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Marshall community to welcome interim president with receptions in Point Pleasant and South Charleston

The Marshall University community in the Point Pleasant and South Charleston areas will welcome Interim President Gary G. White with receptions in February. Both receptions will run from 5-6 p.m. and are open to all Marshall students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

The first reception will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the university’s Mid-Ohio Valley Center, 1 John Marshall Way, Point Pleasant. Then, on Thursday, Feb. 19, there will be a reception at the South Charleston campus, 100 Angus E. Peyton Dr., South Charleston.

White was appointed by the Marshall University Board of Governors last month to replace Dr. Stephen J. Kopp.

A businessman and coal mining executive, White graduated from Marshall in 1997 with a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree. He is a former member and past chairman of the university’s Board of Governors, former member and vice president of the West Virginia Board of Education, and former member of the University of Pikeville Board of Trustees.

He has been executive vice president of Blackhawk Mining LLC since October. He was president and chief executive officer of International Industries Inc. for a large part of his career—from 1992 to 2007.
He also previously served as president and chief operating officer of International Resource Partners LP, a subsidiary of James River Coal Company, president and chief executive officer of the West Virginia Coal Association, manager of underground mining at Amherst Coal Company and corporate training coordinator at Island Creek Coal Company.

White is on the boards of directors of United Bankshares Inc., ARC Logistics Partners LP, Cabell Huntington Hospital, the Marshall University Foundation, the West Virginia Coal Association and the Larry Joe Harless Community Center Foundation Inc. He also serves on the board of advisors of West Virginia Media Holdings LLC.

He received the 2006 Distinguished Achievement Award from the West Virginia Education Alliance, the 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Marshall University Alumni Association, the City of Hope “Spirit of Life Award” and in 2003 was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame at Marshall. In 2006 and again in 2008, he was named one of the “Fifty Most Influential Individuals in West Virginia” by West Virginia Executive magazine.

A reception for White was held on the Huntington campus earlier this month.

Marshall to host 46th Annual Winter Jazz Festival

Marshall will host one of the longest running collegiate jazz festivals in the nation when the School of Music and Theatre presents the 46th Annual Winter Jazz Festival Jan. 29-31.

Dr. Martin Saunders, director of jazz studies, said the festival provides a venue for middle school, high school and collegiate musicians to meet, perform for and learn from the best of jazz professionals.

“Students learn through critique and feedback of their performances, participation in clinics and workshops, and through observation of stellar evening performances,” Saunders said.

The festival kicks off at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on Marshall’s Huntington campus with a concert featuring Bridgeport High School’s Honor Band, Glenville State College’s Jazz Combo, Marshall’s Jazz Combo I and the university’s Faculty Jazz Combo.

Friday’s evening concert at 7 p.m. will feature Marshall’s Alumni Band and the MU Jazz Ensemble I with special guests Mark Sherman, vibes; Marty Ojeda, tenor saxophone; and Ryan Kennedy, guitar. The finale concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, will feature the Thundering Herd All-Star Band and the Sean Jones Quartet, jam-packed with arguably some of the top jazz artists in the world today, including Jones, who was recently designated as the Head of Brasses at Berklee College of Music.

Twelve regional middle school and high school bands will perform on Friday and Saturday, with performances beginning at 9 a.m. and ending after 3 p.m. each day.

All Winter Jazz Festival 2015 events will take place in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. While it is free to attend the evening concerts on Thursday and Friday, tickets must be picked up at the playhouse ticket
Office prior to each evening concert. Tickets for the Sean Jones Quartet concert are $10 for adults, $5 for students with ID. Tickets may be picked up at the box office from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or after 5:30 p.m. before each concert.

For more information about the Marshall University School of Music and Theatre’s Winter Jazz Festival, call the box office at 304-696-ARTS or Saunders at 304-696-4316.

‘Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain,’ to be shown this evening on the Huntington campus

Marshall University’s Women Connect will present a screening of the new film, “Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain,” from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in room BE5 on the lower level of the Memorial Student Center.

The film marks the 30th anniversary of the Union Carbide pesticide leak in Bhopal, India. More than 10,000 people were killed while others continue to suffer long-term effects from the leak.

Tickets cost $5 for faculty, staff and community members and can be purchased at the door. The Office of Student Activities will be providing free tickets to students. For more information, contact Dr. Laura Michele Diener (diener@marshall.edu), associate professor in the department of history and director of women’s studies.

A Q&A, featuring Dr. Charles Somerville, dean of the College of Science, and Maya Nye, president and spokesperson of People Concerned about Chemical Safety, will follow the movie.

Sponsors are Marshall University Student Activities, People Concerned about Chemical Safety and MU Student Health Education Programs.

Photo: Actors Kal Penn and Martin Sheen are among those appearing in “Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain.”
Deadline nears for Science Olympiad for K-12 students in West Virginia

The Science Olympiad at Marshall University, which organizers say is the “nation’s most exciting K-12 science competition,” will take place in West Virginia for the first time Saturday, Feb. 21, on the Huntington campus.

