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# NEWSLETTER

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## Historical structures being surveyed

The West Virginia Department of Culture and History has awarded a \$22,110 grant to Marshall University's Department of Geography to perform a historic preservation reconnaissance survey of dwellings and com-

mercial structures in the Highlawn and university areas of Huntington and rural areas of Cabell County, according to Dr. Mack H. Gillenwater, professor of geography at Marshall.

"We want to let people in the Highlawn-university area and people out in the county know that we will be doing this survey," Gillenwater said. "We would like to have the people's cooperation and be able to talk to them about the history and architectural features of their homes and buildings."

The survey has been designed to examine the exteriors of buildings, 50 years old and older, that possess unique architectural integrity and historical or cultural value.

Members of Marshall's Geography Department already have started the survey and will continue to examine the county's unique and historical dwellings and buildings through mid-August.

Several areas of the city such as the west end and the Ritter Park area and Guyandotte, Milton and Barboursville previously were surveyed.

"The grant, which will be matched with in kind services and contributions from the university, will allow the Department of Culture and History to complete its survey of Cabell County and move on to other areas of the state," explained Gillenwater. "Their purpose is to utilize the information for future planning and preservation projects and identify houses and buildings that should be placed on the National Register of Historical Places."

"We hope the owners and residents of the houses and buildings will assist us in the survey. It is important to make records of these culturally and historically interesting buildings for future generations and perhaps future preservation programs," Gillenwater said.

## Series officers elected

New officers recently elected to the Marshall Artists Series Advisory Board are David Todd, chairman; Dan Breece, vice chairman/Philharmonic Club, and Anne Moncer, secretary.

New board members elected to three-year terms are Monte Ward and Carole Miller (community), and Dr. Maurice Mufson (faculty).

The new members and officers join Nancy Francis, Arch Gleason Jr., Marsha Hatten, Robert Levy, Kheng McGuire, Dorothy Polan and Michael Cornfeld, as well as ex-officio members Dale F. Nitzschke, Paul Balshaw, Nell Bailey, Nancy Hindsley, Philip Modlin and Celeste Winters Nunley.

Todd succeeds outgoing chairman A. Michael Perry. Other members whose terms expired June 30 are Estelle Belanger (community) and Harold Murphy (faculty).

Student members will be nominated in the fall.

## Med School sponsoring national teleconference

Health professionals across the nation will be able to participate July 19 in the first continuing medical education teleconference sponsored by the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The teleconference will be broadcast live by satellite, and viewers may converse with the leaders by telephone. Luncheon meetings for participants will be offered at 14 downlink sites in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. The Upjohn Company, which is helping sponsor the teleconference, is providing doctors elsewhere in the nation information on how to receive it.

One of the program's major goals is to provide accessible continuing medical education for rural doctors, according to Dr. Ernest Chick, director of continuing medical education for Marshall.

"Physicians in small towns can't constantly close down their offices and drive to Huntington or other medical centers to keep up with the latest developments in medical treatment," Chick said. "This program, like the Home Video Continuing Medical Education series we started for family practitioners in 1986, helps rural doctors get the information they need close to home."

"Telecon I" will air from noon to 1 p.m. Eastern time. The first of four MU teleconferences on arthritis, it will deal with the use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. The guest speaker will be Dr. Peter Hasselbacher, director of the University of Louisville Arthritis Center. Dr. John Walden of Marshall will be the moderator, and

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## Castellani gets grant

Dr. Michael Castellani, assistant professor of chemistry at Marshall University, has received a \$21,000 Cottrell College Science Grant from the Research Corporation, Tucson, Ariz., to study "Synthesis and Reactivity of Early Metal Second- and Third-Row Octaphenylmetallocenes."

Castellani explained that many important chemical reactions that employ metals as reagents proceed through intermediates possessing unpaired electrons. These species have exceptionally brief lifetimes and are

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# Creative writing program to be held

The Marshall University Writing Project will sponsor a Language Arts Program titled "The Writes of Summer" for elementary and secondary school students July 31 through Aug. 4 in Corbly Hall, according to Dr. John McKernan, MU professor of English and project director.

