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Sharon Stanton, 696-2943.

To obtain further details contact Mr. Marc Lindberg for "Attatchments of the Prison Population as Measured by the APQO."
University establishes Teays Valley office

Marshall University has established a Teays Valley Regional Center in Huntington to provide opportunities for people to become access to people in Putnam County and surrounding areas, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

A grand opening ceremony was held at the center, located in Suite 205 of the Carriage Pointe building on Teays Valley Road, Thursday, May 29.

Marshall’s Adult and Extended Education Office began offering courses to talented high school seniors in the area during the recent spring semester and held computer classes for adults. The classes were held at the Putnam County High School.

Dr. Keith Spears, dean for adult and extended education at Marshall, said a much more comprehensive schedule of courses has been developed for this fall.

**Fantasticks’ scheduled**

Marshall University’s professional summer theatre will present “The Fantasticks” June 26-28 at 8 p.m. and June 29 at 2 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

“The Fantasticks” is a musical based on an obscure Edmond Rostand play titled “Les Romanesques,” a spoof of “Romeo and Juliet.” “The Fantasticks” opened off-Broadway in 1960 and is the longest-running musical in the world and the longest-running show in the history of American theatre.

Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens 65 and older and youth under 18, and $6 for Marshall faculty and staff. Marshall retired faculty and staff and full-time summer students will be admitted free.

To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall University Box Office, 696-7287.

Class works on exhibit

Marshall University’s department of Art and English sponsored an intermission course titled “Rendering the Landscape” during which students studied on campus and at Twin Falls State Park.

The landscape was studied historically through the visual arts and literature and the park was used as subject matter for creative works.

Art works produced during the course will be on display in the Arts Gallery through June 20. The gallery will be open weekdays from noon to 4 p.m. A reception will be held June 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. during which students in the English segment of the course will read the works they produced.

The exhibition and admission are open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Art Department, 696-6766.

**Tennis league forming**

The Office of Recreational Sports and Fitness Activities is sponsoring a men’s and women’s tennis league from June 17 through Aug. 19.

Singles and doubles matches will be held on Tuesdays beginning at 6 and 8 p.m. on the Marshall University courts. There will be a $5 charge to cover the cost of tennis balls.

To register or obtain further details contact Tom Lovins, 696-2942 or 696-6477.

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**Casto book proceeds go to scholarship fund**

Casto was born in Huntington and received his B.A. degree in journalism and an M.A. degree in Marshall. He was introduced to the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism at Marshall University for his distinguished alumnus in 1999.

Now associate editor of The Herald-Dispatch, Casto has been employed by the Newport News News-Press from 1963 and has taught both journalism and English at Marshall. He also has written extensively about Huntington’s history and Huntington, and approved the railroad mileage in period costume as part of the West Virginia Humanities Council’s “History Alive!” program.

Casto is also the author of “Towboat on the Ohio,” published by the University Press of Kentucky in 1995, and “West Virginia: Mountain Majesty,” published last year by the state Division of Culture and History.

Casto is president of the Friends of the Cabell County Public Library and the Huntington Area Food Bank and is the immediate past president of the James E. Morrow Library Associates.

He has been on the boards of directors of the Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless, the Marshall University Alumni Association and the Tri-State Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Casto’s news commentaries are a regular feature of “Morning Edition” on West Virginia Public Radio.

In 1994 he was named as the Marshall University Employee of the Month.

Adkins retires from MU

Donald F. Adkins of Huntington, landscape gardener in the Plant Operations Division, has announced his retirement from Marshall University.

He worked for the university for 22 years. In July 1994 he was selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month.

Adkins was a familiar figure on the campus.

Adkins received a bachelor’s degree from Marshall University in 1971 and a master’s degree from West Virginia University in 1979.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Adkins

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**Letter of appreciation**

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for participating in the Spring 1997 Finals Week Review sessions.

Twelve professors volunteered their time to review information and answer questions from more than 500 students about subjects ranging from nursing to communications. The feedback received from students was excellent. We hope to continue Finals Week Review sessions with even more professors participating during the 1997-98 academic year.

Sincerely,

Ray Welty
MU employees honored for years of service

Marshall University’s 13th annual Service Awards Luncheon was held Thursday, May 15, in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The following university staff members were eligible to receive awards:

For 15 Years of Service—Nina Barrett, Eddie Bracey, Connie Chapman, John Darrah, Sharon Gates, Herbert Karlet, Paula Kelly, Linda Mills, Janet Rone, Penny Smoot, Jerry Stowasser, Allen Taylor;

For 20 Years of Service—David Arigan, Hildegarde Bauer, Marie Billy, Robert Bolling, Ezra Brinegar, Janet Dudley, Charlotte Hardin, Linda Holmes, Betty Lawhorn, Thomas Lovins, Joyce Ray, Ida Reed, William Shondel, Jack Shafer, Carol Skaggs, Judy Watters;

For 25 Years of Service—Delana June Adkins, Nancy Filbert, Charles McKinney, Judith Olson, Barbara Ransbottom;

For 30 Years of Service—Julia Gibson;

For 35 Years of Service—Shirley Dyer;


Shirley Dyer was honored for 35 years of service.

