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Recycling effort begins Nov. 5 on MU campus

Marshall University's Student Government Association and S.A.V.E. (Students Active for a Vital Earth) are sponsoring a recycling campaign on the MU campus.
Aluminum can receptacles will be placed around the campus so students, faculty and staff can deposit their aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds from the recycling effort will go to the Boys Club of Huntington, according to Student Body President Thomas Hayden.
The campaign will begin Monday, Nov. 5, at 4:30 p.m.

“This program will send Marshall University into the 21st century in protecting our environment,” said Hayden. “It also will serve as a project that will strengthen the ties between Marshall University and the Huntington community.”
To obtain further details contact Hayden at 696-6436 or 696-6435 or Jim Buresch, student body vice president for administration, at 696-2289.

MU search committee drafts job description

The Marshall University Presidential Search Committee, meeting Thursday, Oct. 25, eliminated nine applicants for the MU presidency and adopted a presidential job description.
As of Thursday, formal applications had been received from 32 individuals and 15 nominations were on file. William P. Burdette, secretary of the search committee, said applications and nominations are continuing to arrive daily.
William Bowen of Heidrick and Struggles, executive search consultants, said the search committee would receive applications this week from eight individuals contacted by his firm.
Elimination of nine candidates who did not meet requirements for the presidency came on the recommendation of the subcommittee to screen applicants. The subcommittee is made up of Dr. Frances Hensley and Dr. Susan Ferrell, MU faculty members, and Philip Cline, president of the Marshall Foundation.
The search committee also accepted unanimously the presidential job description drafted by Dr. Hensley and Dr. Ferrell as members of the job description subcommittee. It reads:
The successful candidate for the presidency of Marshall University should possess:
* High moral and ethical standards.
* An earned doctorate from an accredited institution.
* A record of successful administrative leadership and proven management effectiveness in higher education at the dean's level or above.
* A demonstrated commitment to the objectives of teaching, scholarship and service and have a record of accomplishment in these three areas.
* A demonstrated commitment to excellence in educational programs.
* Knowledge of financial management and fund

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Alumnus to speak on campus

Dr. Kevin S. Smith, a graduate of Marshall University's School of Medicine, will be the guest speaker for the sixth annual Honors Weekend for outstanding black high school students on Friday, Nov. 2, during the Honors Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center.
A native of Logan County, Smith was a former member of the MU football team. He currently is an instructor in anesthesiology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Welty named director of development at MU

Sue W. Welty, who served 10 years in development and community relations at WPBY-TV in Huntington, has joined the Marshall University staff as director of development.
Dr. Edward G. “Ned” Boehm Jr., MU vice president for institutional advancement, said Ms. Welty will be responsible for assisting in The Campaign for Marshall, a $10-million capital and endowment fund drive. She also will work on major gift proposals and grant requests.
“During the two-and-a-half years Sue Welty was marketing director for WPBY-TV, she increased corporate support for the public broadcasting station by 61 percent,” Boehm said. “We’re very fortunate to have her join us in soliciting support for Marshall.”
A native of Troy, Pa., Ms. Welty received a B.Ed. degree in early childhood and elementary education from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., in 1977, and

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Lavery gets national honor for work

Dr. Margaret A. Lavery of the Marshall University School of Medicine has received a national award for an article describing her long-term follow-up study of a behavioral weight control program, the largest study of its kind.

Dr. Lavery received the Huddleson Award of the American Dietetic Association last week at the association’s annual meeting in Denver. The award honors a dietitian who has made important professional contributions through original research, innovations in practice, or insightful review. It includes a cash award of $1,000.

Dr. Lavery’s study looked at the weights of approximately 500 patients two years after they had completed a weight-loss program. Her analysis covered more than average weight loss of the group: it also used three new yardsticks which can help better measure a program’s effectiveness, Dr. Lavery said.

“Looking just at averages, we found that the participants, as a group, weighed 5.8 pounds less than they did two years ago when they enrolled in the eight-week weight-loss program,” she said.

“However, the range of weight change after the two-year follow-up period was quite extensive,” she added. “One person had lost 71 pounds; another had gained 47.