McKernan said the one-week program will focus on writing and the development of writing skills.

"The purpose of the project is to allow students with an interest in writing to learn more about writing by practicing in a supportive and caring environment," said McKernan. "Although grammar and correct usage are important in a social and academic sense, this program is not a mini-course in grammar or correct usage. It is an opportunity for young people to develop their skills

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present in very low concentrations making them difficult to study.

"The central focus of my research is to prepare and study a series of chromium, molybdenum, tungsten, niobium, tantalum, and rhenium compounds that will model some of these intermediates. This study will provide information used in the design or choice of reagents or catalysts used in synthetic procedures," he said.

Castellani received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Furman University, his master's degree from Northwestern University and his doctorate from the University of California at San Diego. Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1988, he did postdoctoral research at the University of Oregon.

A member of the American Chemical Society, Castellani has had several papers published in scientific journals.

Research Corporation was established in 1912 for the advancement of science by Frederick Gardner Cottrell, a scientist, inventor and professor of chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley.

The grants named in Cottrell's honor support research in chemistry, physics, astronomy and related areas in the life sciences at predominantly undergraduate public and private colleges and universities.

## AIDS class planned

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will offer an eight-week course on "AIDS Issues" during the upcoming fall semester which will begin Monday, Aug. 28, according to Carla Lapelle, student health education coordinator.

The one credit hour course, Counseling and Rehabilitation 280, has been designed to increase the participants' understanding and awareness of the legal, social and psychological issues surrounding AIDS. Other topics will include information about the disease, testing, high risk behaviors and prevention of the virus.

The class will meet on Tuesdays, beginning Aug. 29, from 3 to 4:40 p.m. for the first eight weeks of the semester.

To obtain further details contact Carla Lapelle, Marshall University Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.

in expressing thoughts and feelings."

Four separate sections will be held for students in different age groups. Each session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

"Writing About Faraway Things" will be the program title for students 6 and 7 years old. During the week, students will write and publish their own stories and will illustrate one of the stories, which will be published in a class anthology.

Students 8 and 9 years of age will participate in a program titled "Animals in Poems and Stories." They will take part in a wide variety of language activities, which will culminate in a publication of the students' work.

Students aged 10, 11 and 12 will participate in a program titled "Voices on the Air." They will practice writing in a variety of modes and styles and work on a narrative or script in a form such as an action story, western, mystery or science fiction tale. These students also will study sound effects, scripting, timing and production as they prepare a tape of their creative work.

"Exploring the Mystery Story" will be the title of the program for students aged 13 and older. Students will take part in activities involving narrative, imagery and audience and attempt a "who-done-it" by the end of the week.

Participants will be expected to furnish their own pens, pencils, paper and notebooks.

There will be a \$10 registration fee for the program, conducted under the sponsorship of the Marshall University College of Liberal Arts and the Department of English. Enrollment will be limited and conducted on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of English, 696-6668.

## Teleconference set

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David N. Bailey is the conference coordinator.

Other conferences in the series will be: "Use of Second Line Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis," "Clinical Effects of the Prostaglandin," and "Diagnosis and Management of Fibrositis/Fibromyalgia." Dates for these have not been set.

The meeting sites are:

Charleston - Charleston Area Medical Center, General and Memorial divisions;

Logan - Logan General Hospital;

Madison - Madison Hospital;

Huntington - Cabell Huntington Hospital and the Marshall University Student Center Coffee House;

Princeton - Princeton Hospital;

Parkersburg - St. Joseph's Hospital;

South Charleston - Thomas Memorial Hospital;

Williamson - Williamson Hospital;

Montgomery - West Virginia Institute of Technology;

Lewisburg - West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine;

Ashland, Ky. - King's Daughters Hospital; and

Portsmouth, Ohio - Portsmouth Hospital.

More information is available from Marshall's continuing medical education office, 696-7019.