Julia “Judy” Gibson was honored for 30 years of service.

Retirees honored during the luncheon were, left to right, seated, Wilma Gibbs, Barbara James, Lois Jacqueline Ball and Ernestine Osburn; standing, Ronald Larson, Maxine Vernon, Cal Stephenson, Clifford Curry, Cleo Johnson, Helen Moeller and Rondel Wilkinson.

Honored for 20 years of service were, left to right, seated, Jack Shafer, Judy Watters, Janet Dudley, Charlotte Hardin and Carol Skaggs; standing, Shauna Smith and Rita McComas (accepting for Betty Lawhorn), Marie Billy, Linda Holmes, Thomas Lovins and David Arigan.

Honored for 15 years of service were, left to right, seated, Penny Smoot, Linda Mills, Sharon Gates, Janet Rone and Eddie Bracey; standing, John Darrah, Connie Chapman, Nina Barrett, Allen Taylor and Jerry Stowasser.
Prisk becomes senior vice president July 1

Dr. Dennis P. Prisk, president of West Virginia Graduate College in South Charleston, will assume responsibilities as a senior vice president of Marshall University on July 1, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley. July 1 is the effective date of legislation merging Marshall and West Virginia Graduate College, approved during the State Legislature’s 1997 session.

Prisk’s Marshall title will be senior vice president for graduate and extended studies and technology. He will have offices on both the Huntington and South Charleston campuses, Gilley said. “Dennis Prisk and I have had a very successful working relationship as colleagues in the University System,” Gilley said. “I am looking forward to continuing that relationship as we work together toward further developing a larger, stronger Marshall University.”

Prisk has served as president of West Virginia Graduate College since January, 1992.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from Florida State University, two master’s degrees from Appalachian State University and his doctoral degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Prisk began his academic career in 1965 as a teacher in the Broward County (Fla.) public schools systems. He served in administrative positions at Appalachian State University in North Carolina from 1971 to 1976 when he joined the University of Southern California as executive director of its Davidson Conference Center for Continuing Education.

From 1980 to 1983, Prisk was associate dean of the School of Continuing Education in the Indiana University System. He served as dean of the College of Continuing Studies at the University of Alabama from 1983 to 1989 when he became dean of Arizona State University’s College of Extended Education.

He also has continued teaching courses and has held faculty rank throughout his career as a higher education administrator.

Author of many articles in professional journals, Prisk has earned several national awards for his leadership in continuing education and program development. He has served as a consultant-evaluator for the North Central Association for Schools and Colleges and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, examining programs throughout the United States, as well as Johannesburg, South Africa.

Prisk has been active in several national professional organizations, including service as chairman of the Committee on Professional Development, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and member of the American Council on Education Commission on Leadership Development. He also has been heavily involved in civic and church activities, earning the Volunteer of the Year Award for North Carolina, the Outstanding Young Men of the Year Award and the Superintendent’s Blue Ribbon Award, Kanawha County Schools.

Summer concerts slated

Marshall University’s summer music series, “Chamber 10,” is celebrating its 15th anniversary this summer.

“Concerts in the Park” are presented each Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Ritter Park Amphitheater and “Notable Noontime Concerts” are presented Mondays at noon in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, 1015 Fifth Ave.

A “Father’s Day Fling” featuring jazz and light classics performed by a string quartet will be held June 15 at 7 p.m. at Ritter Park. The “Kids Concert” featuring a petting zoo of musical instruments and a sing-along of popular songs about animals will be held June 22 at 7 p.m. at Ritter Park. Wendell and Linda Dobbs, Susan Tephy and Audrey Kaiser are the featured artists for a program of Celtic and Appalachian music on June 29 at 7 p.m. at the park amphitheater.

Noontime concerts at the First Presbyterian Church include “Cellobration” on June 16 with cellist Benjamin Karp and violinist Margy Karp, with Susan Tephy, Elizabeth Reed Smith and Nancy Schechter in a performance of string quintets, and “Fret and Flute” on June 23 featuring Wendell Dobbs and Leo Welch performing works for flute and guitar.

All of the performances are open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details about the “Chamber 10” concerts contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.