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NEWSLETTER

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CERI receives \$50,000 ARC grant

West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton has approved a \$50,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant for Marshall University's Center for Education and Research with Industry (CERI) to provide direct technical assistance to state industries, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, executive assistant to the president for research and economic development outreach at Marshall.

"Partnerships established with businesses and industries through the CERI network have had a strong

positive impact on the state," said Maddox. "The center has been nationally recognized as one of three model centers which successfully transfer technology and information from research institutions to the private sector. We are pleased the governor has recognized and rewarded these efforts."

In a letter to William A. Edwards, CERI director, Caperton said he has been greatly encouraged by the efforts currently being undertaken at the center and looks forward to assisting its continued development.

"This grant will increase the center's ability to address the needs of state industries and will allow us to assist more West Virginia businesses and forge stronger alliances with the private sector," Edwards said.

Established by the West Virginia Legislature in 1983, the Center for Education and Research with Industry provides technical and managerial assistance to businesses, industries and government agencies. The center is an information and expertise network which includes all West Virginia public and private colleges and universities.

"CERI has a representative on each college and university campus and has the resources to utilize the expertise of more than 3,000 faculty members from the various institutions," explained Edwards. "The program actually teams higher education, private industry and government in the solving of industry problems or difficulties."

During the past year, the center participated in 44 applied research projects and conducted technical assistance projects in all 55 West Virginia counties.

AIDS research at Marshall continuing

The Marshall University School of Medicine was well represented with five scientific presentations at the Fifth International Conference on AIDS held in Montreal last month.

"If people involved in AIDS research didn't know where Marshall University was before, they definitely do now," said Dr. Terry W. Fenger, associate professor of microbiology.

AIDS-related research is continuing at Marshall as part of a cooperative arrangement with Dr. Robert Belshe, now of St. Louis University. Both the Department of Medicine and the Department of Microbiology are participating in follow-up studies associated with the AIDS vaccine program.

Three of Marshall's posters at the conference were presented by Belshe and colleagues who moved with him to St. Louis - Drs. Ulf Westblom, Edwin Anderson and Geoffrey Gorse.

The primary authors of Marshall's other posters were Fenger and Dr. Andrew Schindzielorz, a School of Medicine graduate who completed his residency with the Department of Medicine in June. Co-authors included Dr. Maurice Mufson, chairman of medicine, and graduate student Todd Seaman.

Fenger's presentation described developments on a new method of testing for AIDS antibodies which is safer for lab workers because it does not involve use of the AIDS virus.

"One of the problems of working with AIDS is that it is an infectious agent," he said. "Although the number is extremely low, some people who work in medical labs develop antibodies which show that they have been exposed to the AIDS virus."

The traditional test for AIDS antibodies requires that the AIDS virus itself be used. The test is based on the concept that the antibodies, if they are present, will keep

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MU Staff Council elects new officers

Marshall University's Classified Staff Council met July 20 and elected officers for the upcoming year.

Staff Council officers are: Barbara James, president; Mark Rhodes, vice president; Zanna Crager, secretary, and Sherri Noble, parliamentarian.

Classified Staff Council meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. The meetings are open to any classified staff member and questions, concerns, comments and suggestions are encouraged and welcome, according to Ms. James.

Jane Vickers is Marshall's representative to the newly formed Board of Trustees Classified Staff Advisory Council, which is composed of representatives from West Virginia University, WVU-Parkersburg, WVU-Potomac State, the College of Graduate Studies, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, WVNET, and Marshall.

Staff members who have questions or concerns that

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Marshall faculty/staff achievements

JOSEPH MARSHMAN, director of residence life, attended the annual conference of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International held July 9-13 at Western Illinois University.

LINDA P. ROWE, associate director of residence life, had an article titled "Take a Professor to Lunch" published in the 1989 summer edition of NASPA News, which is published by the IV-East Regional Division of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The article was about Marshall's faculty lunch series.

