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Tennyson J. Bias scholarship established

The family of Tennyson J. Bias, co-sponsor of the legislation that granted university status to Marshall University, has established a scholarship in his memory.

"Mr. Bias demonstrated his loyalty to Marshall throughout his life," said Marshall President J. Wade Gilley. "His family chose a most appropriate way to remember him, by enabling deserving students to attend the institution that became a university under his aegis."

March 30 deadline set for Larry Bruce scholarship applications

Applications are being accepted through March 30 for MU students who wish to be considered for the Larry Bruce Scholarship, according to Clair W. Matz, professor in the Department of Political Science.

"The scholarship is for rising juniors and seniors who can demonstrate an interest in international affairs, a career interest in world affairs or humanitarian service to children in the third world," Matz said.

Bruce was a native of Huntington and a MU alumnus who died in 1992. He was a former president of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, an international organization which addresses the needs of children and their mothers in developing countries.

"The scholarship was created by West Virginia Secretary of State Ken Hechler to perpetuate Bruce's ideals," Matz said.

Students applying for the scholarship

The scholarship was announced during a tea at Woodlands Retirement Community honoring his widow, Velma Hart Bias.

A native of Logan County, W.Va., Mr. Bias served four terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates, 1954-56 and 1958-64, representing Cabell County. He attended Marshall from 1933-36.

He retired as public lands agent for the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. He died on Dec. 18, 1991, at

age 79. The Tennyson J. Bias Scholarship is unique in that it will supplement other grant awards for two to three students to assure full payment of tuition, fees, room, board and books to its recipients. The scholarship will be funded through \$15,000 annual donations by the Bias family over a four-year period.

Recipients of The Tennyson J. Bias Scholarship must be West Virginia residents and be full-time Marshall students with demonstrated financial need. Pending satisfactory academic progress, recipients may continue to receive the scholarship for four years.

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In addition, all applications must be accompanied by an essay of 300-500 words based on research about UNICEF or Larry Bruce.

The selection committee includes faculty from the Department of Political Science and representatives from the UNICEF Committee of Huntington.

Notification of the award will be made by April 6, and Matz said the scholarship is expected to be about \$900.

Application forms are available in the Political Science Office, Smith Hall Room 779. Contact Matz for more information, 696-2379.

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Teacher job fair set

Marshall University's annual teacher recruitment fair, Educator Expo 98, will be held Wednesday, March 4 at 8 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center lobby, according to Sue E. Wright, director of the Career Services Center.

"Educator Expo is different from most career fairs in that individual, 25 minute interviews are held with participants," Wright said. "This format gives recruiters a chance to gather extensive information about teacher candidates."

Approximately 150 recruiters from various states will conduct employment interviews with MU education majors and alumni.

"Even though job opportunities for teachers in the local area are slim, the out-of-state job market for educators is brighter," Wright said.

Contact the MU Career Services Center for more information, 696-2248 or 696-2370.

English professors to read from works

John McKernan, professor in the Department of English, will read from his sonnet-sequence "A Postcard from Dublin" Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center in Charleston.

Llewellyn McKernan, a part-time professor in the English department, will also read from her poem "The Fast" at the event.

Contact John McKernan, 696-6499, for more information.

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MU one of 'America's 100 Best College Buys'

Marshall University has once again been named one of the 100 best college buys in the United States by a publication that rates America's colleges and universities.

The prestigious "Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys, 1998-1999" profiles schools that are the highest rated academically and have the lowest total cost for the college year.

Compiled by Institutional Research and Evaluation in Gainesville, Ga., the guide lists the 100 best college buys and gives complete information on each one including cost, sources of financial aid, majors offered and information on campus life at each school.

The company researched almost 1,800

colleges, according to publisher John Culler. "Our research has shown that a prospective student could save \$30,000 to \$50,000 or more on a quality college education," he said.

Showing a wide geographic diversity, schools from 40 states from New Jersey to Hawaii are represented in the guide. The smallest school listed is Lyon College, in Arkansas, with less than 500 students, and the largest is Texas A&M, with more than 29,000 students.

"A prospective student should never pick a college without first doing serious comparison shopping for cost and quality," Culler said. "If that is done, the schools in

School of Medicine establishes new cardiovascular department

The Marshall University School of Medicine has established a multispecialty Department of Cardiovascular Services, the academic equivalent of a heart institute.

The department will address both the medical and surgical aspects of cardiovascular disease, as well as provide thoracic surgical services.

