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# MU students receive leadership awards

Twenty-four Marshall University students received awards during the annual Student Leadership Recognition Program held April 24, according to P. Andrew Hermansdorfer, director of the Office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs at MU.

Delegate Jody Smirl presented the keynote speech, entitled "Leadership," at the program, which also included presentation of the following awards:

## Drinko Community Service Award

**Alexis J. Deitrich**, a criminal justice major from Huntington who was nominated by Mary South for volunteer work with Time Out Youth Services.

**Kristel L. Schnierlein**, a general science major from Wheeling who was nominated by Margaret Wilson for volunteer work with the Ronald McDonald House.

**Tanya C. Warwick**, a medicine major

## Graduate assistant positions available

Six graduate assistant positions will be offered in the Marshall University Office of the President for the 1998-99 academic year.

Students must have a bachelor's degree to be eligible for the positions and recipients will be awarded a tuition waiver and stipend.

To apply, send a resumé and two references to the Office of the President, 216 Old Main. Contact Barbara Roberts, executive assistant to the president, for more information, 696-2202.

## Federal Credit Union branch operator leaves

Veronia Frisby, branch operator for the Huntington Federal Credit Union branch in the Memorial Student Center, worked her final day at the branch on Friday, April 24 after 10 years at Marshall University.

"My husband received a new position with Marathon Oil and we are relocating to Findlay, Ohio," Frisby said. "I have really enjoyed my time at Marshall."

A native of Fort Gay, Frisby said that MU is a unique place to work. "The employees make Marshall a special place to work and the students are fun to be around. I am going to miss everyone."



Frisby

from Huntington who was nominated by Eugenia Jarrell for volunteer work with the American Medical Women's Association.

**Kelly Anne Wells**, a classical major from Huntington who was nominated by Thomas Czulewicz for volunteer work with the American Red Cross.

## Outstanding Contributions

**Aisha A. Byrd**, a criminal justice law enforcement major from Springfield, Ohio.

**Travis M. Moore**, a business logistics major from Hurricane.

**Emily E. Redington**, a communications studies major from Red House.

**Michael Warren**, a marketing major from Granttown.

## Outstanding Leadership

**Harvey J. Austin**, an art graphic design major from Huntington.

**Kristi M. James**, a multi-subject K-8 major from Bridgeport.

**Beverly M. Milam**, a nursing major from Beckley.

**Azam A. Mohiuddin**, from Ashland, Ky.

**Michael Warren**, a marketing major from Grant Town.

## Fellowship applications accepted

Applications are being accepted for Andrew W. Mellon Fellowships in Humanistic Studies, which provide support in the first year of work in a Ph.D. program, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the graduate college.

The Mellon Fellowships are highly competitive awards aimed at the identification and encouragement of outstanding talent. They are intended to identify and support

## MU student excused absences...

The following students have received university excused absences for the dates listed:

**April 14-19:** Thomas C. Poling.

**April 17-19:** Starrbria Anderson, Cassandra Hearn, Leona Benjamin, Adrienne Hundemer, Tara Lee, Kati Pierce, Lindsay Pinkey, Lisa Sopko, Marueen Hackett, Tereas Evans, Brooke Salmons, Kari Velasco, Yvette Jackson, Jessica Lucas,

Joshua Bradford, Jason Redman, Shawn Bartram, Kevin Sowers, Dan Ritchey, Jerod Smalley, Chad Stoneking, Andrew Blair, Elrich Epps, Calvin Waugh, Casey Batey, William Brynes, James Kramer and Rob Ward.

**April 15-20:** Joshua Saunders, Matthew Turley, Vanessa Williamson, Jessica Greenwood, Paula Taylor and Alison Fisher.

**April 29:** Deanna Bertsche, Melissa

## Leader/Scholar

**Diana M. Heck**, a chemistry major from Huntington.

**Michele A. Kuhn**, a Regents B.A. student from Hurricane.

**Scott F. Lewis**, a physical education adult fitness major from Williamstown.

**Christopher J. Nourse**, a psychology major from Lucasville, Ohio.

**Emily E. Redington**, a communications studies major from Red House.

**Julie Ann Schoew**, a political science major from Huntington.

**Wendy L. Smoulder**, an international economics major from Wheeling.

## Outstanding Sophomore

**Michael Clayton Tooley**, a pre-business major from Lavalette.

## Outstanding Junior

**James Eric Butler**, a political science major from Barboursville.

**Nicole Marie LaRose**, a history major from Huntington.

## Outstanding Senior

**Travis Moore**, a Marketing/Business Logistics major from Hurricane.

potentially excellent teacher-scholars.