Five posters were presented at the Southeastern Surgical Congress by Department of Surgery residents, full-time faculty and volunteer faculty. The posters were: "Revision Gastropasty" by Drs. RICK DORROH, WILLIAM WHEELER, and MAURICE SALEM; "Complications of Small and Large Bowel Lipomas" by Drs. TIMOTHY CANTERBURY, WILLIAM WHEELER, MIKE SARAP, S.K. LAHIRY, and DAVID DENNING; "Ruptured Cavernous

Area students serving medical apprenticeships

Five Tri-State high school students are participating in a research apprenticeship program this summer at the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The students are part of the Minority High School Apprentice Program, designed to help students develop skills and interest in research. This year's participants are:

Tammy Lee Conforti of Huntington, a student at Huntington East High School; Charles E. Pennington and Lisa J. Scott of South Point, Ohio, students at South Point High School; and Miriam D. Rivera and Mai M. Spurlock of Huntington, students at Huntington High School.

Dr. Peter Kasvinsky, the program's director, said students were selected based on essays explaining their interest in the program and their career goals, as well as on references from their science teachers.

Funding for four of the participants is provided through a grant from the National Institutes of Health, and Marshall provides funding for the fifth.

Kurucz on state board

Dr. Jane A. Kurucz of the Marshall University School of Medicine has been elected to the Board of Directors for the West Virginia Division of the American Cancer Society.

An associate professor of surgery, Dr. Kurucz joined the Marshall faculty in 1988 following her residency at the prestigious Alton Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. She is a native of Bowling Green, Ohio.

New officers elected

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should be taken before the board can contact Mrs. Vickers in writing in care of James E. Morrow Library.

Gene Crawford is the classified staff's representative to the Institutional Board of Advisors. He can be contacted through the MU Security Office.

Hemangioma of the Ovary: A Rare Cause of Abdominal Pain and Acute Abdomen" by Drs. ALEC HIRSCH, WILLIAM WHEELER, and MIKE SARAP; "Hypophysectomy for Pain Control in Metastatic Breast Cancer" by Drs. STEVE WESTON, HOSSEIN SAKHAI, TARA SHARMA, PANOS IGNATIADIS, and WILLIAM WHEELER; and "Synchronous Squamous Carcinoma of the Anus and Adenocarcinoma of the Rectum" by Drs. STEVE WESTON and WILLIAM WHEELER.

Surgical resident DANIEL BEALS, M.D., and former resident DAVID FRIEDMAN, M.D., presented a paper on cancer of the gallbladder at the Southern Medical Scientific Congress.

At the recent annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Dr. ALBERT G. MOAT, chairman of microbiology, participated in a round-table discussion on "Textbooks: Bane or Benefit, Tool or Toil." Marshall also was represented through a scientific presentation titled "Molecular Analysis of NAD Biosynthetic, Regulatory, and Transport Genes of *Salmonella typhimurium*," co-authored by Dr. TERRY FENGER, associate professor of microbiology; Dr. JOHN FOSTER, former microbiology faculty member; Dr. Y.K. PARK, former postdoctoral fellow, and Dr. MICHAEL SPECTOR, a graduate of the cooperative Marshall/WVU biomedical sciences doctoral program.

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of speech, has had an article titled "Students' Evaluations of Teaching Performance" accepted for publication in *The Bulletin of the Association for Communication Administration*.

Dr. Donald Riggs, dean of libraries at Arizona State University, conducted a daylong strategic planning session for Marshall University Libraries July 14. Marshall staff members who participated in the seminar were FRED REENSTJERNA, head of public services; SARA STAATS, government documents librarian; DAGMAR WEILL, media librarian; BAHIIYIH FAREYDOON-NEZHAD, circulation librarian; PAM FORD, catalog librarian; HELEN JENKINS, serials librarian; LISLE BROWN, curator; KAY WILDMAN, music librarian; EDWARD DZIERZAK, director of the health sciences library; MARY CASERTA, library business manager; MERRY BROWN, library computer analyst, and JOSEPHINE FIDLER, interim director of libraries. A native of West Virginia, Riggs is considered an authority in the strategic planning field and is the author of "Strategic Planning for Library Managers."

Research continuing

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test cells from becoming infected with the AIDS virus.

Fenger's method relies on a safer and simpler lock-and-key concept: the "key" is a major protein on the surface of the AIDS virus, and the "lock" is the receptor through which the AIDS virus connects itself to an uninfected cell. If antibodies are present in a blood sample, they keep the lock and key from connecting, Fenger explained.

Since harmless versions of both the protein and the receptor made through genetic engineering already are available, the AIDS virus itself is no longer needed in this version of the test.

