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Huntington campus: update on operational changes to increase efficiency, reduce costs

Several recent operational changes have been made on the Huntington campus with the goal of utility cost savings and more efficient space utilization. These changes were recommended by Marshall20/20 workgroups.

**Unused Buildings**

When not in use on the weekends, buildings on the Huntington campus are being powered down to 55-60 degrees Fahrenheit (80-85 degrees during the summer months). Water and other utilities are not being turned off and buildings with specialized needs, including laboratories, will not be powered down. To protect water pipes, etc., buildings will be returned to their normal, full-operating temperatures when the outside temperature reaches 15 degrees or below.

**Memorial Student Center**

Due to low facility utilization, the Memorial Student Center is now closed on Sundays. Annual events, including Greek functions, Mother’s Day Brunch, Soul Food Feast, Yeager Finalist Weekend, etc., will continue to be held in MSC on Sundays at no additional cost to sponsors. All other, non-annual events and meetings on Sundays are being scheduled for Smith Hall only.

Exceptions may be granted with approval from the Senior Vice President for Operations.

**Saturday Facility Requests**

Saturday events and meetings will be scheduled in either MSC or Smith Hall only. Facilities in other buildings will be booked only with prior approval from the Senior Vice President for Operations.

Space reservations are managed by the Facilities Scheduling Office on their [website](http://www.marshall.edu).

If you have questions about any of these operational changes, please contact Dale Osburn at osburnr@marshall.edu or 304-696-6616.
The Marshall University community in the Point Pleasant and South Charleston areas will welcome President Jerome A. “Jerry” Gilbert with receptions later this month. Both receptions will run from 5 to 6 p.m. and are open to all Marshall students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

The first reception will be held on Monday, Feb. 8, at the university’s Mid-Ohio Valley Center, 1 John Marshall Way, Point Pleasant. Then, on Monday, Feb. 22, there will be a reception at the South Charleston location, 100 Angus E. Peyton Dr., South Charleston.

Gilbert was named the 37th president of Marshall University on Oct. 20, 2015. He assumed the presidency on Jan. 16.

A Mississippi native with a background in biomedical engineering, Gilbert previously served for nearly six years as provost and executive vice president of Mississippi State University. Before that, he was the university’s associate provost and associate vice president for academic affairs for six years. Earlier roles include head of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering and coordinator for the biomedical engineering graduate program in the Bagley College of Engineering.

Gilbert attained the rank of professor in 1993 after joining the Mississippi State faculty in 1988 as associate professor. From 1989-2005, he also served as adjunct clinical assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery (research) for the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He served for 10 years as a research affiliate with the Institute of Neurocognitive Science and Technology at Mississippi State, and was among the first class of Mississippi State’s honors faculty in the Shackouls Honors College.

He was a graduate assistant at Duke University and held previous academic appointments at North Carolina State University and University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) School of Medicine.

In 2014, he was elected to the inaugural board of directors of the Association of Chief Academic Officers. A member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, he also was inducted in the inaugural class of Fellows of the Institute of Biological Engineering, an organization for which he served as president in 2005.

He has a bachelor’s degree in biological engineering from Mississippi State and a doctorate in biomedical engineering from Duke.

A reception for Gilbert and his wife, Leigh, was held on the Huntington campus in early December.
Med School produces second issue of Marshall Journal of Medicine

The Marshall Journal of Medicine (MJM), which made its debut last October, has published its second issue (Vol. 2, No. 1), the full text of which can be accessed online at http://mds.marshall.edu/mjm/.

MJM is a peer-reviewed journal published by the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. The journal allows free access (open access) to its contents and permits authors to self-archive final accepted versions of the articles on any Open Archives Initiative compliant institutional/subject-based repository.

The journal does not charge for submission. An open-access fee will be charged for all accepted manuscripts.

Series of events in February to honor life of Dr. Carter G. Woodson during Black History Month

The life of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a former Huntington resident known as the “Father of African American history,” will be reintroduced to the Huntington and Marshall University communities in a series of events beginning Friday, Feb. 5, which will be proclaimed “Dr. Carter G. Woodson Day” by Mayor Steve Williams.

Dr. Alan Gould, executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy and Burnis Morris, the Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications and a Drinko Fellow, have organized the special events that will honor Woodson.