Seniors and recent graduates (who have graduated within the past five years) are eligible to apply for the fellowships, which are available in a wide variety of fields. In 1998, 58 percent of the candidates had been out of college for at least one year.

All applicants must include GRE scores. Contact the graduate college, 6606, for more information.

Blake, Christopher Bowling, Timothy Brown, Marc Bryan, Wes Bullington, Caryn Compton, Ernest Cornell, Heidi R. Craddock, Joseph Dangerfield, Jonathan Graham, William B. Haddix, Dain Hartley, Stacy Hieronymous, Angelo Hudson, Melissa Hutchison, Rebecca Klug, Valerie Layne, Vera Miller,

Rhonda Mizok, Nicole Nelson, Sara O Neil, Lauren Overmoyer, Matthew Price, Emily Redington, Jeremy Richardson, Lisa Roberts, Hirotsugu Saito, Gwen Simmons, Heather Sloan, David Jason Smith, Kelly Smith, Willis Smith, Eric Staats, Kelly Wilks, Kimberly Wilson, Michael Winland and Trisha Yeager.

**May 1:** Jay Miller, Carolyn Ortega, Jason Arthur, Adam Parrish, Leslie White, Chris Timmons, Sam McCoy, Leah Clay, Hannah Toney and Mary Baller.

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## New institute to address technology needs

A new program at Marshall University, the Marshall Technology Institute (MTI) will coordinate university-based expertise and services to meet technology information needs in the region.

"Future economic development opportunities will depend on the presence of a West Virginia workforce with strong information technology skills," Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said. "MTI will employ resources from both the Huntington main campus and the South Charleston campus to help businesses in the Advantage Valley area develop and



Simmons

maintain a technologically skilled workforce.

"Through information technology partnerships with business, industry and government, MTI can enhance workforce skills, foster economic development opportunities, provide applied research, and facilitate application of new information technologies in both private and public sectors," Gilley said.

MTI will be the gateway for access and use of the information technology services of Marshall University, according to MTI Director J. Michael Simmons, formerly director of the Institute for Professional Education and Training at Marshall University Graduate College.

"We plan to develop, coordinate and promote a coherent repertoire of Information Technology continuing education

offerings, certificate programs and degrees, from associate to graduate, as well as internships and cooperative work/study experiences," Simmons said.

Partnerships with community colleges and tech prep programs will integrate technology education into the K-12 school system, Simmons said.

Marshall students interested in pursuing technology-based careers will receive tuition waivers or other incentives and will work as staff associates, supporting the university's ongoing technology initiatives while gaining work experience.

"MTI will be needs driven and customer focused," Simmons said. "Customers may include the Marshall University community — students, faculty, and staff — organizations and businesses in the local and regional community, and, perhaps, clients in other geographical areas."

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## Commencement set for May 9

Marshall University will award about 2,350 degrees during annual Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 9, in the Huntington Civic Center. The program will begin at 11 a.m.

The 1998 Commencement, the first since the merger with the West Virginia Graduate College last summer, will be the largest in the university's history. About 900 graduate and professional degrees will be awarded, Registrar Roberta Ferguson reported. Some 1,200 bachelor's (four-year) and 230-plus associate (two-year) degrees will be awarded.

One of the highlights of the program will be the awarding of the John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility to businessman and Marshall alumnus A. Michael Perry, MU President J. Wade Gilley announced. A member and former chairman of the University System Board of Trustees, Perry is chairman and CEO of Banc One West Virginia Corp. He also is developer of the Heritage Village Farm and Museum near Huntington. Marshall's freshman



Perry

academic scholarships program bears his name.