Orientation for adults will be held on campus

Marshall University's Student Development Center will sponsor a free orientation session for persons 25 years of age or older who have not attended college or would like to resume their studies on Thursday, Aug. 3, from noon to 3 p.m. in Memorial Student Center.

"We want to show older people who have never been to college or those who want to resume college education how it can be," said Jennifer Johnson, coordinator of the Returning Student Orientation. "It might not be as difficult as some people think. It certainly is in the realm of possibility and the rewards are great."

The program will include group discussions with people who have started college after the age of 25 and those who returned to school, plus sessions on financial aid, career guidance, academic survival and admissions.

Participants will be under no obligation to enroll at Marshall or any other college or university. Persons who wish to enroll at Marshall will be able to apply for admission and register for classes.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Returning Student Programs, 696-3112.

Art exhibits planned

Adah Karen Johnson Alexander of Barboursville and her brother, Byron Johnson of South Point, Ohio, will present a joint art exhibit in partial fulfillment of their master's degrees in art from Marshall in Birke Art Gallery July 31 through Aug. 11.

Both received their undergraduate degrees in art education from Marshall.

Ms. Alexander is majoring in weaving, with a minor in drawing. She uses cotton, wool and linen in her works which are double-woven with overshot patterning or pick-up techniques. Her drawings are done in oil pastel.

Johnson, whose theme will be "mystic images," works in wood, clay, glass and bronze for his cast glass, large ceramic sculpture and chain saw sculpture.

There will be a reception for both artists on Monday, July 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the gallery.

Kasvinsky reception set

The School of Medicine is hosting a farewell reception for friends and co-workers of Dr. Peter Kasvinsky and his wife, Elaine, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, in the Shawkey Room of the student center.

Kasvinsky, director of research development and graduate studies for the School of Medicine, joined MU's biochemistry faculty in 1979. He will become assistant vice president for graduate studies and research at Bloomsburg (Pa.) University.

Vending prize winner named

Susan Jackson, instructor of art at Marshall, was the recipient of the vending promotional prize for July.

She received a cordless telephone, according to Karen E. Kirtley, project assistant for the Auxiliary Services Office.



Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke, left, presents a plaque to Barbara V. Edmonds of Huntington, recognizing her as a new member in the Marshall Foundation's prestigious John Marshall Society. With her is her granddaughter, Susan Whisman. Mrs. Edmonds, who attended Marshall, is active in a number of community organizations including the Pediatric Clinic Council, Ladies Auxiliary of the Boys Club, The Woman's Club of Huntington and the James E. Morrow Library Associates. She is a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and a tutor with Laubach Literacy Action. She was the stepdaughter of Marshall's late intramural director, Otto "Swede" Gullickson, for whom Gullickson Hall is named. 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.

MU residence halls are filling up fast

Marshall University has closed its residence hall room application process for males, according to Marcia Bourgeois, assistant manager of housing.

"We have filled all residence hall space available for males," said Ms. Bourgeois. "Rooms for males are no longer available. However, males who want to submit applications will be placed on a waiting list for assignment to university housing in the event of cancellations between now and Aug. 25."

Ms. Bourgeois said university housing officials are trying to accommodate as many students as possible. "We have temporarily converted some lounges to living quarters and have made some double rooms into triples," she said.

The university is accepting room applications from females and monitoring the female application/cancellation process.

"Our projection is that we will be able to accept female applications at least through the month of July," said Ms. Bourgeois.

Males who need assistance finding temporary living quarters can contact the Marshall University Student Government Office, 696-6435. Local residents who have temporary rental units available also should contact the Student Government Office.

Students who need additional assistance should contact the Marshall University Student Housing Office, 696-6765.

MU students working in NIH programs

Kimberly Burgess of Huntington and John Carl of Moorefield, both students at the Marshall University School of Medicine, have been selected to participate in the highly competitive summer research program of the National Institutes of Health.

Burgess was selected to work in the Clinical Neuroscience Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health. The lab for which she was chosen works primarily with schizophrenia and developing models for Alzheimer's disease, she said, adding that she expects her work to

Awards are presented at journalism banquet

Terry Crump of Huntington, an advertising major, received the Marvin L. Stone Award for the outstanding contribution as a college journalist at the recent Marshall University School of Journalism awards banquet.

That award and some two dozen others were determined by a vote of the journalism faculty. Crump received a cash award contributed by Marshall journalism graduate Marvin L. Stone.