## M.U.R.A.L. Center will offer tutoring services

The Marshall University Reading and Learning Center (M.U.R.A.L. Center) will offer a monthlong summer tutoring program, July 19-Aug. 18, for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Participants will attend one of two hourlong sessions each day Monday through Friday on the Marshall campus. The sessions will be held from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The program is open to all students experiencing academic difficulties in their school curriculums, including students in regular classroom placements as well as those in certain special education settings, according to Dr. Robert J. Evans, co-director of the M.U.R.A.L. Center.

Students will receive one-to-one attention or tutoring in small groups depending on the participants' needs. The tutoring will be done by Marshall University College of Education students under the close supervision of College of Education faculty members.

Testing for learning problems also will be available during the program.

The cost of the program will be \$100 per student for the tutoring sessions. There will be an additional \$25 charge for the testing program.

To register or obtain further details contact Dr. Robert J. Evans at Marshall University, 696-2853.

## Adult orientation set

Marshall University will conduct a free orientation session for adults 25 years of age or older who plan to take college classes for the first time or re-enter college after a delay in their formal education on Thursday, Aug. 3, from noon to 3 p.m. in Memorial Student Center.

The orientation has been designed to assist returning students in their transition back to school, according to Jennifer Johnson, coordinator of the Returning Student Orientation Program.

Sessions will include group discussions led by current students who have returned to school and programs on financial aid, career guidance and academic survival.

Participants do not have to enroll at Marshall or any other university or college in order to attend the orientation program. Persons who want to enroll at Marshall will be able to apply for admission and register for classes during the program.

To register for the orientation session or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Returning Student Programs, 696-3112.

## Personnel personal...

Dick Vass, Marshall University bursar, scored a hole-in-one June 24 on the 176-yard ninth hole at Rolling Meadows' Golf Course near Catlettsburg, Ky.

Hal Ward, a retired MU professor, witnessed the hole-in-one.



Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke, left, presents a plaque to Bernice Dorsey Douthat and her husband, Lyell V. Douthat, of Portsmouth, Ohio, as he welcomes them into membership in the Marshall Foundation's prestigious John Marshall Society. A former Marshall student body president, Mr. Douthat earned his A.B. degree from Marshall in 1926 and an M.A. degree in 1959. He taught at Marshall for 41 years, retiring in 1967 as an associate professor of education. Mrs. Douthat retired from Marshall as an assistant librarian. Their plaque was presented during the Society's spring dinner cruise aboard the sternwheeler P.A. Denny. Membership in the John Marshall Society is based on a gift of \$10,000 or more, a pledge of \$15,000 over a 10-year period, a \$15,000 gift-in-kind or a deferred gift of \$50,000 or more.

## Former teacher thanks students in new book

Stephen M. Wylen, former rabbi for the B'nai Sholom Congregation in Huntington and part-time professor at Marshall University, has had a book titled "Settings of Silver" published by the Paulist Press, Mahwah, N.J.

Currently a rabbi at Temple Hesed in Scranton, Pa., Wylen said he wrote the book for the course he taught in Marshall's Religious Studies Department and utilized his students' questions and concerns as a guide in deciding what subjects to include in the book which presents the Jewish experience, history, doctrine and teaching for both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences.

The author acknowledged several Huntington area residents in his book including Tom Pressman and Mike Owens of Strictly Business Computers, members of the B'nai Sholom Congregation and Marshall University students.

Wylen and his wife, Cheryl, and their four children reside in Summit, Pa.

## Article to be published

A scientific review article written by Marshall University faculty and staff has been selected for inclusion in the book "Annual Progress in Child Psychiatry and Child Development," to be published by faculty members at New York University.

The article was written by Gabrielle du Verglas, formerly of Marshall's Autism Training Center, Dr. Steven R. Banks of the College of Education, and Dr. Kenneth E. Guyer of the School of Medicine.

The authors of the NYU book said Marshall's article "makes a valuable contribution to the subject." The article reviewed research on how the medication fenfluramine affects children with autism.

The article was first published in the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders.