Perry will be only the 15th recipient of the medal, Gilley noted.

"We are very pleased to be able to honor Mike Perry in this manner," Gilley said. "His contributions to West Virginia, to Huntington and particularly to Marshall University have been enormous."

As previously announced, the university will award honorary doctoral degrees to John Marshall biographer Jean Edward Smith, who also will be the Commencement speaker, and Ellen Galinsky, a national authority on work and family issues.

Participating in this spring's Commencement will be students who completed their degree requirements last summer and in December, as well as those completing their work during the current semester.

Ms. Ferguson said 261 students receiving bachelor's degrees will graduate with honors — 27 with highest honors (summa cum laude), 84 with high honors (magna cum laude), 150 with honors (cum laude). Eleven Community and Technical College students will graduate with high honors and 38 with honors.

Numbers are approximate because the figures could change slightly after completion of final exams, Ms. Ferguson noted.

## Governor to speak at H.E.L.P. graduation

Governor Cecil H. Underwood will be the featured speaker during the graduation ceremony for Marshall University's Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) Program on Friday, May 8 at 5 p.m. in Myers Hall on the MU campus, according to Dr. Barbara Guyer, director of the program.

"These students in the H.E.L.P. program have worked very hard during their time at Marshall, and we are grateful that Governor Underwood is coming to graduation in order to recognize their efforts," Guyer said.

Organized in 1981, the program's basic objective is to assist students with learning disabilities, particularly dyslexia, in achieving academic success. It has attracted students from all over the United States and from Europe and South America, and in 1993 was designated a Center of Excellence by MU President J. Wade Gilley.

"There will be 23 graduates in the H.E.L.P. Class of 1998 and I am proud to see them accomplish their goal—to receive a degree from Marshall University," Guyer said. "But I am also sad to see them leave, because each

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# Funeral services held for former MU coach

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11 for Forest F. "Spike" Underwood, 86, a former Marshall University football coach, MU graduate and member of the West Virginia Legislature.

Underwood was captain of the football team coached by Cam Henderson in both 1934 and 1935, and in 1935 was named All West Virginia Conference and Little All American.

He came to Huntington after the 1935 season as an assistant coach at Marshall College when Cam Henderson was appointed head football coach. Underwood coached the 1936 season before playing professional football for two years with both the Cleveland Rams and the Cincinnati Bengals.

He returned to Huntington in 1938 and

graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1939 and took an assistant football coaching job with the newly formed Huntington East High School, where he served from 1940 until 1946, when he was appointed head football and head track coach at the school.

Named West Virginia High School Coach of the Year in 1946, Underwood remained at Huntington East until 1955, when he became offensive line coach at Marshall College and remained in that position until 1965. While at MU, he earned a master's degree in both geography and guidance counseling.

Underwood finished his coaching career as an assistant football coach at Barboursville High School from 1965

until 1970.

For his efforts as a football player and coach, Underwood was named Centennial Sport Great in West Virginia from Cabell County and Doddridge County in 1963.

After his coaching career he served three terms in the West Virginia Legislature from 1975 until 1981, after which he was elected to the Cabell County Commission from 1981 through 1987. He was a member of Central Christian Church, BPOE 313 and the West Virginia Coaches Association.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Eloise Pollock Underwood of Huntington; a son and daughter-in-law, Harry and Alicia Underwood of Barboursville; a grandson, Mark Forest Underwood of Huntington; a granddaughter, Jacqueline Lee Underwood of Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother, Ted Underwood of Salem, W.Va.

# SGA creates leukemia fund

The Marshall University Student Government Association (SGA) has established a fund in honor of Cheli Stover, a MU junior from Winfield who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

"Cheli was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia just days before spring break. Our thoughts and concerns go to her and her family," said LaShunda Goard, SGA organizational coordinator. "She is part of the Marshall family, and it is our responsibility to provide as much assistance as we can."

Stover is one of 27,600 new leukemia cases predicted by the National Cancer Institute this year. "With that in mind, the Marshall SGA has created the Cheli Stover

Fund for Leukemia Research," Goard said.

