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Funeral arrangements set for Howard Sorrell

Howard K. Sorrell, for whom Marshall University's Sorrell Maintenance Building was named, died Friday, June 20, in Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was 88.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 26 at Williams Mortuary, 1695 Ninth Ave., Huntington. Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Friday, June 27 at Barbourville Baptist Church, 948 Main St., Barbourville.

Sorrell worked at Marshall for 35 years, starting as an assistant cook in 1939 and retiring as a service engineer in Plant Operations in 1974. He



Sorrell

Tuition waivers available

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's fall semester will be accepted through Friday, July 25, in the MU Graduate College Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Graduate College dean.

The waivers cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student Activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents, in accordance with West Virginia Board of Trustees Policy Bulletin 49. A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students.

Deutsch said academic merit, determined by grade point average and Graduate Record Examination scores, will be the major consideration in awarding waivers. Students must list their GRE or GMAT scores in order to be eligible for consideration.

Up to three hours of waivers for graduate course work will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Students interested in a Board of Trustees tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact the Graduate College to obtain the proper application forms. Eligible students may be awarded up to six hours of waivers.

Students who previously received waivers must reapply to be considered for fall semester waivers.

Applicants who are awarded waivers will be notified by mail. Approved waivers will be available Tuesday, Aug. 12. Waivers not claimed by Friday, Aug. 22, will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate College Office, 304-696-6606.

Dannals named coordinator of two clinical programs

Elizabeth A. Dannals, a registered nurse, has been named clinical coordinator for the Marshall University Diabetes and Blindness: Control and Prevention Program and the Phase III/Long-Term Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

Dannals received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Syracuse University and a master's degree in exercise science and cardiac rehabilitation from Marshall. She brings 15 years of experience as a registered nurse to her new position.

To obtain further details about the programs contact Dannals, 696-2939.

was known as "The Key Man" during his last 15 years at Marshall, assuming campus locksmith responsibilities in 1960. He returned often even after his retirement to assist in the university's key shop.

For many years, Sorrell served as robing room host at Marshall's annual spring Commencement, assisting visiting dignitaries and other platform guests in donning their academic robes and remaining in the robing room during the program to guard their personal possessions.

Born Oct. 7, 1908 in Longdale, Virginia, Sorrell moved to Barbourville in 1921. He attended Douglass High School.

Sorrell, who was single, is survived by two sisters, Claudia Bowyer of Clarksburg, W.Va. and Dorothy Eckles of Columbus, Ohio.

The West Virginia Board of Regents, acting on a request from MU President Robert B. Hayes, voted at its Sept. 12, 1978 meeting to rename the Maintenance Building in Sorrell's honor. The building was rededicated on May 29, 1979.

Marshall faculty & staff achievements

Dr. JOHN N. VIELKIND, professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy, and Dr. JEFFREY L. POWELL, assistant professor of philosophy, attended the 31st annual Heidegger Conference held May 23-25 at Pennsylvania State University. POWELL was moderator for a session.

THOMAS JOHNSON, chief of the MU Police Department, had an article titled "Understanding Workplace Aggression on Campus" published in the May/June issue of the Campus Law Enforcement Journal (Vol. 27, No. 3), a publication of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Dr. DAN MARTIN, assistant professor in the HPER Division of the College of Education and Human Services, presented "On-Field Management of the Cervical Spine Injury" at the West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Sports Medicine Conference.

Art & Science program set

Marshall University's Community and Technical College will sponsor a Summer Institute of Art and Science for elementary and middle school students July 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon in Harris Hall.

The program should be entertaining as well as educational, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education at the Community and Technical College.

Students entering the second and third grades can take a class on "Dinosaurs" or "Art Techniques with Crayons."

Fourth- and fifth-graders can choose "Lego Technology" or "General Ceramics."

A course titled "The Internet and Lighter Than Air Vehicles" will be offered for students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

There will be an \$85 registration fee for the program which includes all materials. Enrollment will be limited.

To register or obtain further details contact the Division of Continuing Education, 696-3113.

