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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 B. 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 this 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.

New members of the club, including those from the merger with the West Virginia Graduate College, will be welcomed at a tea party Sept. 14 at the Marshall president's home. The club will also sponsor a fall salad luncheon on Oct. 4.

The club was formed in 1922 by a group of 16 faculty wives and has continued to promote the social and cultural life of the Marshall University group.

During the school year, the club will reflect on its history by viewing its scrapbooks and other mementos. Some of the scrapbooks and club pictures will be on display in the James E. Morrow Library during the month of September. At the end of the school year, the memorabilia will be deposited in the Special Collections Section of the Morrow library.

In addition to monthly meetings, the club has interest groups such as a pre-school play group. A special program will be conducted by the club in February, featuring *Blithe Spirit* presented by the Marshall University Theatre Department. The year will conclude with a luncheon on May 2.

The anti-viral drug is designed to reduce children's discomfort and shorten the time they are contagious, according to Dr. Chitra Mani, Marshall's specialist in infections in children. It is being tested in major medical centers throughout the United States and abroad.

Marshall's study can accept 30 children ages 2 to 12 who have had symptoms for less than 36 hours. Because the medication works by preventing the virus from multiplying, treatment should be started early in the illness, Mani said.

She recommends that if a child develops blistering illness, with or without fever, interested parents should immediately contact their child's doctor or the study office (696-7129 or 696-7065) to enroll in the study.

In order to determine the effectiveness of the drug, the study medication will be compared to a sweet syrup that contains no medicine. For every three children enrolled in the study, two will receive the medication and one will receive just the look-alike. Whether or not they get the test medicine, children will benefit because they will be carefully monitored, Mani said, which will help prevent complications of hand-foot-mouth disease -- such as dehydration -- that could put them in the hospital. There is no charge for the medicine or doctor visits, and travel expenses up to \$10 will be reimbursed for each visit.

The medicine is a cherry peppermint liquid given by mouth three times a day for seven days. To measure the effects of the medicine, throat cultures and blood tests will be done during the initial and follow-up visits. All children will be monitored closely for at least seven days after they finish the study medication.

## Changes being made to Morrow Library

In order for shelves in the new John Deaver Drinko Library and Information Center to be stocked when it opens in 1998, changes are already occurring in the James E. Morrow Library, according to Josephine Fidler, director of University Libraries.

"Big library moves just don't happen overnight," Fidler said. "Library users need to know that these preparations are resulting in a lot of changes now."

The removal of a geological collection in a Morrow library second floor reading room is scheduled for late summer, according to Fidler.

"This room will be converted back into full availability for the library user, since other study space will be converted to shelving," she said.

"Currently, books that are headed for the Drinko library are being removed from the Morrow collection and placed in a staging area in the west wing of the second floor. As more books are tagged for Drinko, the staging area will grow until it occupies the entire west wing of the Morrow library."

When the Drinko library shelves are ready to be stocked, priority will be given to the newest and most frequently used books. As user needs change, books will move between the two libraries.

"The library's computer catalog will tell you where the book you want is located. Every time books are moved back and forth, their location will be changed on the computer catalog," Fidler said.

According to Fidler, library personnel are excited about the move to the new library. "The downside is that we are all going to be inconvenienced a little," she said.

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## Edwards awards Marshall \$1.5 million

Huntington businesswoman Joan C. Edwards has contributed \$1.5 million toward development of a Marshall University Center for Jazz Studies, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

The latest gift brings to \$5.5 million the amount contributed to Marshall by Mrs. Edwards and her late husband, James F. Edwards.

The Center for Jazz Studies, to be added to the east side of Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center on Fifth Avenue, will cost about \$2 million, Gilley said. The university is funding the construction costs and Mrs. Edwards' gift will be used to endow a jazz studies program in the Department of Music and an annual spring jazz festival, he said.

The state-of-the-art structure will include educational and training facilities to serve as a resource for scholars and musicians, Gilley said. The focus of the proposal is the development of a



Edwards

## Employee of Month named

Janet Dudley of South Point, Ohio, administrative secretary senior in the Geology Department, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for July, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

She was nominated for the award by geology faculty and students.