To raise money for the newly created fund, the SGA has scheduled a yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

"Clothes donated for this sale will be accepted on Saturday, April 25 from noon to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 29 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Room 2W29," Goard said.

"Baked goods will also be accepted from April 30 through May 2 in the Memorial Student Center Room 2W29," she added.

For more information about the Cheli Stover Fund at Marshall University or the yard sale and bake sale, contact Brandi Jacobs in the Student Government Office, 696-2289.

# Very Special Arts to purchase equipment for disabled people

Very Special Arts West Virginia, which has its state headquarters at Marshall University, has been awarded one of four national grants for \$5,000 to purchase adaptive art equipment for people with disabilities, according to John Hunter, executive director of the program.

"This grant will allow us to purchase Arts for All equipment — unique products that attach to wheelchairs and walkers that offer individuals of all abilities the opportunity to create, paint, print and draw," Hunter said.

The equipment will be housed in a lending library at the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center in Institute and will be loaned to eligible groups on a three week basis to be

used with schools and organizations serving people with disabilities.

A demonstration of Arts for All equipment will be conducted by its inventor, Dwayne Szot, at a workshop on Thursday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Rehabilitation Center.

"The morning hours will be spent training about 25 volunteers from organizations that work with Very Special Arts," Hunter said. "The trained volunteers will then conduct a mini-festival in the afternoon for area students and young adults from Shawnee Hills and the Rehabilitation Center."

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, contact John Hunter, 696-6384 or fax 696-3232.

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of our students is like a member of the family."

There are currently 170 students in the program, which is staffed by eight full-time employees, 20 part-time employees and 37 graduate assistants.

"Two of our graduate assistants, Darren Bird and Matthew Pffaffenberger, are graduates of the H.E.L.P. program who are serving as tutors and pursuing their master's degrees at Marshall," Guyer said. "It is this kind of improvement that makes my position very rewarding and the whole H.E.L.P. Program worthwhile."

# New institute to focus on technology needs

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The Information Technology Association of American (ITAA) estimates that there are currently 340,000 openings for information technology (IT) employees at large and mid-sized U.S. companies. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that between 1996 and 2006, the United States will require more than 1.3 million new IT workers.

"Businesses held back due to lack of trained employees will now have opportunities to expand," Simmons said. "And, training available through Marshall Technology Institute will enable individuals seeking to learn or improve technology information skills to equip themselves for the changing job market."

# MU faculty and staff achievements

Several School of Nursing faculty members participated in the West Virginia League for Nursing (WVNLN) Annual Meeting, held April 17 in Wheeling: Dr. DENISE LANDRY, associate professor in the school, presented her research entitled "An Investigation of Selected Variables to Predict Graduate Performance on NCLEX-RN in One Baccalaureate Program";

Dr. JUDITH SORTET, professor and associate dean, presented "Health Beliefs of Rural Appalachian Women and the Practice of Breast Self Examination"; Dr. DIANA STOTTS, professor in the school, was re-elected to the WVNLN board of directors, and Dr. BARBARA DAVIS, professor in the school, is currently on the WVNLN board of directors.

Five members from the Department of Modern Languages participated in the 51st annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, held April 16-18 in Lexington. The following papers were presented by MU faculty in a session entitled "El exilio y la escritura," which was chaired by Dr. CHRISTINA BURGUEÑO, assistant professor: "El exilio uruguayo y el testimonio del cancionero," by Dr. CARLOS LOPEZ, assistant professor;

"Ultima etapa del exilio de Marla Teresa León: la escritura reparadora," by Dr. MARIA CARMEN RIDDEL, professor, and "Oye patria me decisión: Arrabal en el exilio," by JAMES HAMMERSTRAND, assistant professor.

In another session, Dr. PHILIPPE CHAVASSE presented a paper entitled "Maupassant et le troisième sexe."

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, Distinguished Professor of Management, presented a paper entitled "Violence in the Workplace" at the National Conference of the Academy of Business Administration, held April 18 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The paper will appear in the conference proceedings. ALEXANDER also served as a

discussant for a paper and was given a national award for his work in reviewing international portfolios of professors seeking teaching excellence awards. He presented two such awards at the conference banquet on April 17.