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Small Business Development Center honored

Marshall University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has received the 1997 award of the West Virginia Small Business Administration as the most outstanding SBDC agency in the state. The presentation was made at the recent Small Business Awards Dinner at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown.

According to Jane Armstrong, SBA state director, the requirements for this first-time award were based on four criteria: positive feedback from small businesses that receive counseling and work directly with each state SBDC agency; the relationship between the state SBA and each SBDC agency; the quality of loan packages submitted by each SBDC agency, and the amount of positive feedback received by the SBA state office from local businesses, community leaders and other economic development leaders.

"The Small Business Administration is very proud to recognize Marshall's Small Business Development Center as the state's most outstanding," Ms. Armstrong said. "Under the leadership of Edna McClain, the Marshall SBDC continues to make significant contributions to small businesses within the market it serves and it deserves this recognition at the statewide level."

Marshall SBDC Director McClain said the agency this year has counseled 182 small business clients and prepared 21 loan packages. Since October of 1993, more than 101 loan packages

were approved, totaling more than \$10 million, which contributed to the state's economy by creating 874 jobs. "Our accomplishments could not have happened without the strong support of the university, the quality and determination of the clients we serve and the dedicated staff of our SBDC office," McClain said.

Other members of the Marshall SBDC staff include David Blackburn, business analyst; Becky Bright, financial analyst; Melissa Fox, student intern serving as SBDC secretary, and Gloria Oglesby, student intern serving as EDA administrative assistant.

The SBDC's focus is not only counseling small business clients and helping those clients prepare loan packages, but offering training seminars and courses to help small business owners succeed. "Marshall's SBDC has presented 13 different training seminars this year, ranging from a basic bookkeeping skills course to a statewide paperless procurement conference. More than 275 small business clients have attended our seminars this year," McClain noted.

SBDC State Director Hazel Palmer said the award to the Marshall SBDC was well deserved. "I'm very proud of Edna McClain and the staff at the Marshall University Small Business Development Center," she said. "They have the clients' interests at heart and are effective in helping the small business community."

Hamilton funeral held

Funeral services were held last Thursday (June 19) in Grantsville, W.Va. for Victor Hamilton III, director of news services in Marshall's Office of University Relations.

Hamilton, who had edited this publication, the Marshall News Letter, since joining the MU staff Sept. 30, 1985, was killed when a car collided with his 1996 Harley-Davidson motorcycle Sunday evening, June 15, on U.S. 52 near Haverhill, Ohio.

He was the husband of Pamela Casto Hamilton, an employee of Marshall's Research and Economic Development Center.

Hamilton, 45, came to Marshall from Alderson-Broaddus College where he was director of public information for four years. He also had been employed as director of information services at West Virginia State College, as editor of the Braxton County weekly newspaper and as a writer for the West Virginia Department of Highways.

He was a 1970 graduate of Calhoun County High School in Grantsville and graduated from West Virginia University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Additional survivors include his parents, Victor and Helen K. Hamilton of Grantsville; a sister, Janet Coberly of Fairfax, Va., and a brother, Roger Hamilton of Charleston.



Hamilton

Russell receives award

Judy Russell of Huntington, senior administrative secretary in the Sociology/Anthropology Department, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

She was nominated for the award by members of the Sociology/Anthropology Department.

"Judy is the type of individual and employee most people do not get the opportunity to meet," said Rebecca Lowery, an instructor in the department. "She is honest, reliable, helpful, and courteous."

"The members of the department and the students have various needs, goals, and responsibilities," Lowery said. "Judy is a team member; we can depend on her for assistance. She seems to enjoy her work, and it shows through her dedication and concern for others."

Russell has worked 18 years at Marshall. She will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.



Russell

BASF donates state-of-the-art microscope

The BASF Corporation has given Marshall University a transmission electron microscope and supporting equipment valued at more than \$100,000.

The donation forges a promising academic-industrial partnership, according to Dr. L. Howard Aulick, the medical school's associate dean for research.