By looking at these other measurements, we were able to see that 16 percent of the participants lost at least 10 percent of their body weight. This is of great importance because it has been shown that the health risks related to obesity can be reduced with a modest reduction of 10 percent of body weight.

“In addition, 36 percent of the people maintained or increased the weight loss achieved during treatment, and more than 65 percent weighed less after two years than they did when the study started,” she said.

Joint concert planned

The Marshall University Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Ben F. Miller, will be joined by the MU Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Ed Bingham, for a performance on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The Jazz Ensemble will play “Four” by Miles Davis, “Pavane” by Gabriel Faure and “Back in the Sack–Jack” by Neal Finn.

Songs by the Percussion Ensemble will include “African Welcome Piece,” “Percussion Suite No. 1” by Louis Bellson, “Moon Step” by Marc Bleuse and “Concerto in A minor” by J.S. Bach.

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

Health library gets grant

The Norval Carter Memorial Medical Society has presented a $1,000 gift to the Health Science Libraries of the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The gift, presented by Dr. Anthony Bowdler of the school’s faculty, is being used for books to upgrade the library’s collection, according to director Edward Dzierzak.

The Norval Carter Memorial Medical Society is a charitable organization which assists medical students and is supported by senior physicians in the Huntington area. Its major activity is providing a scholarship fund.

The society was formed more than 40 years ago to honor Carter, a Huntington physician who was with the Army Medical Corps and died during the D-day invasion of Normandy in World War II.
Karickhoff develops parenting program

West Virginia recently became the first state in the country to require at least one semester of parenting education be offered in every high school, according to Maudie Karickhoff, assistant professor of home economics at Marshall University, who served as the director of curricular development for the program.

A 1988 state Legislative mandate in Senate Bill 255, the child abuse bill, established that parenting be implemented in West Virginia by the fall of 1990.

The West Virginia Board of Education responded by requiring that at least one semester of parenting be offered in the home economics program in every high school in the state.

Marshall University and the West Virginia Department of Education worked in cooperation to develop the program that is being offered.

Ms. Karickhoff served as director of the project and editor of the curriculum. Twenty home economics teachers from throughout the state served as a steering committee and developed materials which were included in the course curriculum.

The course includes three major areas of focus: encouraging students to delay parenting until they are physically, emotionally and financially ready for parenting; development of skills and attitudes needed for nurturing and guiding relative to children’s food, health, play and discipline needs, and developing and utilizing family and community/societal resources for optimizing parenting.

Research indicates that effective parenting skills can be learned and the public school system provides the greatest opportunity to deliver such a program to the maximum number of students, according to Robin White, state supervisor of home economics education.

Approximately 200 teachers received two days of inservice training in parenting and the use of the critical thinking, problem solving approach to teaching/learning which is inherent in the course.

"Although the course is not a graduation requirement, it is an excellent program and a definite move in the right direction," said Ms. Karickhoff. "We would like for parents, interested persons and community groups and organizations to get involved and support this important project which has such promise for preventing child abuse and enabling future parents to do their job in a more competent manner."

Hicks receives award

Dr. Dorothy E. Hicks, professor in Marshall University’s Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, has been presented the Ray O. Duncan Award by the West Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The award, the highest honor given by the WVHEPERD, was presented to Dr. Hicks during the association’s recent conference held in Huntington.

She was presented the award for her outstanding work and service to the profession and the association.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1969, Dr. Hicks has served the university in a number of capacities including chairwoman of the former women’s physical education department, associate athletic director and coach of the women’s golf team.

She has served as Marshall’s representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association and recently was one of 16 faculty athletic representatives selected to participate in an NCAA Round Table on the role of the FAR in the area of institutional compliance.

Dr. Hicks received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from George Peabody College and her doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

‘South Pacific’ slated

"South Pacific," the Pulitzer Prize winning musical by Richard Rogers, Oscar Hammerstein and Joshua Logan, will be presented by the Marshall University Department of Theater/Dance and Department of Music on Nov. 14-17 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

The musical takes place on two South Pacific islands during World War II. It revolves around the love affair of a Navy nurse and a French plantation owner depicted against a background of war activities.