Dr. John D. Harrah has been named chairman of the new department, according to School of Medicine Dean Charles H. McKown Jr.

"I can think of nothing more fitting than to have Dr. Harrah, who brought open-heart surgery to Huntington when he joined the Marshall faculty in 1977, rejoin our full-time faculty to lead us in this new endeavor," Dr. McKown said.

"In addition to founding and developing the cardiac surgery program at St. Mary's Hospital, he is easily our community's most experienced cardiac surgeon," he said. "Since he introduced open-heart surgery to Huntington in 1979, there have been in the neighborhood of 6,100 cardiac surgeries done here: Dr. Harrah has been involved in probably close to 5,000 of them.

"He is a physician of tremendous skills and great integrity," McKown said.

Dr. Harrah called the melding of medical and surgical services at Marshall a progressive step.

"Dr. McKown is taking a far-sighted approach," he said. "In the private practice world there are heart institutes that combine cardiology and cardiac surgery, but this concept has only begun to emerge in the academic world within the last couple of years."

Bringing together all the subspecialists involved in the field of heart disease offers significant benefits both to patients and to physicians in training, Harrah said.

"This is a creative opportunity for extended patient care, education and research," he said. "Working as a single group allows us to improve communication and patient care. It also sets the format for better exchange of information about new innovations - what options are available, what is proven to be effective and what is not."

In addition to Harrah, the new department's full-time faculty will include:

- Robert C. Touchon, M.D., chief of cardiovascular medicine and director of preventive cardiology at Marshall and director of cardiac rehabilitation at Cabell Huntington Hospital, as vice chair;

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this book will win every time."

To be considered for the guide, a college must meet very specific requirements:

- It must be an accredited, four-year institution.
- Offer full residential facilities including residence halls and dining services.
- Offer opportunities to qualified students for need-based, academic-based and athletic-based financial aid.
- Have an entering freshman class with a high school grade point average and SAT or ACT score above the national average.
- The cost of attendance must be below the national average.

"The Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys, 1998-1999" retails for \$19.95. It is available in bookstores or can be ordered from the publisher, John Culler & Sons, P.O. Box 1227, Camden, S.C. 29020, or by phone at 1-888-744-7266.

'Third House' set for March 11

"The Third House," an annual roast of state officials, will be presented Wednesday, March 11, at 8 p.m. in the Cultural Center on the State Capitol grounds in Charleston.

Sponsored by the Alumni Association of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall University, the event annually raises about \$10,000, which is donated to the school.

Members of the Capitol press corps write the skits and songs and perform them.

Tickets to the show, which has played to a sold-out audience the last three years, are \$25 each and may be obtained by calling Tom Miller, event coordinator, at (304) 558-6180. They also may be obtained through Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center or from Beverly W. McCoy in the University Relations office, (304) 696-2584. The price includes a reception following the performance.

The show has raised about \$60,000 for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications since 1990.

Art students awarded at exhibition

Fifty prizes totaling more than \$3,000 were given Feb. 8 during the awards reception of the art department's 11th Annual Student Juried Exhibition, according to Stanley Sporny, associate professor in the department.

"The purpose of the exhibition is to stimulate students to produce their best work, give them the experience they need to become successful artists and to reward excellence in visual art," Sporny said. "Since its inception, more than 1600 works of art have been submitted to the competition."

Some students showed outstanding work in several categories and were designated "Renaissance People" by the judges. The Renaissance Awards went to Mary Cook and Laura O'Neil, with John Cartwright and Sinisia Lenac finishing second and Tim Henderson, Daniel Moses and Denton Anderson receiving honorable mention.

"The students put their prize money to practical use by purchasing art supplies or other art related materials such as books, cameras and portfolios," Sporny said. "Their commitment is serious."

This year's judges were Kelli Burns, curator at the Huntington Museum of Art, and Charles Jupiter Hamilton, an artist.

"All the judges that have served at the exhibition have commented on the high quality of the students' work," Sporny said.

"The students have come to view the exhibition as a significant event," he added. They have an outstanding record in the professional world, in part because of their participation in the competitive experience of the Juried Art Exhibition."

Sporny said the exhibition has also been well received by the general public. "We have received consistent and enthusiastic response from the community," he said.

Women's History Month events scheduled

Marshall University has scheduled several events during the month of March in celebration of Women's History Month, according to Leah Tolliver, coordinator of the MU Women's Center.

"We are very excited about the variety of events planned for the celebration," Tolliver said. "Hopefully each offering will provide insight into a different aspect of women's history."