Dr. John Winfrey, assistant professor of physics, who is coordinating the West Virginia event, said that several scholarships will be available for registrants who are unable to pay the fee. Teams may register until Jan. 30, with registration fees due no later than Feb. 6. Cost per team is $250, with $60 going to the national organization. Registration may be accomplished online either at www.marshall.edu/cos/communityoutreach/scienceolympiad or www.marshall.edu/so.

There will be a free “Coaches and Potential Coaches” Q&A session at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, in room 277 of the Science Building. All are welcome, Winfrey said.

Teams moving to national standing will compete in events chosen from a series of 23 challenges, including those in life and social sciences; earth and space science, physical science and chemistry; technology and engineering; and scientific inquiry. Topics include entomology, fossils, crime science, bridge building and experimental design. A complete list is available online at www.soinc.org/short_event_descriptions.

In the West Virginia state tournament about 15 events will be offered for competition. Trophies and medals will be awarded.

Winners of the West Virginia competition will travel to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the National Tournament in May.
‘What’s Next, Huntington’ discussion to take place tomorrow night

Members of the Marshall University community are invited to participate in “What’s Next, West Virginia?”—a series of conversations taking place in communities all over the state this year.

The events are designed to encourage talking, thinking and actions based on West Virginians’ own ideas for building a more vibrant and diverse economy. Much work is already underway across the state to strengthen local economies. “What’s Next, West Virginia?” is intended to connect work that is already happening and to bring new people and new ideas into the mix.

The next public forum, “What’s Next, Huntington?” will take place tomorrow, Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6-8 p.m. at the Huntington High School cafeteria. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

The event organizers encourage everyone to attend to share their ideas for strengthening the economic future of Huntington.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/WhatsNextHuntington

President White, cabinet to host monthly open houses

Beginning next Wednesday, Feb. 4, Interim President Gary White and members of the university’s senior management team will be hosting informal monthly open houses for members of the Marshall University community.

The open houses will be held from 3-4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main.

“We want to give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to ‘drop in’ and discuss an idea or suggestion, or to ask a question in a relaxed environment,” said Ginny Painter, senior vice president for communications and marketing. “With the legislature in session, the beginning of the presidential
search and the kick-off of the Marshall 2020 implementation phase, we know people have questions and concerns, so we want to be sure we are as accessible and transparent as possible. I hope folks will mark their calendars to stop by for a few minutes each month, have some refreshments and chat.”

For more information, call Painter at 304-696-4621.

‘Valentine’s Day Storytime’ set for Feb. 14 in Drinko Library

The Marshall University Libraries will host a free Valentine’s Day storytime for children ages 2-8 at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. The event, which is a part of the Libraries’ “MU Reads in 2015” campaign, will take place in the Drinko Library juvenile area on the 2nd floor.

Storytime will include several Valentine’s Day book readings, a craft and a snack.

Preregistration is required and can be done by contacting Gretchen Beach, beachgr@marshall.edu or ext.6-2312 by Thursday, Feb. 12.

“MU Reads in 2015” is a reading initiative that encourages reading at all ages. Families can form teams and read during the year, submitting book totals and attending a final party in December.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame executive to appear in West Virginia Feb. 26 and 27

Dr. Lauren Onkey, Vice President of Education and Public Programs at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver lectures in Charleston and Huntington Feb. 26 and 27 as part of the Graduate Humanities Major Scholar Seminars. This is an initiative offered in partnership with the Glenwood Center for Scholarship in the Humanities.
Her appearance is part of the Spring 2015 Major Scholar Seminar, “Fight the Power: Can Pop Music Foster Social Change?” More information is on the Graduate Humanities Program website at www.marshall.edu/graduatehumanities.

Onkey’s campus lectures are part of a Marshall University and West Virginia State University series of collaborative events. She will speak first at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in room 122 Wallace Hall on the campus of WVSU, with a lunch/reception catered by Charleston-based Blues BBQ. Her lecture is titled “Stevie Wonder’s Social Vision.”

At 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Onkey will be on Marshall’s Huntington campus, in room BE-5 of the Memorial Student Center, to deliver a lecture titled “Dancing in the Street: Rock and Roll and the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1964.” Onkey’s MU talk is jointly sponsored by the Graduate Humanities Program, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Departments of History, Political Science, and Psychology.

Onkey is the executive producer of the museum’s American Music Masters series and regularly conducts interviews for the museum’s many public programs. In addition, she teaches rock and roll history courses at Case Western Reserve University.

Onkey’s participation is part of the Major Scholars Program, which is designed to engage Marshall University Graduate Humanities students in scholarly activity with major outside scholars and public intellectuals. The objective of the current course is to explore how pop music has been used by musicians, fans and social activists to fight, disrupt and conserve social norms of all kinds. According the Graduate Humanities website, “Popular music has been associated with social change and even protest ever since rock and roll exploded in the 1950s. The music and its fan base helped fight racial segregation. At times musicians and activists have put the music to use specifically to further a cause or advance a message.”