“This is the 90th anniversary of Black History Month,” Gould said. “I’ve always wanted to do something to honor this remarkable man and what better time to do it than on the 90th anniversary of Black History Month – which Dr. Woodson began by creating Negro History Week beginning Feb. 7, 1926. It then grew to a month in the 1970s.”

Before he became one of the more recognizable African Americans of his day through his newspaper columns and frequent public appearances in support of black history, Woodson worked in the West Virginia coal mines, graduated from Douglass High School in Huntington and returned four years later as the school's principal.
He became the second black person to earn a doctorate from Harvard University and the only offspring of former slaves anywhere to receive a Ph. D. in history. He launched the Modern Black History Movement when he founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915 and The Journal of Negro History in 1916.

Woodson’s former home/office in Washington, D.C., is now being restored by the National Park Service as a National Historic Site.

At 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, Williams’ proclamation on Woodson will take place during a reception in the Drinko Library Atrium. U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin is planning to submit a statement in the Congressional Record honoring Woodson and is sending a representative to Marshall to present his remarks. Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin also is preparing a proclamation for presentation by a member of his staff, and a member of U.S. Rep. Evan Jenkins’ staff has been designated to attend the program and read Jenkins’ statement. Other local and state public officials also are expected to participate.

Other key events planned in Woodson’s honor during February are:

- 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 – the annual Soul Food Feast, to be held in the John Marshall Dining Room, located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center, will feature a tribute to Woodson.
- 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 – Morris will present a lecture about Woodson’s early career, especially his ties to Huntington and West Virginia, in the Huntington City Council chambers.
- 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 – “This place matters,” inspired by Woodson, uses technology to bring recognition to African American contributions in central Appalachia. Presentations will be by Dr. Monica Brooks, assistant vice president of information technology, and Dr. David Trowbridge, associate professor of history, in the Morrow Library’s Hoffman Room.
- 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18 – WMUL-FM 88.1, Marshall's student-run public radio station, will broadcast two panel discussions on the official emancipation of 50 slaves in Cabell County and the only known return of their descendants to this area since the mid-19th century.
- 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 – Bishop Samuel R. Moore will speak on “The Deceitfulness of Difference,” the inaugural John Deaver Drinko Academy's Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lecture, Memorial Student Center’s Shawkey Room.
- Cabell County Schools have produced a Black History Month curriculum, which honors Woodson and African American achievements. The lesson development plan, developed through a collaboration involving Vickie Linville, Rhonda O’Neal and Alexandria McCloud, will be made available to teachers for use in their classrooms in February.

Throughout February, the Drinko Library Atrium will display photographs from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History’s exhibit of African Americans who made major contributions to the state’s history. Other events planned include a presentation by David Harris, who is coordinating a historical interpretation of Woodson. Two documentary films also are being scheduled for presentation/discussion.

The project is being supported by Mayor Williams; the City of Huntington; Cabell County Schools; the Cabell County Public Library; the Carter G. Woodson Memorial Foundation; the office of Intercultural Affairs, the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, the College of Arts and Media and University Libraries at Marshall; the Black Ministerial Association; and the NAACP.
For a complete list of events and schedule updates, visit the John Deaver Drinko Academy’s special Carter G. Woodson project page at [www.marshall.edu/drinko/woodson/](http://www.marshall.edu/drinko/woodson/).

‘Love a Donor Day’ set for next Wednesday, Feb. 10

Love a Donor Day, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center, will offer an opportunity for students to write thank-you cards and notes to donors for their scholarships, as well as participate in other activities that day.

Recipients are invited to fill out the cards to thank the donors who fund scholarships, conferences, travel, study abroad, and academic programs and facilities.

Other activities planned include a “heart wall” where students, staff and faculty can thank donors who give to all aspects of the university, such as the annual fund, capital projects, and scholarships. There also will be a photo booth and giveaways such as class year button pins, candy, and free coffee and hot cocoa.

Love a Donor Day is a project of the Marshall University Foundation.

School of Medicine approved for new fellowship program

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has been approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to begin a hematology-oncology fellowship program.

The new three-year hematology-oncology fellowship will replace the current two-year medical oncology fellowship, which began in 2012.

“I’m very excited and proud of our team for their outstanding work in this successful effort to bring a new ACGME fellowship to Marshall,” said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the school of medicine. “We are continuing to expand our education and training opportunities which is a vital and necessary step in our growth as an academic medical center.”
Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education, said the new program will be the first one in the Tri-State and only the second in West Virginia.