The following is a list of events that MU will offer in recognition of Women's History Month:

"Women's Studies and Curriculum Transformation" – Monday, March 2 at 3 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 242. This is a faculty development seminar designed to

make academic courses more women-centered.

"A Woman's Read In: Open Forum" – Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Lobby. This is designed to provide a venue for anyone wanting to present an essay, poem, song or dramatic interpretation that celebrates women throughout history.

"Women of Color Event" – Tuesday, March 9. A series of workshops and a historical fashion show focusing on the cultural diversity of women in the Huntington community. Information can be obtained from the MU Center for African American Students, 696-6705, as well as the Women's Center, 696-3338.

"Reconstructing an 'Invisible' History: The Case of the Cherokee-Appalachian Women" – Wednesday, March 11 from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143. This is a lecture by Dr. Linda Tate, Rockefeller Scholar-in-Residence in the MU Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia.

"Overcoming the Barriers to Success: Challenges for the Appalachian Woman" – Monday, March 16 from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143. A panel of scholars will lead an interactive discussion that explores the challenges and barriers of achieving success that Appalachian women face in their careers.

"Celebrating Women's Literary History" – Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105. Women's Studies Coordinator Amy Hudock will trace the development of women's literature from the first poet, Enheduanna (2030 B.C.) to Toni Morrison, the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature.

The 9th Annual Celebration of Women Award Dinner – Monday, March 30 at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. This event recognizes the achievements and contributions of Marshall women through the awarding of the Eugene Crawford Award and the Women of Marshall Scholarships.

Those who wish to attend the award dinner must register with the Women's Center, 696-3338, by March 20.

For more information about Marshall University's celebration of Women's History Month, contact Leah Tolliver in the MU Women's Center, 696-3338.

Final 'Women's Work' exhibition presented

An exhibition of works by Lisa R. Jennings and Susan Schwalb will open at 7:30 p.m. in the Birke Art Gallery on Monday, March 2 with a lecture by Schwalb about her work.

Schwalb will also meet with students on Monday and present a variety of information about the career and life of a professional artist. She will be showing "Improvisations on Outer Space: Recent Metallic Works on Paper" in the gallery.

Lisa R. Jennings, whose works are also on exhibit through March 29, will speak about her works on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The lectures and exhibition are the final events for "Women's Work," the 1997-98 Birke Fine Arts Symposium.

MU faculty and staff achievements

Dr. MARGARET PHIPPS BROWN, professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, has been included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Dr. SAMUEL L. DAMERON, professor and chair in the Department of Criminal Justice, has been included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Dr. MACK GILLENWATER, professor in the Department of Geography, presented a paper entitled "Historical Geography of the

Underground Railroad in Southern Ohio" at the Biannual Meeting of the African-American Tourism Advisory Council, held Feb. 18 - 19 in Parkersburg.

Dr. ALAN GOULD, executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Center, conducted the Biannual Meeting of the African-American Tourism Advisory Council, held Feb. 18 - 19 in Parkersburg. The purpose of the meeting was a continuation in promoting African-American tourism in West Virginia, concentrating on "Underground Railroad" sites. The council is a branch of the

West Virginia Division of Tourism.

DAN HOLBROOK, coordinator of the Regents Bachelor of Arts program and adjunct faculty in the Department of History, published an article entitled "Complementarity, Cooperation, and Collective Innovation: Materials Research in the Semiconductor Industry" in Facets: New Perspectives On the History of Semiconductors.

Dr. RICHARD MOORE, associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, co-authored an article with Dr. Michael Palmiotto entitled "Drug policies: A Study of the Opinions of Local Law Enforcement Patrol Officers About Various Policy Alternatives," which was published in the Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology.

Student Activities to award leaders

The Office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs is accepting nominations to recognize and honor student leaders and scholars who have made significant contributions to Marshall University.

Nomination forms are being sent to faculty and staff for the following awards: outstanding leadership, outstanding leader/scholar, outstanding contributions to MU, multicultural program award, outstanding sophomore, outstanding junior, outstanding senior and outstanding volunteers.

Each award has an application which includes the criteria for that award, and a student can apply for more than one award. Completed forms should be returned to the Student Activities Office, Memorial Student Center Room 2W40, by 4:30 p.m. on March 6.

An awards selection committee will review the applications and winners will be honored at an awards program on April 24. Contact the Student Activities Office, 696-6770, for more information.

Faculty Wives' Club

The Marshall University Faculty Wives' Club will meet at noon Friday, March 6 at Woodlands.