Steven Keith of Lavalette won the Virginia Lee Memorial Scholarship Award, donated by William Chaddock in honor of a former Marshall University journalism professor.

Freshman Christopher Stadelman of Moundsville was selected "Rookie of the Year" by the faculty. He also won the award as reporter of the year.

The scholarship for the most promising public relations undergraduate was won by Robert A. Stieve of Huntington. Cathryn Gibbs Harris made the presentation for the Public Relations Society of America, which sponsors the scholarship.

Other winners honored at the dinner at the Radisson Hotel included:

Outstanding public relations writer: Marie Bias, Huntington. Outstanding senior in public relations: Cynthia Cook, Charleston. Outstanding senior in magazine: Brent Cunningham, Charleston. Cunningham also won as outstanding senior in news-editorial studies.

Outstanding magazine writer: Kelly Cline, Huntington. Outstanding graduate student: Cynthia Troutman, St. Albans. Outstanding Chief Justice (yearbook) staff member: Andrea Hunt, Huntington.

Outstanding photographer: Robert E. Saunders, Huntington. Outstanding senior in broadcast journalism: Steven Ring, St. Albans. Ring also was selected as the outstanding contributor to WMUL-FM News.

The Ernie Salvatore Award for outstanding sports writer: Jim Keyser, Barboursville. John D. Maurice Award for outstanding editorial writer: David Jenkins, Vienna. Jim Comstock Award for outstanding feature writer: Christine Miller, Gerrardstown.

Estelle (Bill) Belanger Award for column writing: Abbey Dunlap, Milton. Dallas C. (Tex) Higbee Award for excellence in newspaper design: Tom Taylor, St. Albans.

Excellence in advertising copywriting: Lisa Williams, Charleston. Excellence in advertising layout and design: Kevin Hicks, Athens. Excellence in media planning: Terry Newland, Charleston. Outstanding senior in advertising: Jay Corey, Beckley.

involve studies of brain chemistry.

Carl will work in the Bioorganic Chemistry Laboratory of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. His project involves studying the effects of cancer-causing materials on metabolism.

"It's truly exceptional for Marshall's medical school to have two students selected for this nationally competitive program," said Dr. Patrick I. Brown, associate dean for medical student affairs at Marshall. "Hundreds of highly qualified students nationwide apply for this program, and only about 75 are selected."

Burgess is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Burgess of Ashland, Ky., and Carl is the son of John and Doreen Carl of Moorefield.

Alumni Association plans several trips

The Marshall University Alumni Association has added five motorcoach tours and a second Caribbean cruise to its scheduled travel program, according to Linda S. Holmes, director of alumni affairs.

Motorcoach tours are:

- Bardstown, Ky., Aug. 5-6; \$125 per person.
- New England, Sept. 25-Oct. 6; \$989 per person.
- Colonial Williamsburg, Oct. 17-20; \$289 per person.
- Nashville Country Christmas at the Opryland Hotel, Dec. 16-18; \$299 per person.
- New Year's Eve in the Bluegrass (Bardstown, Ky.), Dec. 31-Jan. 1; \$130 per person.

Prices for all motorcoach tours are based on double occupancy and include round-trip transportation, lodging, sightseeing, some meals, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities.

For additional information on the motorcoach tours, call Regional Tours/Charters, Inc., at 1-800-553-1776.

Two Caribbean cruises are scheduled. The first, previously announced, is set for Nov. 5-12. The second is a seven-day cruise which sets sail Feb. 20, 1990, from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Prices for the cruise begin at \$1,488, based on double occupancy. An early booking price, with a 25 percent discount from the regular price, is available for those who make a deposit by Sept. 20. Round-trip airfare from Charleston, W.Va., or from most major cities in the U.S. and Canada, plus all meals are included. For additional information on the Feb. 20-27 cruise, call Travel, Inc., in Huntington at 523-6431.

Play ends Saturday

The final performances of the comedy "Harold" by the Marshall University Theatre will be held Friday and Saturday, July 28-29, in Old Main Auditorium.

Written by Herman Raucher, the play concerns the efforts of three older (but not necessarily wiser) men to help a naive young man find the elusive "happiness ever after."

There will be a \$4 admission charge. Tickets are available at the Old Main Box Office, 696-ARTS.