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Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ALINA ZAPALSKA, associate professor of Economics, has published a research paper "Competition in Eastern Europe: Results of Surveys in Poland and Hungary," with Dallas Brozik and Georgine Fogel in the "Journal of East-West Business." She also had three research papers published in a book "Teaching Economics: Instruction and Classroom Based Research." The papers are "Learning Styles of Students in US and New Zealand Undergraduate Business Courses: The Use of the VARK Instrument," "The Use of Visual Aids in the Teaching of Introductory Economics," and "Creative Thinking in the New Zealand Undergraduate Business Courses: Implications for Course Design."

ZAPALSKA is President Elect of Midwest Business Association and a Program Chairperson for the 1999 MBEA meetings. She presented the following papers at the 1999 Midwest Business Economics Association meeting Feb. 17-19 in Chicago: "Learning Styles of Students in US and New Zealand Undergraduate Business Courses: The Use of the VARK Instrument," "The Use of Visual Aids in the Teaching of Introductory Economics," "Teaching Elasticity: A Computer Program and Exercises," "Creative Thinking in the New Zealand Undergraduate Business Courses: Implications for Course Design," "Problem Solving," "Entrepreneurial Start-Up and Growth: A Case Study of Thailand," "Evaluating the Price Competitiveness of New Zealand's Exports," and "Improving the Quality of Students Learning in US and NZ Undergraduate Business Courses."

Dr. C. ROBERT BARNETT, professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, published four biographical essays in the "American National Biography." The 24 volume "American National Biography" published by Oxford University Press will replace the "Dictionary of American Biography" as the foremost authority on American biography. The essays are "Four Horseman of Notre Dame," "Wayne Vernal Milner," "Arthur Joseph Rooney," and "Clark Daniel Shaughnessy."

MONICA GARCIA BROOKS, interim director of Libraries, and LYNNE EDINGTON, Librarian II, attended the Ninth National Conference of The Association of College and Research Libraries during the week of April 5. They presented a program "An Open Discussion on Copyright and Fair Use" that was broadcast live over the Internet April 8 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dr. THOMAS E. WILSON, professor of Physics and Physical Science, was elected to serve as a national "Councilor of Physics and Astronomy or the "Council for Undergraduate Research (CUR) and will attend the 21st Annual Councilor Meeting to be held at the University of Minnesota-Duluth from June 23-26. CUR is a national organization founded in 1978 in order to serve as the voice of undergraduate research in the sciences.

Dr. STEVE SHUKLIAN, associate professor of Economics, has had an article titled "Economic Development and the Myth of Laissez Faire: Germany and France in the Nineteenth Century" accepted for publication in the "Scandinavian Journal of Development Alternatives," published in Stockholm, Sweden. The article will appear in the June 1999 issue of the journal.

MARCIA J. BOOTH, instructor in MU Community and Technical College, had a manuscript entitled "It's Just Not an e-mail Course Anymore," accepted for publication by "Role of Universities in the Future Information Society" (RUFISC). She will present it on Oct. 21-24 at a conference sponsored by Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Dr. JOHN N. VIELKIND, professor and chairman of Philosophy, attended the 17th Annual Symposium at the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center of Duquesne University, March 12-13, and was a moderator for a session. This year's topic was "Confluences: Phenomenology and Postmodernity, Environment, Race, Gender." He also attended the American Philosophical Association/Pacific Division meeting April 1-3 at Berkeley, Calif., and was a commentator for a colloquium: "Nietzsche and Epistemology."

Dr. JEFFREY L. POWELL, assistant professor of Philosophy, and Dr. JOHN N. VIELKIND, professor of Philosophy, attended the 33rd Annual Heidegger Conference April 23-25 at De Paul University in Chicago.

Dr. HOWARD D. GORDON, professor in the Department of Adult and Technical Education, attended the Annual American Educational Research Association (AERA) meeting April 10-23 in Montreal, Canada. He also attended a minicourse entitled "Bayesian Predictive Modeling for Classification."