# Tuition waivers available for fall

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's fall term will be accepted through Friday, Aug. 4, according to Graduate School Dean Leonard J. Deutsch.

In line with 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. A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students.

## Medical students in summer training camp

More than a dozen students entering the Marshall University School of Medicine have decided to trade their last weeks by the swimming pool for a strenuous five-week educational "training camp."

Their goal: to hit the ground running when classes start for real in August.

The students, who reported July 3, are part of the medical school's new Pre-Enrichment Program (PEP), according to Dr. Linda Savory, assistant dean for curriculum and development.

"PEP is a very progressive way of addressing students' needs while making certain that we maintain -- or even improve -- the quality of the doctors we educate," Dr. Savory said. "We believe there will be a significant trend toward this kind of program nationwide."

Savory said PEP has three primary goals: to broaden students' basic science knowledge, to show them how this knowledge ties directly to patient problems, and to extend their learning skills.

Students will have science lectures and labs, presented at the accelerated pace of medical school, as well as use the newer techniques of computer-assisted and problem-based learning.

## Bookstore has apples

The Marshall University Bookstore has been approved by Apple Computers as an academic reseller of the Macintosh Apple and related products, according to Joe Vance, bookstore manager.

Discounts should average approximately 40 percent and will be available to faculty, staff and students.

To obtain further details contact Vance, 696-2456.

## Dissertation defense set

Sandra Bing, a candidate for the Marshall University-West Virginia University doctor of education in higher education administration degree, will defend her dissertation on Tuesday, July 18, at 11 a.m. in Jenkins Hall Room 210.

Observers are welcome, however seating will be limited, according to Dr. Ermel Stepp, Dissertation Committee chairman.

Academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding waivers, which cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student Activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Deutsch said if students are interested in being considered for a BOR tuition waiver based on financial need criteria, they should contact Ed Miller, student financial aid director at Marshall.

Qualified students with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher may receive up to six waived hours. Financial need does not automatically guarantee tuition waivers.

Professional tuition waiver forms for the Medical School may be obtained from the dean's office in the School of Medicine at the Robert W. Coon Medical Education Building at the Veterans Administration Center. The completed forms should be returned to the same office for processing by Aug. 4.

Students who previously held waivers must reapply for the fall semester.

To obtain further details about graduate student tuition waivers contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.

## Employee achievements

Dr. KATHLEEN WARNER of Marshall's Computer and Information Science Department attended the fourth annual Ada Software Engineering Education and Training Symposium (ASEET) held June 13-15 in Houston. WARNER and Russell Plain and Kenneth Warner of Strictly Business Computers presented a paper titled "Integrating Ada into University Curriculums--Joint Responsibilities of Industry and Academia." The paper was published in the ASEET conference proceedings.

Dr. WILLIAM E. WHEELER, associate professor of surgery, presented a paper titled "Histopathology of G-Lased Veins" at the Laser and Stent Therapy in Vascular Disease International Congress II. The paper was co-authored by Drs. BRENDA PEART, ROBERT TOUCHON, GILL ALFONSO, CLINT PACE and DAVID FREEMAN of Marshall's departments of medicine and surgery. WHEELER also was an author of a paper titled "Does Rapid Wound Closure Improve Survival in Older Patients with Burns" presented at the Southeastern Surgical Congress.

BEVERLY W. McCOY, director of information for the School of Medicine, won a second-place award in the National Federation of Press Women Communications Contest for a brochure titled "The Marshall University School of Medicine Paying Dividends to West Virginians." In addition, she won first-place awards in the West Virginia Press Women Communications Contest for the same brochure, news releases, and the MU Alumnus magazine feature "Infectious Diseases: Medical school specialists help to solve mysteries of immunity."

JANE KURUCZ, assistant professor of surgery and VA staff surgeon, had a paper presented at the 82nd annual Southern Medical Scientific Congress on "Correlation of Mass of Abnormal Parathyroid Tissue and Preoperative Serum Calcium and Parathormone Levels in Patients with Primary Hyperparathyroidism."