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# State treasurer to aid in Harmony Institute auction

Marshall University's efforts to establish a Harmony Institute got a bipartisan 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 project.

Governor Cecil H. Underwood and Mrs. Underwood are honorary chairpersons for the Arts and Antiques Auction, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, in Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, Marshall vice president for multicultural and international programs, who is spearheading the effort to develop the Harmony Institute, commended Perdue for accepting the auctioneer assignment.

"We are very pleased that an official of Mr. Perdue's stature is lending his time, his interest and his talents to this venture," Dr. Cleckley said. "His involvement makes us even more confident in the success of the fund-raising program."

The Art and Antiques Auction Commit-

tee, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins and Professor Bertram W. Gross, has a goal of \$50,000. A number of art objects and antiques have been collected, but additional contributions are being sought.

Several of the objects were on display at a news conference this morning (May 19) in Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center. "The auction is truly going to be an exciting event," Dr. Cleckley said.

The Harmony Institute, first announced last October, is designed to improve racial and ethnic relations both on the campus and in the community. "Universities must address the challenge of finding better ways to promote the understanding of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity," Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said at that time. "We must strengthen the educational experience of all students and provide leadership for future generations to foster understanding, respect and acceptance of differences."

"We view the Harmony Institute at

Marshall University as a significant step in that direction," Gilley said, "and I commend Dr. Cleckley for her leadership in this initiative."

The Art and Antiques Auction Committee is composed of interested university and regional representatives. Members, in addition to the two co-chairs, are Michael I. Cornfeld and Gaye Fearing, consultants, and Earlene Agee, Derek Anderson, Nell C. Bailey, Elaine Baker, Kenneth E. Blue, Thelma "Dee" Brown, Charlene Byrd, Sally O. Cyrus, Gretchen Dascoli, Sarah Drennen, Deidre Dunworth, Gerald M. Eggert, Nanna Gilley,

Kathy Goodman, Carolyn Harris-Carter, Jannell Hess, Lucia B. James, Renee C. Maass, Lynne Mayer, Edwina Pendarvis, Mary Ann Pennington, Dorothy Polan, Marilyn Polan, Charles Rhodes, William Smith, Jill Stevens, Sarah Louise Cockrell Stevens, Joseph B. Touma, Sally Tweel, Anita Unger, Donald Van Horn, James J. Weiler III and Charles Whitehead.

## H.E.L.P. offers summer programs

Marshall University will offer two Summer Learning Disabilities Programs — one for elementary students and another for secondary students — from June 10 through July 10, according to Dr. Barbara Guyer, director of the Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) Program at MU.

### Elementary Program (Grades K-5)

Held at Meadows Elementary School in Huntington from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be four to five students per class, which will focus on reading, spelling, written language, math, study skills and self-concept.

Cost is \$130 for West Virginia students, \$150 for metro students and \$200 for students from other areas.

### Secondary Program (Grades 6-12)

Held at Harris Hall on the Marshall University campus from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be four to five students per class,

which will focus on reading, spelling, written language, math, self-concept, study skills and test-taking strategies.

Cost is \$145 for West Virginia students, \$170 for metro students and \$300 for students from other areas.

Another version of the secondary program is available that makes up one unit of failed credit for students in grades 8-12. They must attend from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and bring two textbooks from their home school.

Cost for this version of the secondary program is \$220 for West Virginia students, \$245 for metro students and \$375 for students from other areas.

In order to register for the Summer Learning Disabilities Program, students must submit a copy of their testing results along with an application. For more information, contact Dr. Barbara Guyer, 696-6317, or Diane Williams, 696-6314.

## 'Exploring Technology' offered June 15-19

"Exploring Technology," an enrichment program for students throughout the region in kindergarten through ninth grade, will be offered June 15-19 in the Synergistics Lab at West Middle School, 1001 Jefferson Ave.

The program will give students the opportunity to work at individual workstations in two of the following subjects: applied physics, computer graphics, graphics communication, engineering bridges, robotics, electricity, problem solving, flight technology, biotechnology and audio broadcasting.

Hands-on projects include learning how to animate and produce a movie; designing, constructing and testing a model wing and aircraft; producing a weather, sports and news broadcast; drawing objects with an autosketch software program, and understanding robotics in world industry by programming a robotic arm.

Cost, including materials, is \$65 and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Marshall University Community and Technical College, 696-3113.

## Athletic department budget 'in the black'

Marshall University's Athletic Department budget is in good shape, despite a \$89,840 loss in the football team's participation in the first Motor City Bowl, according to Director of Athletics Lance West.

"With the close of the university's fiscal year — June 30 — approaching, it is obvious we are going to finish in the black," West said. "Ticket sales for several home football games exceeded our estimates, which were conservative. Four thousand of Ohio University's followers bought tickets to the Bobcats' game here and that alone offset our shortfall in the Motor City Bowl sales."

West said Marshall's ticket office sold 7,986 tickets to the bowl game although more than 10,000 Marshall fans attended. Some bought tickets at discounted prices through other Mid-American Conference schools, each of which was required by the conference to buy 500 tickets for re-sale.

