during World War II. He has been called the architect of the August 28, 1963 March on Washington.

Portraying Randolph will be Joseph Bundy, a native of Bluefield, W.Va., and a Marshall University Graduate College alumnus. Bundy is the founder and director of the Afro Appalachian Performance Company and drama instructor for the West Virginia African American Arts and Heritage Academy, and has served as an adjunct instructor at Glenville State Community and Technical College. He is well known for portraying, among others, such influential historical figures as Booker T. Washington and former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Bundy has made presentations at the West Virginia Black History and Appalachian Studies Conferences, and coordinated West Virginia’s first African American Team Chautauqua. He is a playwright, and his poetry appears in “Wild Sweet Notes,” an anthology of West Virginia poets.

Dr. Rainey Duke and Sylvia Ridgeway are co-chairs of this year’s symposium planning committee. Committee members include Phillip W. Carter, Maurice Cooley, Edward Dawson, Margot Durbin, Rebecca Glass, Stephen Hensley, Rev. David Johnson, Dr. Dolores Johnson, Sally Lind, Dr. Charles O. Lloyd, Rev. Samuel Moore, Dr. Christina Murphy, Rev. Larry Patterson, Feon Smith, William Smith, Brandon Stevens, Susan Tams, Rev. Paul Wills, Sr., and Barbara Winters.

“We thank the Eleventh Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Symposium Planning Committee, sponsors, speakers, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Competition evaluation committee, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission for their invaluable assistance in making this symposium a success!” said Cleckley.