Dr. HOWARD R.D. GORDON, professor in the Department of Adult and Technical Education, attended the Annual American Educational Research Association (AERA) meeting held April 13-17 in San Diego, Calif. GORDON presented a paper entitled "Selected Instructional Delivery Methods and Teaching Techniques for Teaching School Law Courses" and was also elected as Vocational Education Special Interest Group (SIG) Secretary.

Dr. CHRISTOPHER W. LEGROW, assistant professor in the Department of Psychology, has been selected for inclusion in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of Recreational Sports and Fitness Activities, attended the 49th Annual National Conference of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association, held April 3-7 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He served on the conference program committee and was appointed to the affirmative action committee for 1998-2000.

Dr. JEFFREY L. POWELL, assistant professor of Philosophy, and Dr. JOHN N. VIELKIND, professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy, attended the 32nd Annual Heidegger Conference held April 17-19 at Villanova University. The conference has accepted an invitation to come to Marshall for the 34th annual meeting in April or May 2000. POWELL and VIELKIND will serve as Secretary-Convenors for that meeting.

Dr. MARY BETH REYNOLDS, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Disorders, and Dr. Donald Fucci of Ohio University, recently published an ar-

title entitled "Synthetic Speech Comprehension: A Comparison of Children with Normal and Impaired Language Skills" in the April 1998 issue of the "Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research."

REYNOLDS and MU graduate student LISA JEFFERSON also presented a paper entitled "Speed and Capacity of Information Processing: Does it Increase with Age for Children with SLI?" at the annual convention of the West Virginia Speech-Language-Hearing Convention, held March 26-28 in Charleston.

Dr. STEVE SHUKLIAN, associate professor in the Department of Economics, attended the annual meetings of the Association for Institutional thought, held in conjunction with the Western Social Sciences Association conference in Denver, Co., on April 16-20.

SHUKLIAN served as chairperson and discussant on four panels: "Institutional Economics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City"; "What's New in Institutional Labor Market Theory"; "Wages and Investment in the Community," and "Economic Development and Multinational Corporations."

He also had a paper entitled "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.

Dr. DONALD C. TARTER, professor in the Department of Biology, is the senior author of an article entitled "New West Virginia record for *Fabria inornata* (Trichoptera: Phryganeidae)," which was published in "Entomological News."

Dr. THOMAS E. WILSON, associate professor in the Department of Physics and Physical Science, and his research assistant, THERON T. TROUT, have contributed two Java simulations of physical phenomena to accompany the newly released third edition of "Contemporary College Physics" by Jones and Childers. The simulations can also be found (temporarily) on the Internet at <http://webphysics.ph.msstate.edu/jc/library/>

Dr. ALINA ZAPALSKA, associate professor in the Department of Economics, has been invited to spend one year at the Auckland Institute of Technology (AIT) in Auckland, New Zealand. She plans to apply for a sabbatical leave for the 1999-2000 academic year to take advantage of this opportunity, which includes conducting research and teaching.

ZAPALSKA is also president-elect of the Midwest Business Economics Association for the 1998-1999 academic year.

# Biology students win award

MU students Beth Pauley, Kirk Barnett and Jennifer Aderman won the Outstanding Paper awards in Ecology, Zoology 1 and Zoology 2, respectively, at the 73rd annual session of the West Virginia Academy of Science, held April 4 at Wheeling Jesuit College.

Dr. Tom Pauley, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, chaired the ecology section of the meeting, and Dr. Donald Tarter, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, chaired the zoology section of the meeting.

The following faculty and students from the Department of Biological Sciences also presented papers and a poster at the academy:

Herpetology — Allison Rogers, Jeff Humphries, John Campbell, Mindy Hamilton, Beth Pauley, Brian Lindley, Sandy Raimondo and Tom Pauley.

Aquatic Biology — Kirk Barnett, Matt Wooten, Jennifer Wylke, Eric Wilhelm, Jeff Ginger, Tara Rose, Gail Perrine, Jennifer Aderman, Ben Lowman and Donald Tarter.