According to a nomination submitted by students in the Geology Department, Dudley "should be selected as employee of the month due to her consistent and well appreciated extra duties that she provides for us which are beyond the requirements of her job. Janet goes out of her way to make the students feel at home here at Marshall".

Dr. Protip K. Ghosh, chair of the Geology Department, agrees. "The Geology Department's field trip to Big Bend, Texas, would never be as successful if Janet did not take charge of all arrangements. She makes certain that the students have an enjoyable and memorable trip," he said.

"I believe Janet does it because she likes people, and believes that we need to go beyond classes and exams to make a student's stay at the university a pleasant experience."

Dudley has worked 20 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.



Dudley

performance/rehearsal space which uses the most recent technology "to foster the interaction of national jazz musicians/educators with students and faculty in the informal and spontaneous creation of works of art."

Once again, Joan Edwards has demonstrated her confidence in Marshall University and the Huntington area," Gilley said. "Joan and her late husband, James F. Edwards, have unselfishly contributed more than \$25 million toward the betterment of life in this community and they certainly deserve our admiration. In view of her own extensive jazz experience, considered America's original art form, we believe it is most appropriate that she has agreed to take a leadership role in this exciting project."

An accomplished jazz singer, Mrs. Edwards was born in London and moved with her family to New Orleans when she was four years old. At age 11 she began singing on WWL radio and by the time she was 18 she was performing across the country. She met Edwards, who was a Huntington businessman, during a singing engagement in Pittsburgh.

They settled in Huntington after their marriage and operated the family business, National Mattress Co. (Namaco). As a result of his interest in horse racing, they began buying and successfully rejuvenating racetracks in many parts of the country and racing their own thoroughbreds.

James F. Edwards died in 1991.

Marshall awarded Mrs. Edwards the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1996. She received the John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility in 1995.

## English professor dies

Dr. Joan F. Gilliland, professor of English, died July 9 at The Hospice Acute Care Unit in Arlington, Va. after a 3 1/2 year battle with ovarian cancer. She was 64.

Funeral services were conducted July 11 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Gaithersburg, Md.

Gilliland had been a member of the Marshall faculty since 1980. She was a former chair and director of curricula of the English Department, and was largely responsible for revamping Marshall's freshman English writing course.

"She was a fine professor and a good friend," said Dr. Joan Tyler Mead, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "I think she was the consummate Marshall University professor."

Among her accomplishments was *Reasons for Writing*, a book she co-authored with Mead and published in 1992.

During her tenure at MU, Gilliland served as head of the university honors program, chair of the Yeager Scholars Curriculum Committee and as a Yeager professor. She also was a

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Gilliland

# MU hosts Joint Trades Seminars 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 I.B.P.A.T. seminars last summer.

"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 professional journals. 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, Neal Hardman.

## Pyles leaving Military Science

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

"Sherri has dedicated over 13 years to the cadets and cadre of The Thundering Herd Battalion and will be a tremendous loss to her co-workers and friends at Marshall University," Wills said.

Pyles is relocating to St. Louis, Mo., where her husband is being transferred to work with Arch Mineral, formerly Ashland Coal.

"This innovative program is definitely a win/win situation, since the participants will 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 studying at the seminars and finish the degree by corresponding with instructors via the Internet.

Ten Marshall University instructors will conduct seminars along with 15 instructors provided by 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 labor 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

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member of numerous departmental and university committees.

Gilliland was born in the Phillipines, 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 Milton Society of America, 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, Motlow State 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; a daughter, Anne Flint of Columbus, Ohio; a son, Don Gilliland of Birmingham, Ala.; a brother-in-law, C. Mitchell Carnell, Jr. of Charleston, S.C., and three grandchildren.

### Letter of appreciation

The family of James R. Elliott thanks our friends at Marshall University and Marriott for their generous love and support during my husband's illness and death.

