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NEWSLETTER

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MU energy conservation efforts urged

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Marshall University is fortunate to be located within a geographic area traditionally noted for its relatively inexpensive electricity and fossil fuels. That fact, however, should not lull us into complacency with regard to energy conservation on campus. The sheer magnitude of Marshall's annual utility expenditures (approximately \$2.2 million in 1989-90) creates a significant pool of funding with enormous potential for savings and potential for application of those savings to other budgetary needs.

Chick retiring from School of Medicine

Dr. Ernest W. Chick, who is retiring from the Marshall University School of Medicine, was honored at a reception Jan. 17 in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center. The Department of Family and Community Health hosted the event.

His career in medicine has spanned more than 35 years. He joined the Marshall School of Medicine in 1982 serving as professor in the departments of Family and Community Health and Pathology. He also has served as microbiology adviser to the Huntington VA Medical Center. In 1985 he became director of the medical school's Office of Continuing Medical Education.

Chick has specialized in the study of fungal diseases, particularly those attacking the respiratory tract and affecting rural health. He has published widely and participated in numerous state and national professional organizations.

"Dr. Chick is a distinguished researcher and has had a tremendous influence on any number of students, of whom I was one, in the field of community health," said Dr. John B. Walden, associate dean for outreach and development. Chick is recognized nationally as an authority on tuberculin skin testing, according to Walden, and is one of the people pharmaceutical companies consult when considering any changes in the test.

"Dr. Chick is also without a doubt one of the most gentlemanly figures any of us has had the good fortune to meet," Walden said. "That's the lasting impression everyone has."

Chick graduated from Duke University School of Medicine in 1953 and held positions with the Duke School of Medicine, Durham Veterans Administration Hospital,

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The age and condition of some of our buildings' heating and cooling systems prevent us from effecting major energy reductions without expending major capital dollars.

Energy conservation and temperature control is a high priority in capital improvement projects currently being planned, and in the long-run, significant savings can be achieved.

Beyond these projects, however, anything we can do to reduce consumption of energy can be directly converted to useable dollars. It would not be unreasonable to expect a 5 percent reduction in energy usage by developing some simple habits such as: turning off lights in unused areas; comparing energy efficiency of new equipment prior to purchase; closing windows and doors; reducing water consumption, and adapting to a setback of the daytime building temperature from 72 degrees to 68 degrees (reaction to this suggestion would be welcomed).

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and active involvement in conservation efforts. Each 5 percent reduction converts to \$110,000 in useful dollars.

Please share this with all faculty, staff and students wherever possible so that everybody is conscious of the savings that can be achieved during these tight budget times.

Dr. Edward Grose
Vice President,
Administration

Schelling gets MURC post

Ron L. Schelling, director of the Office of Sponsored Projects at Marshall University's Office of Research and Economic Development Outreach, has been appointed an executive director and treasurer for the board of directors of the Marshall University Research Corporation.

Dr. Robert F. Maddox, president of the research corporation and executive assistant to the president at Marshall, said the appointment of Schelling, an experienced financial analyst, as treasurer will ensure the continued smooth operations of the center.

The research corporation administers and finances the economic development efforts of the Marshall University Office of Research and Economic Development Outreach and serves as the fiscal agent in the management of grants and contracts for Marshall University.

As director of sponsored projects, Schelling assists
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Committee gets report on NCAA rules

(The following report on the Jan. 17 meeting of the Marshall University Athletic Committee was submitted by John Wallace, secretary.)

Dorothy Hicks, Marshall's NCAA representative, reported on the NCAA cost-containment decisions made in Nashville early in January.

Important proposals that were adopted include:

No. 20-21: Limits the official contacts that institutions can have with prospects.

No. 29: Mandates that every member school must have a Student-Athlete Support Program.

No. 31: Limits the training table meals to one per day.

No. 32: Limits the time that teams can be away from campus.

No. 33: Mandates that coaches must be certified as knowledgeable of the NCAA recruiting rules.

No. 35: Limits the use of GAs and volunteers in coaching positions (which will probably increase Marshall's costs, and reduce opportunities for young people to gain coaching experience).

No. 38: Limits to 20 hours a week (with one day off) the athletic demands on student athletes (starting in August 1991), limits the number of contests (starting August 1992) and mandates that class time cannot be missed due to practice and away games.

No. 40: Lowers the number of scholarships by 10 percent.

No. 44: Requires schools to play inside their division.