"When BASF released the microscope to its Huntington plant, Gary Ellis, the manager of the technical development department, wanted to use it to measure particle size of pigments, but knew he had neither the space nor the expertise to establish a fully functional EM facility," Aulick said.

Music Festival June 23-27

Marshall's tenth annual Wind and Percussion Festival will feature music clinics, demonstrations, free concerts and separate educational tracks for music educators and high school age musicians June 23-27 in the MU Music Building, according to Dr. Ben Miller, Marshall music professor and festival coordinator.

Guest artists and clinicians include collegiate music educators and directors, the United States Marine Woodwind Quintet, Marshall faculty members and high school students.

"This festival is unique in that there is a great deal of interaction between the educators, school musicians and the faculty," Miller said. "They all perform together in the festival symphonic band playing the same music." The symphonic band will close the festival with a free concert in Smith Recital Hall on Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The Marine Woodwind Quintet will perform a free concert at Smith Recital Hall on Thursday, June 26, at 11 a.m. Stationed in Quantico, Va., the Quintet will also work with the student woodwind players at the festival.

Collegiate music educators include Michael Mann, former percussion caption head of the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. He is currently marching band director at the University of Miami (Fla.). On Monday, June 23, Mann will present morning lectures to music educators and work with student drummers from area marching bands in the afternoon.

Randy Mitchell is low brass and jazz band director at Indiana State University. A former band director, he will spend Wednesday, June 25 working with the educators and the brass students.

Marshall University graduate Richard Turner will discuss contest adjudication with students and band directors on Thursday, June 26. Assistant director of The Central States Judging Association, Turner works for Buddy Rogers Music in Cincinnati and is responsible for providing judges for band competitions in Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

"It is great to see dedicated educators coming back to learn new skills from our faculty and guests which they can apply to their own programs," Miller said. "The school musicians have a chance to work with professionals who can have a major impact on a young musician."

The cost for high school musicians to attend the festival is \$95 for the week. Music educators must enroll through regular registration procedures to receive academic credit.

Funding for the Marshall Wind and Percussion Festival is provided by Marshall University, the College of Fine Arts, the Department of Music and grants from Pied Piper Music in Huntington, United Musical Instruments/Benge, Pearl Drums, Sabian Cymbals, U.S. Marines and Kerr's Music World in Charleston.

"He proposed to develop a joint venture with Marshall in which we received the microscope and helped BASF with its experimental work."

BASF also underwrote the substantial shipping and installation costs for the microscope, which had been used at the company's research laboratory in Holland, Mich. The corporation will still use the microscope, with its 200,000X magnification capabilities, to make better inks.

The joint venture could ultimately lead to a consortium in which other businesses might join Marshall and BASF in using the microscope. "This is a healthy working relationship between business and education, and we hope it can be expanded in the future," said Michael Hinton, Ph.D., manager of technical development and quality control for BASF.

Aulick echoed those sentiments. "This industrial-academic partnership is a win-win situation because it strengthens Marshall's research, education and service offerings while giving BASF access to equipment and expertise that help the company maintain a competitive edge," he said.

The new device complements two units already at Marshall: a state-of-the-art high-resolution, high-magnification electron microscope at the School of Medicine and a technologically advanced confocal electron microscope in the College of Science.

Little recognized for innovative teaching

Dr. Michael L. Little, professor of biological sciences at Marshall University, has been presented an award for "Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology" by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Fla.

The award was presented at the Eighth National Conference on College Teaching and Learning at Florida Community College in Jacksonville. More than 900 faculty members from colleges and universities in 20 countries attended the conference.

Little was one of forty college and university faculty members from throughout the world that were recognized for improving the educational process in highly creative ways.

A native of Huntington, Little joined the Marshall faculty in 1973 after teaching science in the Wayne County school system. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and his doctorate from the University of Louisville.



Little

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for the beautiful planter and fresh cut flowers I received after my surgery.

It helped brighten things in the hospital and will adorn my home for years to come.