“This new fellowship expands offerings to allow our trainees to be able to evaluate, diagnose, treat and manage patients with cancer (leukemia, lymphoma and/or tumors) as well as treat diseases of the blood cells and bleeding disorders,” Wehner said.

Maria Tria Tirona, M.D., current fellowship director for medical oncology, will continue as program director for the new fellowship.

“Having accreditation and approval for a three-year hematology-oncology fellowship program is another important milestone for the oncology program at our school of medicine and the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center,” Tirona said. “This serves as a testament to the ongoing commitment of both institutions in educating and training future competent and compassionate hematologists and medical oncologists in the fight against cancer and hematological diseases, not just in the Tri-State region but in the nation as well.”

Marshall has eight ACGME-accredited residency programs and seven accredited fellowship programs. The ACGME is a private, nonprofit council that evaluates and accredits residency and fellowship programs in the United States.

**Marshall Recreation Center to celebrate 7th anniversary tomorrow**

The Recreation Center will open its doors to the Marshall community to celebrate its 7th anniversary tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 4.

To celebrate, all group fitness classes will be free. Members of the Marshall community are encouraged to visit the facility and try any of the fitness classes offered:

- **BODYPUMP®** 6:15-7 a.m.
- C.U.T. 12:15-12:45 p.m.
- Cycle-45 5:15-6 p.m.
- Hard Core 6-6:30 p.m.
- Piloxing 6:15-7 p.m.
- Yoga Basics 7:15-8 p.m.
- **BODYPUMP®** 7:15-8:15 p.m.
- Hip-Hop Sculpt 8-9 p.m.

Anyone who joins the Recreation Center on Feb. 4 will receive February at no charge with a 12-month membership commitment.

Campus Recreation also will be raffling off a 1-year membership. The raffle will be held at the Welcome Desk. Patrons and guests can enter to win as they come in the building.

A special reception will be held in the Rec Center lobby at 12:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Snacks and refreshments will be served.
Informational sessions will be available for Marshall employees at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. about the benefits of the Marshall Health fitness program. Employees must have PEIA insurance to participate.

The Rec Center is encouraging members to document the celebration on social media using the hashtag #7YearsStrong.

**Marshall social work and public health programs collaborate for $15K grant from West Virginia Rural Health Initiative**

The Departments of Social Work and Public Health have received a $15,000 grant from the West Virginia Rural Health Initiative to conduct health assessments in rural communities.

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) and its Division of Health Sciences oversee the Rural Health Initiative, a statewide program directed at improving the recruitment and retention of health-care providers to rural areas of the state, according to the grant’s project coordinator, Jo Dee Gottlieb.

“Both the fields of social work and public health are concerned with the health and behavioral health-care needs of our communities,” Gottlieb said. “We saw this as a great opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration and an opportunity for students to become familiar with the needs of our rural regions.”

Gottlieb, program director for Marshall’s Department of Social Work, said they plan to partner each social work student with a public health student and have each team explore and identify community health, social welfare issues and service needs while on their field experiences.

Results from the health needs assessments would also help prevent duplication of services while identifying the real gaps where programs need to focus to bring positive change to the well-being of the West Virginia population, according to Dr. Monika Sawhney, director of the undergraduate public health program. Sawhney serves as a co-coordinator for the project.

“With this grant, we have four goals: initiate cross-disciplinary collaborations, sensitize students to the real needs of rural population, provide hands-on experience to use academic knowledge in real life situations and work with different stakeholders develop sustainable opportunities in the communities,” Sawhney said. “We want our graduates to stay in West Virginia and by engaging students in rural communities, we hope they will be more invested in staying in these communities.”

Students receiving stipends from the grant will be responsible for conducting surveys, focus groups or personal interviews with rural community members in West Virginia. The WVHEPC coordinates health sciences programs and policies, particularly those affecting the state’s three academic health centers at Marshall, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and West Virginia University.

The Departments of Social Work and Public Health are housed in the College of Health Professions.
Marshall Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy receive $100,000 gift

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the School of Pharmacy are recipients of a $100,000 gift from Jerry and Margaret Hodge of Amarillo, Texas.

Jerry Hodge is a pharmacist and chairman of a national pharmacy services corporation. He was recently honored with a 50-year pharmacy award by the Texas Board of Pharmacy.