Dr. LAWRENCE SCHMITZ, associate professor of Chemistry, attended the 217th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Anaheim, Calif. from March 20-25. While at the meeting, he made three presentations, both a poster and oral presenta-

tion entitled "Magnetic Properties of Carbocations: Are Bridged Carbocations Aromatic?" and a poster entitled "Improved Heats of Formation from DFT Calculations and an Empirical Group Increment Scheme." On March 30th, SCHMITZ also gave a seminar at the University of Kentucky on the magnetic properties of carbocations.

Dr. ROBERT BICKEL and Dr. LINDA SPATIG, both professors in the Department of Educational Leadership, co-authored a paper titled "Early Achievement Gains and Poverty-Linked Social Distress: The Case of Post-Head Start Transition." It has been accepted for publication by "The Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless."

Dr. LAWRENCE SCHMITZ, associate professor of Chemistry, along with his wife Bin and daughter Elizabeth, spent the 1997-98 academic year in Erlangen, Germany on sabbatical in which he worked at the Computer Chemistry Center of the Institute of Organic Chemistry at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg.

During his stay, SCHMITZ worked with Professor Dr. Paul von Rague Schleyer, a distinguished organic chemist who has published 900 research papers. Some of the work included investigations on the magnetic properties of carbocations and understanding the instability of barrelene. SCHMITZ presented some of his work on carbocations at the 217th American Chemical Society Meeting in March.

Seven faculty members from the department of Mathematics attended the Spring Meeting of the Ohio Section of the Mathematical Association of America on March 26th and 27th at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Attending were Dr. ARIYADASA ALUTHGE, Dr. DAVID CUSICK, Dr. DEBORAH DENVIR, Dr. JAMES DENVIR, Dr. CURTIS FEIST, Dr. ALAN HORWITZ and Dr. CHARLES PEELE.

In addition, Dr. DEBORAH DENVIR took six undergraduate students, each of whom spoke on a topic: MATTHEW MATTSON, a freshman Science major from Gloucester, Va. gave a talk on "Ice cream scoop manufacturing problems." ADAM RIAZI, a freshman Science major from Akron, Ohio and JOHN KIRTLEY, a sophomore Science major from Milton, W.Va., spoke on "Rational Solutions to the Equation $X^3 + Y^3 = N$." CARIN CLARK, a freshman Liberal Arts major from Buckhannon, W.Va., spoke on "Compound Octahedrons Anyone?" MARK SCHREIBER gave a talk on "Newton-Raphson Fractals," and ADAM FELDHAUS spoke on "Supersolids."

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Marshall University looks to the future

"Vision 2020," a long range look at Marshall University's future, was released April 23 during an afternoon news conference in Marshall's most modern building, the John Deaver Drinko Library.

Designed to chart Marshall's course well into the 21st Century, the report was presented to MU President J. Wade Gilley by Dr. Corley F. Dennison III, chair of the Committee on the Future of Marshall and president of the university's Faculty Senate. It outlines the committee's views on Marshall objectives in such areas as facilities, programs and athletics by the year 2020.

"This report will serve as the basis for serious discussion within and outside the university community," Gilley said. "It pro-

vides a conceptual umbrella under which the entire university community can engage in a dialogue about what Marshall University should be in the 21st Century."

Some of the questions dealt with by the committee include: How large should Marshall University be? What new programs are needed? What are the highest priorities for new and renovated academic facilities? What values and character must Marshall possess to be a first rate 21st Century regional university?

"These questions are important as Marshall University establishes itself as a higher education leader in West Virginia and the nation," Dennison said. "We have answered them in this report, but it is by no

means a final document. However, it is a beginning and will serve as a starting point as the university examines its future."

The Committee on the Future of Marshall was established in January and consists of 24 of the university's faculty, staff and students. "I want to express sincere thanks to Drs. Dennison and Ron Childress, who so ably chaired and co-chaired the committee," Gilley said. "I would also like to thank the entire committee which spent scores of hours, if not hundreds, organizing the questions, debating the issues and drafting the report."

"All of their work was above and beyond the normal call of duty, but it is work that is essential as we look to complete the discussions and shape the future of Marshall."

Williamson receives Employee of the Month Award for March

Lisa C. Williamson of South Point, Ohio, a program assistant II in the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for March, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.



