Poling recognized as top ROTC cadet

Cadet Thomas C. Poling has received the George C. Marshall Award as the top cadet in Marshall University's Army ROTC unit, according to Lt. Col. Stephen A. Redmond, professor and chair of the Department of Military Science at MU.

"Cadet Poling well represents the Army ROTC Battalion, Marshall University and the United States Army," Redmond said. "He has worked very hard and this award gives him the recognition he deserves.

"The George C. Marshall Award is presented to the top cadet at each Army ROTC unit in the nation. Poling will join other cadets during a Recognition Ceremony to be held April 14-17 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

"Thomas has natural leadership abilities and sets the standard for every cadet at Marshall," Redmond said. "He is selfless, willing to help anyone, dedicated and has a great work ethic."

Poling, a native of Fairmont, is a Military Science IV cadet and a senior at MU. "This is a great honor for me because I have wanted to be a soldier my entire life," Poling said.

He possesses two qualities — initiative and leadership — that make him stand out from other cadets, according to John Gilley, assistant professor in the Department of Military Science at MU.

"Thomas is self-motivated and strives to be the best at everything he does," Block said. "He is an outstanding student, leader and cadet. This award is highly regarded among Army personnel and it will serve to further his career."

Poling is the son of Frederick L. Poling and Connie S. Poling of Fairmont. For more information about Poling, the George C. Marshall Award or its criteria, contact the military science department, 696-6450.

Artists Series presents Berlin Symphony Orchestra Feb. 19

The Marshall University Artists Series will present the Berlin Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre, according to Angela Grant, marketing director with the series.

This performance will kick off the orchestra's United States debut tour and will feature piano soloist Derek Han and Grammy-nominated conductor Joseph Silverstein.

"It is exciting to have a symphony orchestra of this caliber in Huntington, especially with such an accomplished piano soloist as Derek Han," Grant said. "His reputation as a pianist of great beauty, impeccable technique and consummate musicianship has placed him among the world's most accomplished keyboard players."

Joseph Silverstein has appeared as both conductor and piano soloist with more than 100 orchestras in the United States, Israel, Europe and the Far East. His violin performance of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" with the Boston Symphony Orchestra received a Grammy nomination.

Consisting of 65 musicians, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra will perform a variety of pieces including: Brahms' "Variation on a theme by Haydn, Opus 56a," Mendelssohn's "Concerto for piano and orchestra No. 2 in D minor, Opus 40," and Schumann's "Symphony No. 1 in B-flat major, Opus 38 (Spring)."

"We are fortunate to have the first performance of the orchestra's debut tour of the United States," Grant said. "With the special guests, this is a must-see event."

Tickets for the performance of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra are $28 and $30. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Angela Grant in the Marshall Artists Series, 696-6656.

Dinner and Theatre to be held Feb. 20

An evening of dinner and theatre Friday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. will feature the MU Theatre Department's production of "Blythe Spirit" in the Skewey Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The MU Faculty Wives' Club is sponsoring the dinner, which is $13 per person. It is being hosted by Linda Ekum-Dobbs, Katie Bonnett and Kay Sowards.

"Blythe Spirit", a comedy about a author plagued by his wives, both deceased and living, is directed by Dr. N.B. East.

For more information about the evening, contact Ekum-Dobbs, 696-2347, or the MU Theatre Department, 696-ARTS.

MU expands international operations

A federal program which provides unique opportunities for Marshall University students in Europe has expanded to include businesses and schools in Canada and Mexico, according to Dr. Richard Begley, chair of the MU Engineering Department.

"The U.S. Department of Education has allocated more than $100,000 to be shared by Marshall, Kentering University (formerly the General Motors Institute) and another university to be chosen in the year 2000," Begley said.

These universities will work to establish partnerships with several international companies and six institutions in Canada and Mexico," he added. "They will form a curricula and provide academic and work opportunities for people involved in manufacturing and environmental engineering."