No. 45: Mandates a minimum of seven men's and seven women's sports. This implies that Marshall will have to add one sport, possibly women's golf.

No. 81: Requires that student-athletes entering their fourth collegiate academic year must have passed 50 percent of their degree-required courses to retain eligibility.

No. 98: A candidate must have taken the SAT or ACT before he/she is eligible for an official paid visit to campus.

Hicks announced that Georgia Southern University is joining the Southern Conference and that Richmond, James Madison and William and Mary are considering joining the conference. This has increased the satisfaction of member schools with their membership in the conference.

Linda Holmes, alumni representative, reminded the committee that receptions are being held at the Erickson Alumni Center after each home basketball game. She said every effort is being made to establish new traditions at the center.

The draft report of the subcommittee on the Student-Athlete Academic Support Program was distributed.

It has three main recommendations: that the Athletic Department should arrange to pay all the program's costs by 1993; that the program remain where it is organizationally, but that a steering committee be set up for it, and that certain operational improvements be looked into.

The steering committee would have four functions: to ensure that ethical academic standards are being met; to analyze data about academic performance; to evaluate academic standards for continued athletic eligibility, and to be a forum for resolving policy issues involving student-athletes' commitment to academic progress, allocation of student-athletes' time, etc.

Ken Blue reported on student athletic academic performance. While the GPAs of student-athletes remain above that of the student body as a whole, the trend from 1989 to 1990 is mixed. For example, while the mean GPAs of football players improved by between four and 19 percent, that of some other groups of athletes declined.

Wives Club to meet

The Marshall University Faculty Wives Club will meet Friday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Katherine Coffey, coordinator of benefits at Marshall, will present a program on "Medical and Retirement Benefits." Rachel Stewart is the hostess chairwoman. Baby-sitting services will be provided.

The Faculty Wives Executive Board will meet prior to the club meeting at 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W10.

Schelling gets post

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faculty and staff in research activity and administers grants and contract proposals.

Prior to accepting his position at Marshall last year, Schelling served as supervisor for restricted funding at the Smithsonian Institute's Office of Accounting and Financial Services where he was responsible for the administration of restricted funds, gifts, grants and contracts.

Chick reception held

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West Virginia University School of Medicine, University of Kentucky School of Medicine, Lexington Veterans Administration Hospital, and the Bureau for Health Services in the Kentucky Department for Human Resources. He is listed in "American Men of Science," "Who's Who in the East," "Who's Who in the South," and "Who's Who in Kentucky."

Senior recital planned

Leslea Renae Cole of Pt. Pleasant, a senior music education major at Marshall University, will present a recital on euphonium and trombone on Friday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The recital will be open to the public free of charge.

Chertow doing research in Australia

A Marshall doctor's search for an understanding of the relationship between vitamin A, insulin, and diabetes has taken him to an internationally renowned research institute in Australia.

Dr. Bruce Chertow, chief of endocrinology at the Marshall University School of Medicine, left January 4 on a six-month sabbatical which he will spend at the Baker Institute in Melbourne, Australia, gaining state-of-the-art

Smoot named director of international trade

Dr. Richard C. Smoot, formerly director of the Economic Development Administration Technical Assistance Program at Marshall University, has been named director of the university's Institute for International Trade and Development, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, executive assistant to the MU president.

Smoot received his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Marshall and his doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

He previously served as research editor for Marshall's Office of Research and Economic Development Outreach. Prior to accepting a position at Marshall in 1989, Smoot served as an assistant professor at McNeese State University and served as historian and administrative staff officer at the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center.

Smoot formerly served on the board of directors of the Marshall University Alumni Association.

The Institute for International Trade and Development was established at Marshall by the West Virginia Legislature to facilitate higher education's involvement in international market development. It provides assistance in exporting and attracting foreign investment to state businesses and develops student internships in international trade. The program is administered through Marshall's Office of Research and Economic Development Outreach.

"The addition of Dr. Smoot, with his economic development experience, to the IITD team will be a valuable asset to West Virginia's expanded role in international trade development," said Maddox.

Smoot will join a staff experienced in international trade, including J. Raymond DePaulo, senior management adviser, and Harold L. Porter, coordinator of the Export Assistance Program.

Maddox said both DePaulo and Porter have many years of experience in private industry and international trade.