Sincerely,  
Linda Elliott

# Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. BEVERLY DELIDOW, assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was invited to attend a Gordon Research Conference on Cell Contact and Adhesion held at Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H., June 8-13. DELIDOW presented her work entitled "Glucocorticoid Regulation of the Cadherin-Catenin Cell Adhesion System in 235-1 Pituitary Tumor Cells." Attendance at this conference was supported in part by a Quinlan Endowment Grant. DELIDOW also participated in an Expanding Your Horizons conference entitled

## MU School of Medicine teaches DNA techniques

Ten teachers representing schools in six West Virginia and Ohio counties are learning DNA fingerprinting techniques at the School of Medicine over the summer so they can demonstrate them to their students this fall.

Led by Harts High School teacher Carol O'Connell and Wayne High School teacher Bernard Adkins, who learned the techniques at Marshall last summer, the teachers are participating in two-week training sessions.

Two of the teachers were funded through the National Institutes of Health Minority Initiative K-12; the others through a Christa McAuliffe grant obtained by O'Connell. The grant covers stipends for the teachers, provides each one with necessary equipment (about \$650 worth) to do the projects in the classroom, and purchases more expensive equipment that will be shared by the teachers on a rotating basis.

Teachers are learning RFLP -- restriction fragment length polymorphism -- extracting DNA tissue samples, cutting it using an enzyme, performing a Southern blot test and developing it. "You end up with an X-ray that has a bar-code ID; that is your DNA fingerprint," O'Connell said. She added that there aren't many secondary schools in the country that can do the procedure, so West Virginia will be among the leaders.

## Career Services Center announces area workshops

The Career Services Center at Marshall University will conduct a series of workshops to teach area high school and middle school students how to match their interests, skills and abilities with potential occupations.

Students will take part in hands-on activities and exercises such as career testing, individual career planning and career games. They will also review collegiate and training programs suited to their career goals.

Computer testing will be a feature of the workshops, and each student will receive printed interpretations and evaluations to help them develop a career portfolio.

The workshops will be conducted at Marshall University's Career Services Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of each workshop is \$20, which includes career testing and materials.

Dates for high school student workshops are July 24, July 31 and August 7. Workshops for middle school students are July 22, July 29 and August 5.

For more information, contact Carrie Handley Payne at the Career Services Center, (304) 696-6432.

"Science: It's a She Thing," held at West Virginia University-Parkersburg, April 19. Her presentation "Hello in there: How you sense your world" was attended by young women (ages 9-14) interested in science.

SEJAL DESAI, who received a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences this May, attended the 1997 American Association for Cancer Research in San Diego, Calif. in April with her advisor, Dr. RICHARD NILES, chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. DESAI presented part of her thesis work entitled "Role of Nuclear Retinoic Receptors in B16 Mouse Melanoma Differentiation." DESAI and NILES also recently had a manuscript entitled "Characterization of Retinoic Acid-Induced AP-1 Activity in B16 Melanoma Cells" published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry.

Dr. MICHAEL MOORE, professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, recently published a manuscript entitled "A Sequence in the 5' Flanking Region Confers Progesterone Responsiveness on the Human c-myc Gene" in the Journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Co-authors include JIAN-LIANG ZHOU, a postdoctoral fellow and KRISTY BLANKENSHIP, a graduate student, both in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

GARY WRIGHT, a graduate student, together with his advisor, Dr. VERNON REICHENBECHER, in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, recently had a manuscript entitled "Paraquat Inhibits the Processing of Human Manganese-Dependent Superoxide Dismutase by SF-9 Insect Cell Mitochondria" published in the journal *Experimental Cell Research*. Co-authors included Drs. TODD GREEN, G.L. WRIGHT and graduate student S. WANG from the Department of Physiology.

## MU football charter offered

The MU Alumni Association and Travel Doctors are offering an air charter to West Point for the Marshall vs. Army football game Sept. 6, 1997.

The package includes round trip airfare from Huntington to New York, motorcoach transfers to the stadium, a tailgate party by the Marshall Alumni Association, and a ticket to the game. The charter will depart Huntington the morning of Sept. 6 and will return later that evening.

Cost of the charter is \$335 per person, payable by cash or check. For more information, contact Travel Doctors, (304) 523-3627 or (800) 647-3627.

## 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 Partnerships chose her abstract, entitled "Osteoporosis Screening and Education in a Rural Community," to be included in a monograph being prepared by East Tennessee State University. The abstract may also be included in the program of the Mexico City conference.

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