Gibson announces retirement

Julia B. "Judy" Gibson, records officer in the Registrar's Office, has announced her retirement from Marshall University effective Feb. 5, according to MU Registrar Robert Ferguson.

"During her tenure Judy Gibson was always eager to help students, faculty, staff and administrators," Ferguson said. "She performed a variety of functions in the registrar's office including student registration, identification cards and transcript preparation.

Gibson has been a member of the Marshall staff for 31 years and served 27 years in the Registrar's Office.

"Judy served as historian and archivist for the office," Ferguson said. "She possesses a unique knowledge of history and academic record keeping at Marshall University. She is liked and will be missed."

History is a favorite topic for Gibson and she relished the role of office historian and archivist. "When I began working for the registrar I helped the Alumni Office gather information about the university and its past."

Gibson has also been witness to several historical events during her time at MU. "The tragic plane crash of 1970 is the most memorable event during my time in the Registrar's Office," she said. "We had to work with the Sheriff's Department during the investigation, fill out the victims' insurance forms and speak with concerned people across the country."

Marshall had six different presidents during Gibson's career. "To see the university change and grow over the years has been interesting," she said. "It has been a long and enjoyable many years. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family."

Gibson said her post-retirement plans include traveling. "My husband, James, is a teacher at Symmes Valley High School," she stated. "When school is dismissed for the summer, we will have the opportunity to see a variety of places."

Residents of Chesapeake, Ohio, Judy and James Gibson are the parents of two grown children: James Victor Gibson of Blackburn, Va. and Todd Gibson of Summit, Ky.

Several companies have agreed to cooperate with the program including: INCO Alloys International, TRW, Rockwell Automation, Electronic Data Systems Corporation, GE Automotive, Lear Corporation, Douglas & Lomanson and BOSCH.

This project supplements an original $175,000 award from the Department of Education to Marshall, Kentering and the University of Nebraska to form a new international partnership with partner institutions located in Europe.

"We are getting enthusiastic cooperation and interest from the European engineering institutions," Begley said. "This is primarily due to Huntington's industrial climate and the ongoing activities of Marshall's Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, the Center for International Programs and new academic programs in manufacturing and information technology."

Gaelle Weber, director of the Robert C. Byrd Institute, said the program has many benefits. "Through this program we have been able to place several students from France, Spain and Germany in manufacturing companies, enabling them to gain experience while providing service to the region's manufacturers."

The budget for these projects includes funding to support 15 Marshall students' travel to work and study abroad. Similar funds are budgeted for various countries for students to come to MU during the next three years. In addition, each institution will attempt to find industrial work for the students during their visit.

"The students who take advantage of this program will obtain valuable international work experience, which will complement their careers in many ways," said Dr. William A. Edwards, director of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

Approved bills include $6.3 million for MU

Federal appropriations totaling $6.3 million for Marshall University programs have been approved in the 1998-1999 U.S. Senate Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) in a letter to Marshall President James D. Gilley. Gilley reported these appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998:

• $2 million for Marshall's Forensic Science program.
• $4 million for the continuation of funding for the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.
• $300,000 to continue the Autism Training Center at Marshall.

"Once again, Sen. Byrd has provided key support to initiatives benefiting not only Marshall University but the West Virginians who serve," Gilley said. "We are deeply grateful for his work on our behalf."

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African American scholar to speak Feb. 10

Dr. William Turner, author of "Blacks in Appalachia," will be the featured speaker Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Shawkey Student Memorial Center, according to Ken Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs.

"Dr. Turner is a recognized expert in the study and practical application of community development principles in the Appalachian region," Blue said. "We are glad to have him as a lecturer."

Shawekey, an educator, lecturer and consultant in the areas of race and ethnic relations, Turner specializes in human resource management, helping to foster interracial relations and community coalitions. He also helps in the promotion of teamwork in the schools and the development of societal and workplace diversity.

Alex Haley, for whom Turner served as a research associate for 10 years, said Turner "knows more about black people in the mountains than anyone else in the world."

