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Medical school tests new children’s medication

Area children affected by hand-foot-mouth disease—a viral infection that caused school closures in the Tri-State last year—may get some relief thanks to a study of a new medication available through the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The illness, which peaks in late summer and early fall, causes a blister-type rash in the mouth and on the hands and feet, and may be associated with fever. The illness may last a week or more and can cause soreness in the mouth, leading to poor feeding and dehydration.

Med School graduates entering primary care

The School of Medicine ranks third in the United States in the percentage of graduates entering primary care careers, according to data from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The data, contained in the recently released 1996 Institutional Goals Ranking Report, showed Marshall with 45 percent of its 1990-1992 graduates entering the fields of family practice, general pediatrics and general internal medicine.

Marshall ranked fifth in last year’s report, and has consistently been in the top 10 percent of the nation’s 120+ medical schools.

"As you would expect, we’re deeply pleased," said Dr. Robert W. Walker, Marshall’s associate dean for clinical affairs. "This tells us we are connecting with the kind of students who believe in our mission, and that some of the creative approaches we’ve used to promote primary care careers are working."

Mercer University led last year’s rankings with 49 percent, followed by Wright State University with 47 percent. To be counted, graduates had to have completed a three-year residency without going on to more specialized training the next year.

MU Faculty Wives Club celebrates anniversary

The Marshall University Faculty Wives Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary during the 1997-98 school year with the introduction of new members, programs and a home page on the Internet, according to Carol Peele, wife of mathematics professor Charles Peele.

"We encourage all faculty wives to join," Peele said. "The club has always been an enjoyable and memorable experience for all members. It’s a place to make friends, to share the joys and sorrows of living in Huntington and to help keep the Marshall family close as we all make our way through college."
MU hosts Joint Trades Seminar July 25-29

Marshall University will host a series of seminars for painters and allied trades workers July 25-29, according to Dr. Betty Kyger, provost of Marshall’s Community and Technical College.

Through a joint effort between the Community and Technical College and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, 285 people from across the United States and Canada will participate in the seminars. Marshall served as host for the last I.B.P.A.T. seminar in July 1996.

“We are excited about welcoming the participants of the I.B.P.A.T. program to our campus again this summer,” Kyger said. “This partnership is a prime example of how the Community and Technical College can customize a program to meet the unique training needs of an organization.”

In addition to learning skills useful to their trade, those attending the seminars can receive credit toward an associate degree from Marshall’s Community and Technical College.

Funeral held for former Math Department chair

Dr. Dennis Hunter Hardman, former chair of the Department of Mathematics, died July 8 in Grove City, Ohio. He was 90.

Funeral services were conducted July 10 at Beverly Hills United Methodist Church.

Hardman was a professor of mathematics for 26 years, from 1946 until his retirement in 1972. For 20 years he was a member of Marshall University’s Athletic Committee, and served as its chairman during the last six years of his membership.

Born September 18, 1906 in Grafton, Hardman received a baccalaureate degree from Alderson-Broaddus College in 1929. In 1972 he was awarded a citation from Alderson-Broaddus for “excellence in education, outstanding support of athletic competition and service to the college.”

He received a master’s degree from the University of Chicago in 1941 and a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh in 1963. Before joining the MU faculty, Hardman was a high school teacher in Jackson and Wood counties for 17 years.

A member of the Mathematical Association of America and the West Virginia Academy of Science, Hardman had several articles published in both professional journals and books. He was also included in the 1974 edition of “Who's Who in America.”

Hardman is survived by Emma Hoyt Hardman, his wife; two sons, Dwight Hardman and Edward Hardman; and one brother, Neil Hardman.

Pyles leaving Military Science

Sherrill J. Pyles, Army Property Officer in the Department of Military Science, is leaving Marshall University July 25, according to Joyce Wills, secretary for the department.

“Sherrill has dedicated over 13 years to the cadets and cadre of The Thundering Herd Battalion and will be a tremendous loss to our co-workers and friends at Marshall,” Wills said. Pyles is relocating to St. Louis, Mo., where her husband is being transferred to work with Arch Mineral, formerly Ashland Coal.

“His innovative program is definitely a win-win situation, since the participants have the option to receive credit toward an Occupational Development degree while they are being trained on the latest technology in their field,” Kyger said.

According to Kyger, participants choosing the degree option will begin and end their seminar at the campuses and finish the degree by corresponding with instructors via the Internet.

Ten Marshall University instructors will conduct seminars along with 33 others from the I.B.P.A.T. They will cover topics such as Communication and Interaction, Advanced Training Techniques, Lab Management and Effective Leadership.

The seminars will be highlighted by a week-long panel show in the MU Fine Arts Center lobby. On Sunday, July 27, the program will feature a trade show on Buskirk Field and a software demonstration in the Continuing Education Computer Lab.

“We are very pleased to host these I.B.P.A.T. trainers, who are making their way to Marshall from across the nation,” Kyger said.

The International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades is a union representing 130,000 members in the painting, decorating, drywall finishing, glazing, floor covering, sign and display, scenic artists, and paintmakers industries. It is affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

For more information, contact Richard L. Hensley, director of Continuing Education at Marshall University’s Community and Technical College, (304) 696-3011.

English professor dies (Continued from page 1)

member of numerous departmental and university committees.

Gilliland was born in the Philippines, where her parents were Presbyterian missionaries. She received a baccalaureate degree from Maryville College in Tennessee, a master's from the University of Tennessee and a doctorate from Vanderbilt University.

A life member of the Modern Language Association and the Modern Humanities Research Association, Gilliland also held memberships in the Modern Languages Association, National Council of Teachers of English, Shakespeare Association of America, and the Carolinas Symposium on British Studies.

Before joining Marshall University’s Department of English, she taught at Salem College, Mecklenburg Community College, the University of Tennessee and the University of Missouri.

She is survived by her mother, Winifred W. Frei of Maryville, Tenn.; her husband, Joe T. Gilliland of Columbus, Ohio; a son, Don Gilliland of Birmingham, Ala.; a brother-in-law, C. Mitchell Carsell, Jr. of Charleston, S.C., and three grandchildren.

Dr. BEVERLY DELIOW, assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was invited to attend a Gordon Research Conference on Cell Contact and Adhesion on Nerve Endings in Andover, N.H. S-13.

DELIOW presented her work entitled “Glucocorticoid Regulation of the Cadherin-Catenin Cell Adhesion System in 235-1 Peptide Production” at this conference was supported in part by a Quinlan Endowment Grant. DELIOW also participated in an Expanded Your Horizons conference entitled "School of Molecular Medicine teaches DNA techniques"

Dr. Minahael Moore, associate professor of biochemistry, presented a paper entitled “Characterization of Retinoic Acid-Induced APL Activity in B16 Melanoma Cells” published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry.

Student chosen for conference

Medical student Janelle Thomas will travel to Mexico City in October to attend a conference of the Network of Community Based Educational Institutions for Health Sciences. The school committee of the West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnership chose her abstract, entitled “Osteoporosis Screenings in a Rural Area.” She will be included in a monograph being prepared by East Tennessee State University. The abstract may also be included in the program of the Mexican conference.

Also attending will be Dr. Cindy Reese, a family practice physician in Ripley, who acted as chief peeproctor for Thomas during her six-month rotation.