Black history events set

Marshall University's observance of February as Black History Month will begin with an African-American/African Art Festival and reception on Friday, Feb. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

To obtain further details about Black History Month activities at Marshall contact Kenneth E. Blue, 696-5430, or the Office of Minority Students' Programs, 696-6705.

training in molecular biology.

"We were the first laboratory to show that vitamin A is required for insulin secretion," Chertow said. "The next question to answer is, how does it affect insulin secretion? What is the mechanism at the molecular level?"

The Baker Institute is widely recognized for its researchers' expertise in the biologic tools needed to study this aspect of molecular function, according to Chertow. His training under the preceptorship of Dr. John W. Funder, who is an internationally renowned endocrinologist, will benefit his research here in West Virginia, he said.

Chertow is engaged in a five-year study funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to determine how vitamin A deficiency may lead to abnormally low release of insulin or to problems in the growth of cells that release insulin.

"It is known that a super family of protein receptors serves as keys to unlock the door of the nucleus to vitamin A and certain hormones. Once this door is unlocked, different sets of genes can be expressed to produce the products, such as insulin, that are needed to regulate various cell functions," Chertow explained. "At the Baker Institute I will be looking to see if these proteins are in the pancreatic islets that secrete insulin."

His study has particular significance for West Virginians because rural citizens have both a high rate of diabetes and vitamin A deficiency. "Statistics show that 74 percent of boys aged 6 to 8 in West Virginia are deficient in vitamin A," Chertow pointed out. Overall, a quarter of the state's population has inadequate amounts of vitamin A.

In addition, Chertow's work at the Baker Institute will focus on how insulin might contribute to hypertension and heart disease, two other diseases common in West Virginia. Recent findings show a relationship between elevated insulin levels and coronary artery disease, he said.

Chertow, who is also chief of endocrinology and nuclear medicine at the Huntington VA Medical Center, will be in Australia through June 30, 1991.

Birke symposium begins

The Atlantic Winds woodwind quintet will open the 1991 Birke Fine Arts Symposium, "Mozart and More," on Monday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Based in New Haven, Conn., the Atlantic Winds members also will conduct brass and woodwind seminars on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and will direct sectionals during Symphonic Band and MU Orchestra rehearsals.

Tickets for the concert will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

The symposium is commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of Mozart by celebrating his genius with a series of concerts and events throughout the semester.

To obtain further details contact Dr. M. Leslie Petteys or Dr. Reed Smith of Marshall's Music Department, 696-3117.

Committee discusses withdrawal policy

(The following summary of the minutes of the Jan. 17 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Standards and Curricula Review Committee was submitted by Dagmar Weill, secretary.)

The Academic Standards and Curricula Review Committee met Jan. 17. On the agenda was the withdrawal policy of Marshall University. Sections I and II of the new policy had been approved in principle in previous meetings. Section III had to be discussed and approved.

Dr. David Woodward, chairman, presented a survey of withdrawal policies from several universities. All of the universities in the survey had more stringent policies than Marshall.

After more discussion, it was agreed to approve Section III of the new policy and recommend the following changes:

I. Students who do not attend class during the first week of school will be dropped from the roll if they have not made prior arrangements with their instructor. It is the responsibility of the faculty to take attendance during the first week and inform the registrar of students

Employee of Year named

Employees in Marshall University's library system have selected Mary Caserta, department business manager, as the Marshall University Library Employee of the Year, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

Dr. Kenneth Slack, Confederate bibliographer and former library director, nominated Ms. Caserta for the award.

In making the nomination, he said, "She gives great commitment to her responsibilities and is devoted to making our limited resources do as much as possible. Her efforts have an impact on all of us and certainly have an impact on patron services. She makes herself available through an open-door policy. She is flexible, has high integrity and is genuine, honest and sincere. I don't know how we could get along without her."

Auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Marshall University Theatre production of "Picnic" by William Inge will be held Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 3:30 and 7 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

Roles for seven women, four men and three offstage voices will be cast, according to K.C. Bragg, director.

Auditions will be open to all Marshall University students, faculty and staff.

"Picnic" will be performed March 13-16.

Curran to give recital

Soprano Karen Curran, a candidate for the master of arts degree in vocal music performance at Marshall, will present a recital on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The recital will be open to the public free of charge.

who miss the entire week.

Rationale: This policy is designed to eliminate the "IW" grade which is given to students who register for, but never attend a class. This policy should also make it possible for some students to enroll in classes that previously were closed. (Note: During the fall and spring semesters, 1989-90, 661 "IW" grades were recorded.)