Williamson

Williamson has been a member of the Marshall staff for over six years. She was nominated for the award by Lorraine Anderson, associate dean in the Lewis College of Business, and 30 faculty and staff members from the department.

"We've given Lisa the nickname 'Flash' because day in and day out she works at a pace few employees can match," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, Williamson has been juggling the job responsibilities of three staff members because of an unexpected turnover in the dean's office last fall. "During this crucial time, Lisa has been the glue that has held our office together."

Among advising, writing newsletter articles and creating materials for executive

education, Williamson also plays an important part in running programs like EntrePrep and Mini-Society. "In everything that Lisa does, she produces quality work," Anderson said. "She is one of the reasons the College of Business is able to accomplish great things."

According to Anderson, not only does Lisa realize the importance of meeting the needs of all students, but she works diligently to see that everything possible has been done to help each student who is a part of the college.

"The Lewis College of Business can never repay Lisa for the service she has given us in the last three years," Anderson said. "We want her to know how grateful we are for her dedication to Marshall University."

Williamson will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

More information about the Employee of the Month or the program may be obtained by contacting Burdette at 696-6455.

MU, Xerox partner to expand Copy Center

Marshall University and Xerox have joined forces to expand the university's Copy Center and will offer a vast array of new services such as extended hours, seven days-a-week service and online printing, according to Shirley Dyer, director of printing services at MU.

"With the help of Xerox, we have added new high-speed Docutech and Docucolor copy machines which will allow us to print anything from one page flyers to multi-page booklets," Dyer said. "These are state-of-the-art machines which allow us to produce higher quality documents at a faster rate."

Located on MU's Huntington campus in Old Main Room B-14, the MU Copy Center is directly across from the new John Deaver Drinko Library and will allow easy access for students. "Marshall students will even be able to use their personal swipe card to pay for their documents," Dyer said. "Our goal is to make this center the most convenient place for copies at Marshall University."

New hours for the Copy Center are: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 midnight; Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 12 noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday 4 p.m. to 12 midnight. For more information, contact Shirley Dyer, 696-6481.

New Biomedical and Science Center to be built

After two and a half years of planning, Marshall University is ready to proceed with its next capital improvement project, a \$30 million state-of-the-art Biomedical and Science Center to be constructed on its Huntington campus, MU President J. Wade Gilley has announced.

"We're excited about this project because it will lift the university to a new level of scientific research," Gilley said. "Our biomedical and science faculty have been instrumental in the design of the building and we now have a better idea on design and cost. Now that we know exactly what we're talking about, it's time to move to phase two – funding the project."

A five-story, 120,000 square foot building, the new Biomedical and Science Center will be located on Third Avenue across from the MU Science Building. "It will be the signature building for the city of Huntington," Gilley said. "We want it to be a point of pride for the entire region." Construction is slated to begin in 2001.

The center will contain several state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories designed to benefit the entire university, especially the MU School of Medicine and the College of Science.

"This center will complement and expand our existing programs and facilities," Gilley said. "It will also allow the integration of our undergraduate and graduate science programs, which is the emerging trend among nationally recognized science programs."

Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., vice president for health sciences and dean of the MU School of Medicine, hailed the project.

"Increased emphasis on the biomedical sciences, along with vastly improved facilities, can only strengthen our medical school," McKown said. "This, in turn, gives added momentum to our basic mission, which is training primary care physicians for West Virginia."

Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs, said the new center will improve the quality of science programs offered at MU.

"The undergraduate and graduate programs in the College of Science will be greatly enhanced by the additional facilities in the newly proposed center," she said. "Faculty in the College of Science and the School of Medicine have partnered in research efforts in the past. The new facility will provide not only additional research opportunities, but badly needed classroom and laboratory space for the College of Science."

Dr. Howard Aulick, associate dean in the office of research and graduate education, and Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations, have been involved in this project from its inception and have played a pivotal role in its progress, according to Gilley.

"Dr. Aulick and Dr. Grose have been major factors in getting this project through its first phase, and I would like to recognize them for their efforts," Gilley said. "Now it is time to move Marshall University forward to the next level of scientific research."

He is president of the General Corporation, the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation Inc., Big Two Mile Gas Co., Dunbar Storage Co. and the W.J. Maier Storage Co.