Turner is editor and publisher of "Sojourner," a semi-annual newsletter published on black life in Appalachia. Along with Dwight Lewis, columnist for the Nashville Sounds, he is working on a book tentatively entitled "There are no Blacks in Appalachia."

He is also heading up a team at the University of Kentucky to research and make policy recommendations on the social and economic status of African Americans in Appalachia and its sub-regions. The study, "African Americans in the Regional Agenda and Strategic Plans of the ARC," is sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission in order to inform its programming and develop policy options for regional development.

As a professor of sociology, Turner has served as a teacher, researcher and administrator for more than 25 years. He has been affiliated with Fisk University, Howard University, the University of Kentucky and Kent State University.

A native of Lynch, Ky., he graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Kentucky in 1964 and received master's degrees from Notre Dame in sociology and anthropology. He has held fellowships at the University of Pennsylvania, George Washington University and the Duke University Center for Study of Civil Rights and Race Relations.

"Dr. Turner is an extraordinary scholar and I invite everyone to hear his lecture," Blue said.

This lecture, entitled "When People Disappear," is a continuation of his study of Marshall University's celebration of Black History Month and is sponsored by the MU Center for African American Students.

MU faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management in the Lewis College of Business, presented a workshop on "The Theory of the Firm and the Strategic Management Process" to the statewide annual conference of the West Virginia Municipal League, held Aug. 8-9, in Morgantown.

ALEXANDER presented a paper entitled "Health Care Graduates Follow-Up Study: From Internship to Practice" at a national conference of the Academy of Business Administration Dec. 19, 1997 in Acapulco, Mexico. His paper was published in the conference proceedings. He also served as program chair of the conference.

As a member of the monthly meeting of the International Facilities Management Association on Jan. 8, 1998, ALEXANDER presented a talk/workshop on motivation. He also assisted legislative receptions in Charleston on Jan. 19 and 21, the first as an invited speaker of the West Virginia Municipal League and the second through his membership in the West Virginia Forest Association and his membership in the West Virginia Farm Bureau.

Dr. MADONNA COMBS, professor in the Department of English, presented her research entitled "Maternal Learning Needs in Early Parturient: An Instrument Development Study" at the International Nursing Research Conference. The 24th Nursing Research Conference, held Jan. 23 at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

DR. JEFFREY POWELL, associate professor in the Department of Philosophy, organized and presented his research entitled "What is Post-Moder­nity?" Jan. 22-23 at Marshall University. He also presented a paper entitled "Post Modernity?" at the conference. Dr. Michael B. Nas, associate professor of philosophy, gave a paper at the conference entitled "Note address entitled "Post-modern Hospita­lity" at the conference. Several MU faculty members participated in the conference. Dr. NANCY LANG, assistant professor in the Department of English, presented a lecture entitled "Three Ways of Looking at a Post-modern Novel";

JoHN VAN KIRK, assistant professor in the Department of English, presented a lecture entitled, "Unbilled." Dr. TERRENCE MCMQUEEN, associate professor in the Department of Modern Lan­guages, also presented his research entitled "Vatican: A Crisis in Ideology, Self, and Representation." Dr. NICHOLAS GOE, associate professor in the Depart­ment of Sociology and Anthropology, pre­sented "The Tarnished Trovel: A Post-mod­ern Perspective of Archaeology; Dr. JOHN VIELKIND, professor and chair in the De­partment of Psychology, presented a lecture entitled " Nietzsche's, nihilism, and modernity."

Student presenters at the conference were BOB BRUMFIELD and KRIS CLIFFORD, who presented "Oedipus Wrecks (and other calamities) on the Lost Highway"; BREECE MANNON, who presented "Re-thinking the Body Feminine," and STACEY COATES-ANBURGEY, who presented "Post modernism: a partial history of non-Western Artists in the United States, 1908-1946", and the will be our first tour as a duo and I enjoy working with her."