II. Students may withdraw from individual classes or from the university during the first 50 percent (8th week) of classes with a "W." Faculty members are responsible for ensuring that students are informed of their grade to date by midterm.

Students, however, who withdraw from "designated" classes (classes that have a record of being overenrolled) after the Census Date (date after first 10 class days) will be restricted to regular registration for that class in a subsequent semester. No opportunity will be given this student for an overload.

It is the responsibility of the deans to establish "designated" classes for their respective colleges.

This new policy does not apply to students who have previously withdrawn from classes.

Rationale: This policy is designed to discourage students from repeatedly signing up for, but not completing required lower level courses such as composition speech, modern languages and mathematics. This policy, however, would not apply to class adjustment which takes place before the Census Date. (Note: During the fall and spring semesters, 1989-90, 5,834 "W" grades were recorded.)

III. Students may withdraw from individual classes with a "WP" or a "WF" grade during weeks 9-12. After this period, during weeks 13-15, students cannot withdraw from individual classes, but may withdraw from the university completely with the "WP" or "WF" grade acquired at that point.

Rationale: Marshall University's present withdrawal policy has resulted in many students never making a commitment to some of the classes in which they enroll. Many students, although passing, now withdraw from individual classes as late as the final week of class.

During the fall and spring semesters, 1989-90, 3,415 "WP" grades were recorded; only 382 "WF" grades were recorded. Since many of these students were doing passing work when they withdrew, they could have completed their courses.

Ceramic lecture slated

Ceramic artist Paul A. Dresang will present a slide lecture about his work in porcelain on Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Birke Art Gallery.

Dresang holds a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Minnesota and serves as professor of art at Southern Illinois University.

His work will be exhibited in Birke Art Gallery Feb. 2-21.

The presentation and exhibit will be open to the public free of charge.

Marshall group will study in Spain

Marshall University's Department of Modern Languages will sponsor a Spanish Language and Culture Program in Spain this June and July, according to Dr. Maria Carmen Riddel, associate professor of modern languages, who will accompany the study group to Madrid.

John Morton dies

John F. Morton, 57, assistant director of financial aid at Marshall University, died Thursday, Jan. 24, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Born July 26, 1933, in Highcoal-Whitesville, he was a son of the late John Dewey and Hazel Powers Morton.

He graduated from Sherman High School in Seth, W.Va., and after serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, received his bachelor's degree in business administration and his master's degree in educational administration from Marshall.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall in 1972, he served as a teacher at Seth High School and St. Joseph Central High School.

He was a member and adviser of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Giovanna Morton of Marshall's School of Nursing; a brother and sister-in-law, Herman D. and JoAnn Morton of Palestine, Texas; sisters-in-law, Bess H. Morton of Huntsville, Ala., and Lena Bisato of Oceana; four nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Maxwell Morton.

Excused absences . . .

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

JAN. 14-25--Laura Jo Smith.

JAN. 23--Kimberly L. Kiger.

JAN. 23-27--Jennifer Harrell, Amy Hodapp, John Husell, Beth Ingram, Molly Jarrell, Duane Johnson, Eric Kaltenecker, Robert McKinney, Trevor Nelson, Mark Sachleben, Susan Shumate, William Snider.

FEB. 1-3--Chris Cobb, Derek Scott, Erik Raines, Chris Greenwood, Kristi Stratton, Stephanie Pauley, Maribeth Brooks, Kim Wheeler, Larry Frum Jr., Brad Williamson, Paul Swann, Kim Jefferson, Marti Leach, Jill McNeal, Terri Simpkins.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Love Addictions" on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.

Participants will live in private homes with Spanish families during the program, which will be offered on a one-month or two-month basis.

Students may earn up to six credit hours per month for elementary, intermediate or advanced Spanish. Courses also will be available in Conversation, Literature and Spanish Civilization.

The courses will be taught by faculty members from the Centro de Estudios Hispánicos Antonio de Nebrija.

Participants will depart May 31 and return on July 1 or July 29. The cost for the one-month program will be \$2,500. The cost for the two-month program will be \$4,000.

"There is much to see and learn," said Dr. Riddel, "and there is no better way to learn a language or foreign culture than by total immersion."

Dr. Riddel urged persons interested in studying in Spain this summer to start preparing for the trip now.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Riddel at Marshall University, 696-2742, or the MU Center for International Studies, 696-2465.