Tickets will be $5. Tickets for children and Marshall faculty and staff members will be $4.50 if purchased before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Tickets will be available in Old Main Room B-23 and at the door prior to performances.

To obtain further details call 696-2787.

Students to perform

A student chamber music recital, under the direction of Reed Smith of Marshall’s music faculty, will be held Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Approximately 26 students will participate in the program which will feature small ensembles including a saxophone trio, a bass drum quintet, a guitar trio and groups of mixed instrumentation.

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

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Music Department, 696-3117.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women’s Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "African-American Women: Empowerment Issues" on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women’s Center, 696-3112.
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

Dr. MARIA-TULIA GOMEZ-AVILA, assistant professor of Spanish, was an invited guest speaker for the U.S. Department of Justice (Federal Correctional Institution), Ashland, Ky., on Oct. 12. Her presentation was in conjunction with the department's observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month and revolved around the theme, "500 Years of Hispanic Heritage—1492 to 1992: Education Excellence—Key to our Future." Dr. GOMEZ-AVILA was invited to speak by Paul Helo, the department's Hispanic employment manager for the equal employment opportunity program, after he heard her speak at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cultural Awareness Week activities held Aug. 6-10 in Huntington. Dr. GOMEZ-AVILA made a presentation titled "The Hispanic Contribution to Education" during the event's Hispanic Cultural Awareness Day on Aug. 7. The theme for the week was "Many Cultures One Community."

Dr. DOUGLAS ROBERTSON, assistant professor of modern languages, read a paper titled "The Child Archetype in 'Baralipton' and 'Flor de juegos antiguos' of Agustin Yanez" at the Pennsylvania Foreign Language Conference recently held at Duquesne University. He also attended the fall meeting of the West Virginia Foreign Language Teachers Association held Sept. 28 on the Parkersburg campus of West Virginia University. Dr. MARIA-TULIA GOMEZ-AVILA, assistant professor of Spanish, and Dr. MARIA CARMEN RIDDEL, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, also read papers at the Pennsylvania conference.

Dr. JOHN W. LARSON, professor of chemistry, was the author of a paper titled "Isotope Effects in the Acid-Catalyzed Reactions of Hypophosphorous Acid" that appeared in the August issue of Polyhedron.

Dr. NICO ORSINI, associate professor of physics and physical science, recently finished a two-month appointment as a Visiting Research Scientist at the University of Michigan Space Physics Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor. His research consisted of identifying natural periodicities in the neutral ionospheric temperature and composition of the earth due to sunspot cycles, solar rotation, lunar tides and other cyclic phenomena.

Dr. ROBERT L. DINGMAN of Marshall University's Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation has been presented the 1990 Service to the Counseling Profession Award by the West Virginia Association for Counseling and Development. The award was presented during the WVACD conference held recently in Morgantown. DINGMAN, who is president of the American Association of State Counseling Boards, made a presentation titled "Helping Clients Build Self-confidence" during the conference. Dingman's wife, Dr. JANET S. DINGMAN, was elected president-elect of the West Virginia Association for Counseling and Development and will assume the WVACD presidency in 1992. She is a counselor in private practice and a part-time faculty member in Marshall's Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation.

Art exhibit to be held

Works by seven senior Marshall University art students will be exhibited in Birke Art Gallery Nov. 10-29.

Six of the students are majoring in graphic design: Robin Kuhnner, Laura Painter, Christina Mercer, Melinda Rawlins, Todd Harrell and Andrea Flesher. Karen Carter is an art education major.

The artists will be honored at a reception on Monday, Nov. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Gallery. The exhibit and the reception will be open to the public.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Art Department, 696-6760.

Excused absences...

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

OCT. 17—Maribeth Brooks, Joyce Merritt, Tracy Mallott, Kenneth Thomas, Misty Saul, Angie McClure, Denise Hicks, Allen Clarkson, Andy Hayden, Kelli Tackett, Kelly Melvin, Cathy Maynor.