“After having become acquainted with the work underway at both the school of medicine and school of pharmacy at Marshall, I have gained tremendous respect for both Joe Shapiro and Kevin Yingling,” Hodge said. “We are so pleased we can help offset some of those expenses for students and now, Margaret and I can say, We are...Marshall.”

The funding will be split equally with both programs to create scholarship endowments and marks the largest private gift to date for the pharmacy school.

“This exceptional gift will have many positive effects on pharmacy education at Marshall University,” said Kevin W. Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., dean of the school of pharmacy. “Mr. Hodge’s commitment to the pharmacy profession in the United States is truly noteworthy and his support for Marshall’s program is very much appreciated.”

Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the school of medicine, said the scholarship gift will boost efforts to reduce the crushing debt that many students incur during medical school.

“The cost of medical education is a significant burden for many of our students,” Shapiro said. “Reducing educational debt allows the next generation of doctors to choose whichever avenue of medical practice they want without being influenced by high debt. I’m grateful to the Hodge family for helping our students.”

Reminder: Nominations for Women of Color Award due Feb. 14

The Marshall University Women of Color Committee is in search of women on the Huntington campus and the Huntington Community to recognize with the 2016 Women of Color Award.

The Women of Color Day celebration will be held Tuesday, March 1, at noon in the Memorial Student Center, room BE5. The day promises to be fun filled as well as informative.
Completed nomination forms are due to the committee by Feb. 14. For any questions or information, contact Leah Tolliver at ext. 6-3112, Lisa Allen at ext. 6-4637 or LeKesha Taylor at ext. 6-6208.

**President Gilbert, senior management team continue monthly open houses today at 3 p.m.**

President Jerome Gilbert and members of the university’s senior management team will continue to host monthly open house meetings with members of the Marshall and Huntington communities. The open houses are held from 3 to 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in Old Main 213. The next open house will be today, Wednesday, Feb. 3.

“President Gilbert wants to continue to give students, faculty and staff an informal opportunity to drop in and discuss ideas, suggestions or concerns they have about Marshall,” said Ginny Painter, senior vice president for communications and marketing. “These receptions are also great for networking and meeting colleagues from across the university. Members of the Huntington community also are encouraged to stop in and provide input.”

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact ucomm@marshall.edu.

**2015 W-2s available online in myApps**

The payroll office has announced that W-2s for 2015 are available on myApps for employees. Go to [https://myapps.wvsao.gov/apps/default.aspx](https://myapps.wvsao.gov/apps/default.aspx) to access myApps, where you can sign in or sign up for an account if you have not already done so.

The paper copies of the 2015 W-2s were mailed last week to the home address currently on file with the payroll office.
New web design theme now available for all WordPress administrators

As a joint effort between University Communications (UComm) and Information Technology (IT) a fresh, new design was launched for marshall.edu in August. Since the launch of the homepage and top-level sites, IT and UComm have been working with colleges and departments across campus to switch sites over to the new design theme, MUx2.

As of Feb. 1, the new theme was made available to all WordPress administrators. Those who wish to update their sites to the new theme on their own can now do so at any time. Any new sites will automatically be created using the new MUx2 theme.

The old theme, Roots MU, will continue to be supported until all sites have successfully been switched over.

In preparation for this change, Web Designer Justin Howell has created detailed instructions for web page administrators to self-migrate to the new theme: [http://www.marshall.edu/webguide/welcome-to-mux2/](http://www.marshall.edu/webguide/welcome-to-mux2/).

Web page administrators are encouraged to utilize WordPress training videos available through Lynda.com. IT also hosts quarterly training sessions. The next WordPress Essential Training seminar is scheduled for February 16 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in Drinko 402. Registration is available through Human Resources at [http://www.marshall.edu/human-resources/training/training-schedule/wordpress-essential-training/](http://www.marshall.edu/human-resources/training/training-schedule/wordpress-essential-training/). If you run into issues or have more complex needs while editing and require assistance from IT, please contact the Help Desk to open a support ticket.

In addition to the new look of the site, University Communications staff members are working with web administrators to clean up and update content throughout the entire site. For assistance with the content on your site please contact your UComm representative. If you aren’t sure who your UComm contact is, visit [https://www.marshall.edu/ucomm/staff-2/](https://www.marshall.edu/ucomm/staff-2/).

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