The meeting will be a planning session designed to improve the club's contribution to the personal needs of MU faculty.

If you plan to attend lunch before the meeting, contact Rachel Stewart at 523-5039. Cost is \$3.50 and an approximate number count is requested.

Marshall Community and Technical College names program director

Pamela Casto Hamilton has been named director of non-credit programs, community services, and procurement technical assistance for the new Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development in the Marshall Community and Technical College.



Hamilton

positions during her tenure in research and economic development programs.

A native of Philippi, Hamilton earned a bachelor's degree in technical writing from Alderson-Broaddus College and a master's degree in communication studies from West Virginia University. She is certified in data management and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in education administration with specialization in adult education.

"A College for the Global Community" describes the integration of continuing education and economic development resources to enhance the quality of life. Non-credit courses in a variety of formats meet the needs of non-traditional students. Quality instruction in a caring environment makes Marshall the choice for lifelong learning," Hamilton said.

For more information about the Marshall Community and Technical College or community services, contact the Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development at 696-3113.

"Community colleges are the largest and fastest growing segment of higher education in the United States," Hamilton said. "Marshall is accessible and affordable to kindergarten students through senior citizens who want to learn a new skill or advance to a higher skill level. The focus on student potential, not past performance, eliminates the need for admission requirements."

Hamilton has been a member of the MU staff since 1985 and has held a variety of

CLA exam review courses offered

Marshall University's Community and Technical College will offer preparatory courses this spring for the Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) exam, according to Donna Donathan, program coordinator and associate professor in the college.

"This review has been designed for legal assistants preparing to take the certified legal assistant exam offered by the National Association of Legal Assistants," Donathan said. "It will be presented in six one-day workshops."

Participants may register for all six sessions at a discounted rate of \$280, or for individual sessions at \$55 each. The following is a list of workshops to be offered in

the program:

March 7 – "Study and Test Taking Skills" along with "Communication and Grammar."

March 21 – "General Law: An Overview," "Real Estate" and "Bankruptcy."

April 4 – "Administrative Law," "Business Organizations" and "Contracts."

April 18 – "Civil Procedure," "Estate Planning" and "Probation."

May 2 – "Criminal Law and Procedure" and "Ethics."

May 16 – "Interviewing and Human Relations" and "Legal Research/Judgment."

To register, contact the continuing education division in the Marshall Community and Technical College, 696-3113.

Cardiovascular department established

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- Victor A. Ferraris, M.D., Ph.D., a cardiac surgeon;
- Silvestre P. Cansino, M.D., a cardiologist;
- Salman Malik, M.D., a cardiologist;
- Mark A. Studeny, M.D., chief of interventional cardiology at Marshall and director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital;
- Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., an interventional cardiologist and director of the Adult Training Program in Cardiovascular Medicine;
- Suellen P. Ferraris, Ph.D., director of research.

Collectively, the department faculty are members of more than 30 professional so-

cieties, including the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Surgeons, the Society of Cardiac Angiography and Interventions, and the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

In addition, said Harrah, the department has nine cardiology fellows and will have as volunteer faculty other local physicians practicing in cardiology, cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery and cardiovascular anesthesiology.

The department will provide services at Marshall's three major affiliated hospitals: Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, and the Huntington Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

MU Theatre to present 'American Buffalo'

Marshall University Theatre will present "American Buffalo" by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright David Mamet March 4 - 7 at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, according to Jeffrey Elwell, chair of the MU Theatre Department.

"It is an extremely intense play," Elwell said. "Some consider Mamet to be the greatest living American playwright, but he is also one of the most controversial."

An Obie Award winning play about the misadventures of three petty thieves in Chicago, "American Buffalo" enjoyed a Broadway run in 1977 and was proclaimed by the New York Times as "the best play of the decade" in the 1970's. It was Mamet's breakthrough work and he went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for "Glengarry Glen Ross."

In the original Broadway production of "American Buffalo," Robert Duvall was cast

as Teach, the main character. "Teach is a profane, intense thug who resorts to violence when his wits fail him," Elwell said. "The play is full of low-life characters who use four letter words in every way imaginable."

Due to the mature content of the production, no one under 18 will be admitted. Season ticket holders who feel they may be offended by the language in "American Buffalo" may contact the MU Theatre box office to exchange their tickets for tickets to this summer's production of "Lost in Yonkers."

Tickets for the MU Theatre production of "American Buffalo" are free for full-time MU students, \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for MU faculty and staff. Contact the MU Theatre Department, 696-6442, for more information.