Maier serves as president of the boards of ABH Inc. and Edgewood Summit, and is a member of the boards of BIDCO; Camcare Health Foundation and Research Institute Inc.; Capitol Market Inc.; Center for the Arts and Sciences of West Virginia Inc.; Charleston Renaissance Corp.; Charleston Urban Renewal Authority (chairman); One Valley Bancorp Inc; One Valley Bank N.A.; Charleston Area Medical Center Housing Corp. (vice president), and CAMC Foundation Inc. (secretary). He is also a past member of the boards of directors of the MU Alumni Association and the Society of Yeager Scholars.

Ralph May, MU football administrative assistant, is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. He played football at MU from 1958-61 as quarterback and co-captain in 1960 and 1961, and graduated with a B.B.A. in 1962.

May joined the Marshall staff in 1996 after 28 years with Nationwide Insurance. "His strong leadership and guidance abilities have helped us tremendously," said MU head football coach Bobby Pruett. "He took on the M Club, when others said it couldn't be done. He has the membership up to 350 and it should reach 500 this year. He's an outstanding man."

Business Hall of Fame inducts six members

Marshall University's Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business has inducted its 1999 class of inductees for the MU Business Hall of Fame. Bart Andrews, Don Blankenship, Jim and Joan Edwards, Angus Peyton and Bob Shell were honored at the sixth annual induction ceremony April 16 at the MU Memorial Student Center.

Bart Andrews, a Huntington native, majored in Business Management and received his B.S. degree from Marshall University in 1958. He completed the ROTC training program and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the US Army. After going through officers basic training at Ft. Still, Okla. and Ft. Knox, Ky., he became president and part owner of Danco, Inc., a lumber and building materials company that operated in Huntington between 1961 and 1992.

Andrews was active in many organizations including the Tri-State Homebuilders Association, the West Virginia Builders Supply Association, the Tri-State Lumber Dealers Association and the Tri-State Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has also served on the boards of WPBY public television, Old National Bank, Big Green Foundation, MU Foundation, holds a life membership in the MU Alumni Association and is a member of the Lewis College of Business Sentry Buffalo Society.

Don Blankenship, a certified public accountant and a native of Stopover, Ky., attended Marshall University and earned his degree in accounting in 1972. He is the president, chief executive officer and chairman

of the board of A.T. Massey Coal Company, Inc., the fourth largest coal company in the United States.

While serving on Governor Underwood's Mission West Virginia Board, Blankenship also serves on the board of directors of the National Mining Association, Witco Corporation in Greenwich, Conn., the Norfolk Southern Advisory Board and the board of advisors of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center of West Virginia University.

Blankenship also supports many community efforts, including the Economic, Community and Development Council for the town of Matewan, the MBA program of Marshall University at Williamson, the Mingo County Redevelopment Authority and other projects.

Jim and Joan Edwards are the second couple to be honored by induction into the Hall of Fame. Jim Edwards was a native of Pittsburgh, but made Huntington his home for 60 years until his death in 1991. He was owner and CEO of Namaco Industries that operated National Mattress Co., Huntington's oldest family owned business.

Other business activities of Edwards included Key Centurion Bancshares, Inc. and The Ogden Corporation. Civic endeavors extended to the Huntington Museum of Art, which has been a major beneficiary of his philanthropy.

His wife, Joan Edwards was born in London, England and raised in New Orleans. She was his business partner and continues their joint activities in philanthropy. Some of the

many significant contributions to Marshall include the football field, James F. Edwards Field, the Joan C. Edwards Fine Arts Center, the Marshall University Medical School and the new Jomie Center for Jazz Studies, which is currently under construction.

Angus Peyton is a partner in the law firm Brown & Peyton, located in Charleston. He has been chairman and long standing member of the Board of Advisors for the West Virginia Graduate College and was chairman of the Business Industrial Development Company and W.E. Chilton, III Leadership Lecture Series.

A charter member of the West Virginia Round Table, he has also been former director of Daymark Inc.(a half-way house), the United Way of Kanawha Valley and a former board member of the Charleston Symphony.