Sincerely,
Pamela Ford

English as a Second Language program offered

Marshall University and West Virginia public schools will offer a cooperative summer program that expands opportunities to learn English as a second language.

The four-week program begins July 7 at Andrew Jackson Middle School in Cross Lanes, Kanawha County. It is designed for West Virginia students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade with limited English skills. Students' parents are also welcome to participate in the program.

Chuck Bailey named WVAPBA president

Dr. Chuck G. Bailey was named president of the West Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters Association for 1997-98 during the organization's May 31 meeting at Flatwoods.

Bailey is an associate professor of broadcasting at Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and serves as faculty manager of Marshall's public radio station, WMUL-FM.

He is a past president of the WVAPBA, has served several terms on its board of directors and was vice president of the organization last year.

A native of Man in Logan County, Bailey received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and his doctoral degree in educational administration from West Virginia University.

He joined the Marshall faculty in 1985. During his tenure as WMUL-FM faculty manager, the station has won numerous awards from the Associated Press, the Society of Professional Journalists, and Alpha Epsilon Rho national broadcasting honorary.

In 1993 WMUL-FM was named the Outstanding College Radio Station in the Marconi College Radio Awards national competition.

Bailey is a member of the College Media Advisers and received that organization's Distinguished Four-Year Broadcast Adviser Award in 1995. He is only the third person in the history of the CMA to receive the award.

MU Website in Top 100

Marshall's World Wide Web page has been included in the "Top 100 College Websites" by Hot100, a web page rating service.

The award is geared toward design, particularly the effective presentation of information, said David Wiley, Marshall's web developer.

"I think one of the things this award is saying is that we provide users with a lot of content," he said. "Although we used some new technology, we focused particularly on helping readers get quickly to the information they need."

"Another factor in the award probably was the community outreach aspect of the page, with the Advantage Valley page being linked to Marshall's front page," he added.

The list of the top college sites worldwide also includes such universities as Oxford, Carnegie Mellon, Duke and Stanford.



Bailey

Parents and children who speak English as a second language will be able to develop skills necessary to achieve academically, socially and culturally, according to Clark Egnor, director of Marshall's English as a Second Language Institute and coordinator of the summer program. "This summer program is a great opportunity for families who have recently arrived to our community from other countries," Egnor said.

Forty-eight West Virginia public school teachers have been selected to participate in the grant program. By participating in this program, teachers will receive professional development credit from Marshall's College of Education.

The need for these types of programs is increasing, according to Dr. William A. Edwards, executive director of Marshall's Center for International Programs. "The presence of foreign corporations in our communities is not only an indicator of the diversity that is now with us but is a clear indicator of the potential for additional growth and diversity," Edwards said.

Egnor said there are more than 150 students with limited proficiency in English living in Cabell, Kanawha, Putnam and Jackson counties.

Cost of the program is \$75 per student and includes lunch. For more information, contact Marshall University's English as a Second Language Institute at (304) 696-6265.

Miller receives grant

Dr. Montserrat Martí Miller, a Drinko Fellow and assistant professor of history at Marshall University, has received a \$4,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to conduct research in Spain for a book she is working on titled "Friends, Clientele, and Neighbors: Consumerism and Community Networks in Barcelona, 1895-1965."

Miller said Barcelona is vested with a network of 41 municipally operated covered food markets that are significant to urban life in this century. Her research will focus on the markets as well as its workers and shoppers from the turn of the century to the post-war economic recovery of the early 1960s.

She said the goal of the project is to produce a historical monograph that demonstrates the centrality of small commerce and consumer food-shopping habits to European neighborhood formation and vitality through the first half of the 20th century.

Miller has been doing research on this subject since she served as a Fulbright Scholar in Barcelona in 1991. She expects to complete the book with the money from the NEH grant.

Miller received a bachelor's degree in international affairs and a master's degree in American history from Marshall. She received a master's degree and Ph.D. in European history from Carnegie Mellon University.



Miller

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

The family of Betty B. Hobbs greatly appreciated the lovely flowers. They were a comfort in our grief.

Sincerely,
Betsy Nordeen