Following the tour on March 30, Tephly and Welch will tour to Chicago to perform on WFMT radio's "Live From Studio One" on April 3.

"This is a great opportunity for us because the show is two hours of interviews and per­formances, broadcast on Chicago public radio," Welch said. "It will give us a chance to gain exposure for our work, and will also help us gain recognition as "The Tephly-Welch Duo.""

For more information contact Susan Tephly, 696-3198, or Leo Welch, 696-6459, both in the Marshall University Department of Music.

"When we are performing, we will tour until mid-March," Welch said.

Tephly-Welch Duo, to perform Feb. 8

Two faculty members of the Marshall University music department will kick off a concert tour Saturday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. with a performance at St. John's Episcopal Church, 5000 Washington Blvd.

Dr. Susan Tephly, assistant professor of cello, and Dr. Leo Welch, associate professor of cello, and Bruce will perform for their specialty instruments during the tour. "I would like to offer touring of cello and uniquely and there are very few pieces written for the combination of these instruments," Tephly said. "We have composed our own arrangements especially for this tour, which has given us the chance to be creative and try something new.

The Feb. 8 program is the first of a number of performances, broadcast on Chicago public radio. Welch said. "It will give us a chance to gain exposure for our work, and will also help us gain recognition as "The Tephly-Welch Duo.""

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Marshall student excused absences...

The following students have been granted university excused absences for the dates indicated:

Feb. 5 and Feb. 19 - Shawna Baylous, Megan Daniels, Alison Fisher, Matt Isner, Christopher Jones, James Kee, Femi Lockey, Janis Sheppard, Courtney Vest and Nicole Wight.

These students will be in Lexington, Ky.

MU expands international operations

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Jacki Pick of West Portsmouth, Ohio, will be one of the students that will receive the travel stipend of $2,000 from this program and plans to go to Spain on Feb. 2.

"It is a chance to visit the future home of any future career of international corporate law is unassailable," Pick said. "This program represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Marshall students to see the world, to establish fluency in a second language and to make international work experience a part of our academic and professional world."

Begley credited the partnership with Kettering University as invaluable to Marshall's success in international competition.

"The Board of Trustees of Kettering includes executives from companies such as Chrysler, General Motors, Ford, Delco Electronics, General Electric, Wexford, Xerox and others," he said. "Our partnership has the potential to open doors for our graduates and for our area and state economic development efforts."

INCO Industries is one of the local corporations which recognize the benefits of this program. "One of our manufacturing facilities is in France, so we are con­centrating on one student from Marshall who is a French engineering student in our Hunting­ton operation," said Franc Petro, INCO Altoys president.

In addition, he is also providing jobs for up to four MU engineering students who want to transfer to Kettering University for his or her last two years of study toward an engineering degree. Internships are exciting and hold great potential."

Jack Klim of DDE Industries, who represents Marshall University on a trade mission to Germany, said DDE "is going to use an engineering student from Germany to help them implement an inventory program and serve as a German speaking technical resource to assist employers to help expand the customer base in Europe."

In addition to helping local corporations and Marshall University, this program provides a chance to sell Marshall's services as an "international product," according to Thomas C. Burns, executive director of Marshall's Office of International Operations.

"The participation of Marshall in this unique project will assist several of the auto­mobile industry leaders in southeastern Europe who work with us in our business retention, expansion and attraction efforts," he said. The participating companies are Audi, BMW and the expansion into Canada and Mexico.

Begley is hopeful that other businesses in the Tri-State will help with Marshall's export work placements for the incoming students.

"Any business in our area that has an interest in exporting Marshall Corporation and the manufacturing or environmental arena in Canada, Mexico or Europe may have opportunities for participating as a partner in these coalitions," he said.

Contact Begley, 696-6660, for more information.

Faculty Wives' Club to meet February 6

The Marshall University Faculty Wives Club will hold its February 6th meeting from 1 p.m. in Room 210 of the Memorial Student Center.

The February 6th meeting will be open to all interested personnel and will focus on restructuring the club.

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