West said all 103 football-eligible student athletes made the bowl trip, which pushed expenses up somewhat. "However, we wanted every player to be a part of Marshall's first bowl game in 50 years as a way of recognizing and rewarding their dedication and hard work throughout the season," he added.

Overall, the 1997 season was one of the most successful in Marshall's history, as attendance for home games averaged 26,397, a new Mid-American Conference record.

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## Weber, Hooper assume vice presidential positions

Describing them as "highly effective administrators," Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley has announced the appointments of Charlotte N. Weber and James W. Hooper to vice presidential positions.

Ms. Weber, who joined the Marshall

staff in 1993, is being named vice president for federal programs. She has served the past two years as director and chief executive officer of Marshall's Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing (RCBI), a position she will retain.

Dr. Hooper, executive dean of Marshall's new Graduate School of Information Tech-



Weber



Hooper

Marshall in 1991 from the University of Alabama in Huntsville as Weisberg visiting professor of software engineering.

As head of the Byrd Institute, Ms. Weber has initiated expansion of the high tech manufacturing program from its headquarters in downtown Huntington to sites across the state, including Charleston, Bridgeport

nology and Engineering (GSITE), will be vice president for research. Previously, he has served as president of the Marshall University Research Corporation and director of the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences.

Hooper came to

and Rocket Center in the Eastern Panhandle. RCBI works directly with small- and medium-sized businesses, helping them to take advantage of the newest manufacturing tools and concepts.

"Charlotte Weber is a tireless 'can do' administrator who has been extremely successful in developing and obtaining funding for federal programs at Marshall University which benefit all West Virginians," Gilley said. "Under her leadership, we look forward to continuing growth in our very productive partnerships with the federal government."

Although he came to Marshall as a visiting professor, Hooper became involved in establishment of the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences by Marshall and the West Virginia Graduate College (WVGC) and was named to head that joint program in 1993. Marshall and WVGC merged last summer, creating the Marshall University Graduate College.

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## Hunter named to alumni post

Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, associate vice president for development at Marshall University, has been named vice president for alumni development and interim director of alumni services, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Gilley said the assignment follows

Alumni Affairs Director Linda S. Holmes' decision to accept a position with the Marshall School of Medicine, effective May 1.

Dr. Hunter will oversee all alumni programs, including Marshall clubs located around the country; the annual fund and phonathon; major gifts, and alumni publications, Gilley said.

Gilley said the appointment of Dr. Hunter is one of several steps to be taken in reorganizing the university's external relations programs. He cited other factors in addition to Ms. Holmes' move to the medical school, including last summer's merger of Marshall and the former West Virginia Graduate College in South Charleston.



Hunter

Gilley said Vice President for Development Frank P. Justice Jr. has asked to be re-assigned following the successful \$8 million campaign to raise funds for the new Drinko Library and veteran University Relations Director C.T. Mitchell has retired.

"All of these factors led to the conclusion that this is an appropriate time to examine and reorganize our external relations programs," Gilley said. "We will be making additional announcements as the summer progresses."

Dr. Hunter, who has served as associate vice president for development since 1988, joined Marshall in 1972 as a reading specialist and assistant director of special services. Prior to that, she had spent four years as an adult education teacher with the Cabell County Board of Education.

A native of Huntington, she earned an A.B. in English and social studies in 1968 and a M.A. degree in reading in 1972, both from Marshall, and was awarded the Ed.D. degree in higher education administration from West Virginia University in 1987.

Dr. Hunter served from 1975 to 1984 on the faculty of Marshall's Community and Technical College as coordinator of reading and study skills. She was chairman of the

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## Mathews awarded

Tammy Mathews of Proctorville, records assistant II in the Registrar's Office, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for May, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Mathews joined the Registrar's Office on April 16, 1998, after working in the MU Physical Plant for 10 years as a building service worker. She was nominated by Charles Newsom, assistant supervisor of building services.

"Tammy has been a dedicated and loyal employee during her time in our department," Newsom said. "She has an excellent attitude and work ethic that shows in everything that she does."

During her time at MU, Mathews has become a part-time student and is nearing

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Mathews

# 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&R 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 Childers Construction Co. of Huntington has a \$937,500 contract to install the 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 western 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-commissioned 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 Jomie 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 Missouri-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 elec-

tronics 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.

"Carolyn 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 35 Years of Service:** Josephine Fidler.



**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 Keeney, Arlene Ferguson, Margaret Theis, Linda Templeton, Vickie Crager, Tony Crislip. **Back row from left:** Vickie Scites, Mildred Johnson, Deborah Watson, Estil Hum, Lester Fleming, Jeffrey Long, Jeffrey Daniels.



**For 15 Years of Service, front row from left:** Trula Stanley, Patsy Stephenson, Cassandra Chappelle, Janet Rogers, Loretta Earl, Nancy McComas. **Back row from left:** William Roger Young, Connie Zirkle, Becky Goodman, Frances Mooney, Mark Ward, David Bailey, Roberta Kinney, Margaret Holley.

## Library hours for June 8 – August 14

Sunday – 5 to 9 p.m.  
Monday-Thursday – 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday – 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday – 1 to 5 p.m.  
CLOSED July 3, 4, 11 & 12.