Employee achievements

Dr. MICHAEL R. MOORE of the Department of Biochemistry has been notified that his paper, "Progesterin Stimulation of Thymidine Kinase in the Human Breast Cancer Cell Line T47D," has been accepted for publication in *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*. Marshall School of Medicine graduate LARRY D. HATHAWAY and JAMES A. BIRCHER, an MU biology graduate, co-authored the paper.

Dr. WAYNE ELMORE, professor of biological sciences, was the principal author of a paper titled "Influence of cultural and physiochemical factors on ascorbate stability in plant tissue culture media" which was published in *Plant Cell Tissue and Organ Culture* (20:131-135). The paper was co-authored by Barbara Samples, Sanjeev Sharma and Dr. MARCIA HARRISON, assistant professor of biological sciences.

Smoking course planned

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor "Fresh Start," a smoking cessation class developed by the American Cancer Society, beginning Monday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall.

One-hour classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for two weeks, according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of Student Health Education Programs.

The course will be open to the public free of charge, however enrollment will be limited.

To register or obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall University, 696-4800.

Psychology Clinic offers varied services

Marshall University's Psychology Clinic will offer a variety of psychological services to community residents as well as university students and personnel during the spring semester, according to Dr. Marty Amerikaner, clinic director.

Services are available for psychological and interpersonal problems including depression, anxiety, stress, marital and family problems, relationship concerns and difficulties with children's behavior and learning.

Psychological evaluations and group programs on various subjects will be available.

Three new group programs will be offered during the semester: a group for people who want and/or need to lose weight, a group to help participants be more assertive in everyday situations and ongoing interpersonal relationships and a group to help people learn more effective methods of coping with stress and problems.

All groups will meet from 60 to 90 minutes per week for 10 weeks. Fees for the group sessions will be \$30 for the public and \$20 for Marshall students and personnel.

Clinicians are advanced graduate students who work under the close supervision of psychology faculty members.

"The Psychology Clinic is committed to providing quality services to the community," said Amerikaner. "We would like to encourage residents of the Tri-State area to consider the clinic as a community-oriented, low-cost resource. We offer a wide range of services including counseling for adults, children and adolescents at reasonable rates designed to fit within the constraints of even the tightest budgets."

The clinic is located on the Marshall campus in Harris Hall Room 449. To make an appointment or obtain further details contact Amerikaner, 696-2783, or the Marshall University Department of Psychology, 696-6446.

Quartet to perform

The Montclair String Quartet of the West Virginia Symphony will perform in concert with members of the Marshall University Music Department on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for MU faculty and staff, \$2 for students and \$20 per family. Tickets will be available at the door.

Fellowships available

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Graduate Student Researchers Program awards approximately 80 fellowships each year to graduate students whose research interests are compatible with NASA's programs in space, science and aerospace technology.

Awards of up to \$22,000 are made in fields such as astrophysics, communications and information systems, earth science, life science, solar system exploration, physics, etc.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.



Kayla Moore (left), an Elkview, W.Va., senior, is congratulated by Patricia Bodo Lucas of Louisville, Ky., as the first recipient of the Monica Ann Lucas Scholarship in Health Care Management. Mrs. Lucas, formerly of Logan, W.Va., established the scholarship in memory of her daughter, Monica Ann, who died June 15, 1989, following a motel swimming pool accident, one month after earning her B.B.A. degree from Marshall. The endowed scholarship was created through personal contributions of Mrs. Lucas and numerous memorial gifts to The Marshall University Foundation Inc.

Upward Bound gets funding for 1991-92

The Upward Bound Program at Marshall University has received federal funding in the amount of \$191,325 for the 1991-92 year, according to Jackie Hersman, program director.

Funded through the U.S. Department of Education, Upward Bound prepares and motivates 60 capable high school students to pursue post-secondary educations. Students are selected from Cabell, Wayne and Mingo counties.

The students receive services throughout the year and spend six weeks during the summer on the Marshall campus where they receive academic, vocational and personal counseling. They also attend classes, travel and learn study skills that will help them in college.

Upward Bound has been offered at Marshall since 1973.

To obtain further details about the program contact Ms. Hersman at Marshall University, 696-6456.

Prize winner announced

The vending machine prize winner for December was Todd Osborne, a senior from Culloden, according to Karen E. Kirtley of the Auxiliary Services Office.

Osborne received an electric blanket.