State treasurer tired to fund in Harmony aucoin

Marshall University’s efforts to establish a Harmony Institute got a bipartisian boost with the announcement that State Treasurer John Perdue will serve as auctioneer for an Arts and Antiques Auction next November to raise funds for the program. Perdue will be auctioneer for the event.

Governor C.H. Underwood and Mrs. Underwood are honorary chairpersons for the Arts and Antiques Auction. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, in Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

Dr. Betty C. Underwood, chairman of the auction committee, is designed to give Thelma Clyde, director of the Higher Education for Learning Disabilities Programs - one of the most successful of these efforts. Thus, she is having greater confidence in the Marshall University's plans of the future.
Exterior of Old Main getting a new look

Marshall University's venerable Old Main is having 91 years worth of grime blasted away — or is it 128 years worth? Depends on where you're standing.

Actually five structures completed and joined between 1870 and 1907, Marshall's oldest building is undergoing what is believed to be the first exterior scrubbing in its history. G&K Masonry, Inc. of St. Albans is repairing the building's mortar and blasting away the grime with high pressure water hoses under a $889,000 contract.

But that isn't all. Pella Virginia, Inc. of Parkersburg has a $496,000 contract to manufacture new windows for the old building — each custom made. And Children Construction Co. of Huntington has a $937,500 contract to install new windows and frames as well as replacing fascias, soffits, gutters and downspouts.

"The work currently underway represents just one of several phases we plan to undertake to renovate Old Main during the next few years," Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said. "Although we have invested nearly $200 million in Marshall's physical plant and infrastructure since 1990, Old Main largely has been neglected. The time has arrived to restore our campus landmark to its former glory."

Meanwhile, getting around on the west end of Marshall's campus has become increasingly difficult during the "quiet" period between Commencement and the beginning of the first summer term in June. While the bookstore addition to Memorial Student Center has been completed recently, work continues on the $29 million John Deaver Drinko Library, which has disrupted campus traffic for many months.

And just this week B&L Contractors, Inc. of Ashland, Ky. fenced off a major section of the campus to begin work on a $1.7 million plaza, bordered generally by Old Main, the new library and Memorial Student Center. The plaza will feature a newly-commisioned statue of Chief Justice John Marshall, for whom the university was named.

Adding to the turmoil, the large parking lot across Fifth Avenue from Corbly Hall, which was opened last fall with a gravel surface, has been closed to allow workmen to install an asphalt surface. And another big parking lot — F Lot — across Third Avenue from Smith Hall, has been shut down for a major improvement project.

At the same time, work continues on a $4.7 million renovation of the Henderson Center arena, the $31 million Marshall Medical Center adjacent to Cabell Huntington Hospital is nearing completion, and renovation of a former United Methodist Church on 20th Street as a Community and Technical College building is progressing.

Ground has been cleared and work is about to begin on the $2 million Jonnie Jazz Center addition to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on Fifth Avenue. And, once a site is determined, the university has committed to raising $1 million to begin construction of a new baseball park.

"While the university's investment is significant, the private sector is involved, too," Gilley said. "We have seen the construction of several impressive new student apartment buildings around the campus during the past year or so, and plans for additional apartments are being discussed as the number of new students applying for admission to Marshall continues to climb.

"It's increasingly obvious that Marshall is going to have the most modern, thriving campus in West Virginia as we enter the 21st Century," Gilley added.

Two vice presidents appointed

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"Jim Hooper wears many hats for Marshall — and he wears all of them well," Gilley said. "He is the type of administrator we need for the 21st Century."

Hooper earned degrees in mathematics (B.S. and M.S.) and computer science (M.S. and Ph.D.) at Florence (Ala.) State College, Auburn University, the University of Minnesota-Rolla and the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He began his teaching career at Florence State College in 1960 and continued it at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. In addition, he worked with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville as an electronics engineer and project leader from 1962 to 1980. He was awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal in 1977.

A native of Weston, W.Va., Ms. Weber attended West Virginia University and received her bachelor's degree in business administration from George Washington University in 1987.

Prior to joining the Marshall staff in 1993, she served four years as executive assistant to U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. She also has been a television news reporter and an advertising/public relations agency account executive.

She is active in a wide range of civic and business organizations in the state and the local community.

Hunter named to alumni post

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Division of Developmental and General Education from 1984 to 1986 and 1987 to 1988. She served a year as director of Marshall's SCORES (Search Committee on Recognition of Excellent Students) program and a year as the first director of the university's Society of Yeager Scholars. During the 1986-87 academic year, Dr. Hunter was an American Council of Education Fellow at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, focusing on private fundraising.

She has been active in many area organizations including the West Virginia Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, the Huntington Rotary Club, the Western West Virginia Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Campus Christian Center and the Huntington Museum of Art.

Carolyne Hunter has excelled in a number of assignments at Marshall University over the past 25 years and I am very pleased she has agreed to accept this new challenge," Gilley said. "I am confident her record of success will be extended once again."

Staff members presented service awards

Retirees, front row from left: Opal Midkiff, Joyce Adkins, Julia Gibson, Mary Ellene Dial. Back row from left: Donald Adkins, Earl Johnson, Richard Hensley, Margaret Shelton.

For 30 Years of Service, from left: Imogene Scott, Charles Newsom.

For 25 Years of Service, front row from left: Carolyn Hunter, Mary Caserta, Opal Midkiff, Virginia Spence. Back row from left: Joseph Vance, Joe Wortham, Charles Harless, Sue Ellen Bell.

For 20 Years of Service, front row from left: Virginia Keoney, Arlene Ferguson, Margaret Theis, Linda Templeton, Vickie Crager, Tony Crislo. Back row from left: Vickie Utley, Mildred Johnson, Deborah Watson, Eril Hur, Lester Fleming, Jeffrey Long, Jeffrey Daniels.