Some of his awards include the 1996 YMCA Spirit of the Valley Award, the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies Doctor of Laws Award, the 1984 Distinguished West Virginian Award and the John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility from MU.

Bob Shell, a native of Abingdon, Va., is the chairman and CEO of Guyan International. He attended Marshall University and has been a member of the following educational boards: West Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the University of Charleston and Marshall University.

Shell is also chairman of Hydraulik AG and was formerly chairman of Guyan Machinery Company and Carolina Hose and Hydraulics. He is a member of the Board of Directors of McCorkle Machine, Co. and American Babbitt Bearing Co., both located in Huntington, as well as Portec Rail Products with locations in Huntington, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Montreal and Wales. Additionally, Shell serves on various bank boards in Florida, California, Louisiana, West Virginia and Washington, D.C.

More information on the inductees or ticket information may be obtained by contacting the Lewis College of Business at 696-2314.

MSC room name changed

In an effort to alleviate confusion of the meeting locations between the Alumni Lounge in the Memorial Student Center and the Erickson Alumni Center, the name of the MSC Alumni Center has been changed.

For scheduling purposes, please be advised the Alumni Lounge will now be referred to as MSC Room 2W16.

Contact Karen Kirtley, 696-2529, for more information.

Marshall Alumni Weekend Award winners recognized

Marshall University honored an outstanding student-athlete, its alumni Club of the Year and four of its most distinguished alumni during the university's annual Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 17.

MU quarterback Chad Pennington received another honor in his illustrious career when he became the first repeat winner of the Cam Henderson Scholarship at the banquet. Pennington, a first team academic all-American, was also a candidate for the 1998 Heisman trophy awarded to the best collegiate football player in America.

The Atlanta Club was recognized as the Marshall University Alumni Association's Club of the Year during the event. Under the leadership of president Jim Chapman, the Atlanta Club tallied a perfect 100 points in areas under the criteria to determine the club of the year from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

Don L. Blankenship, John Cunningham, Ed Maier and Ralph May were recognized for their outstanding efforts both in the community and at MU, with four separate awards being presented to the individuals.

Blankenship received the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award; Cunningham was presented the MU/Robert C. Byrd Institute Distinguished Alumni in Manufacturing Award; Maier was presented the Community Achievement Award, and May was

received the Distinguished Service Award.

Don L. Blankenship, a native of Matewan, W.Va., earned an accounting degree from MU in 1972 and went on to become a certified public accountant. He is currently president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of A.T. Massey Coal Company, Inc., the fifth largest coal company in the United States and recognized as the most successful in Appalachia.

As a member of the board of the National Mining Association, he has helped make the industry a safer, more secure place to work. A tough competitor and an innovative leader, Blankenship has also impacted the Marshall University community by initiating a MBA program at Williamson, W.Va.

John Cunningham, vice president of Terramite Corporation, attended Marshall from 1992-94. Since beginning at Terramite in 1984, he has introduced manufacturing techniques unique to West Virginia and has been involved in numerous design changes in construction equipment manufactured at Terramite. Under Cunningham's leadership, the Cross Lanes, W.Va., based corporation has grown from 20 employees to 120.

Cunningham was the second recipient of the MU/Robert C. Byrd Institute Distinguished Alumni in Manufacturing Award.

Edward H. Maier, recipient of the Community Achievement Award, graduated from MU in 1969 with a bachelor of arts degree.

University student excused absences...

The following students have university excused absences for these dates:

March 31 and April 1--Donnie L. Adkins, Jr., Jill S. Bertelson, Julius L. Boyd II, John W. Brock II, John F. Carter, Alfred J. Hern, Jr., John J. Honaker, Mark I. Hooper, John C. Mills, George P. O'Malley, Chad M. Ritter, James G. Temple, Gregory W. Tharp, Matthew L. Wolverson and Louis J. Zollo.

Letters of appreciation

Dear faculty and staff:

I would like to take time to say thanks for your concern and sympathy following the death of my father.

Sincerely,
Jack Blake and Family

Dear faculty and staff:

Thank you so much for remembering me by sending the lovely green & white floral arrangement to my mother's funeral. Although I was far away, I knew that my Marshall colleagues were thinking of me.

Sincerely,
Linda Vinson