After 12 years of planning, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum opened in September 1995. Since the museum’s opening, more than 8 million visitors from around the world have visited and an estimated 50,000 students and educators each year are reached through its education programs both on site and at distant sites. Located on the shores of Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland, their mission is to educate visitors, fans and scholars from around the world about the history and continuing significance of rock and roll music. The museum collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets this art through its library and archives as well as its educational programs. One of their many functions is to recognize the contributions of those who have had a significant impact on the evolution, development and perpetuation of rock and roll by inducting them into the Hall of Fame.

The Glenwood Center for Scholarship in the Humanities is a public-private partnership involving Marshall University, West Virginia State University and the Historic Glenwood Foundation. It is housed at the Glenwood estate, home to many of the Kanawha Valley’s pioneer families, on Charleston’s west side. More about the center can be found on Marshall’s website at www.marshall.edu/glenwoodcenter.
Faculty Achievement: Dr. Montserrat Miller publishes ‘Feeding Barcelona’

A new book, *Feeding Barcelona, 1714-1975*, by Dr. Montserrat Miller, professor of history, has been published this month by LSU Press.

The food markets of Barcelona host thousands of customers daily, from tourists eager to sample fresh fruits and grilled seafood to neighborhood cooks in search of high quality ingredients. While other countries experienced major shifts away from the public-market model in the 20th century, Barcelona’s food markets remained fundamental to the city’s identity, economy and culture. *Feeding Barcelona, 1714–1975* examines the causes behind the vibrancy and tenacity of the Barcelonan market system.

Miller says that recurrent revolutionary uprisings in Barcelona, beginning in the mid-18th century, forced ongoing collaboration between the public and private sectors to ensure adequate and effective food distribution. Municipal support permitted small-scale food sellers in Barcelona to survive in a period where there was increased capitalization in food retail, while the importance of food markets to Barcelona’s social networks enhanced vendors’ ability to recognize and adapt to changing customer demands.

In addition, a high number of stalls owned by women contributed both to the financial well-being of vendor families and to the sociability patterns that placed neighborhood food markets at the center of daily life in the city. The shared commitment of vendors, shoppers and government officials to a market model of food sales created the lasting and unique market system that has persisted in Barcelona.
Drawing from extensive archival research and numerous interviews with individuals at all levels of the market system, *Feeding Barcelona, 1714–1975* is the first detailed history of the historical and social influences that create urban food markets.

### Saunders recognized for anti-tobacco work

Amy Saunders, director of the Office of Student Health Education Programs, received recognition as “Outstanding Coalition Member” for her work with the @gainst Tobacco program at Marshall and her work with the Cabell County Coalition for Tobacco-Free Environments during the West Virginia Conference on Spit Tobacco last month at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia.

A conference co-chair noted that “Amy embodies the perfect example of a coalition member—she is passionate, dependable, and works diligently to save young people from the sickness, disease and death caused by tobacco use.”

To help continue that work, the Office of Student Health Education Programs has received a $7,000 grant from the West Virginia Division of Tobacco Prevention to work on tobacco prevention, education and cessation with students. The office will be working closely with the Cabell-Huntington Health Department in implementing the activities under this grant.

In West Virginia the adult prevalence of cigarette smoking, currently at 26.8%, is the highest of any of the 50 states and smokeless tobacco use also remains high among high-school males at 24.8% and adult males at 15.5%, according to Break Free Alliance (2012).

### School of Pharmacy schedules first Preview Day; March event provides a look at pharmacy education

The School of Pharmacy has scheduled its first Preview Day for 2 p.m., Saturday, March 28 at the school located adjacent to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

“We are very excited to offer this first-ever Preview Day to students who may be interested in becoming pharmacists,” said Laura Rudolph, director of recruitment and development for the School of Pharmacy. “As students begin to discover their possible career interests, it’s imperative to explore every avenue. We felt that a Preview Day would showcase not only the vast career options in the pharmacy field, but provide area students an opportunity to experience Marshall’s unique active learning curriculum firsthand.”
In addition to a student-led School of Pharmacy tour, the Preview Day will offer several sessions, including the following:

- “Ask the Students” Student Panel – Q & A Student Panel
- Where Can I Go From Here? – Career Options in Pharmacy
- Experience Active Learning – Classroom Interaction
- The Admissions Process

Students also will have the opportunity to visit the Pharmacy Fair, where they can meet and greet individuals from different departments such as financial aid, experiential learning, student organizations, and pharmaceutical research.

Registration is required and is due by March 14. Students can register at https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_25FxiRvHd5k0ItL.

Health informatics program offers new accelerated master’s degree

The health informatics program now offers a new accelerated master’s degree (AMD) which began this semester. Health informatics, an evolving specialization that links information technology, communication and healthcare, seeks to improve the quality and safety of patient care, according to the program’s director, Dr. Girmay Berhie.

“We have partnered with the department of integrated science and technology (IST) to offer our accelerated master’s degree in health informatics,” Berhie said. “This new degree will provide these students the opportunity to graduate faster and earn a degree that can help them to get a job with a salary range from $60,000 to $125,000 a year.”

Brian Morgan, chairman of the integrated science and technology department, said the partnership between the IST department and health informatics is the perfect collaboration for students who want to turn their skills into something marketable upon graduation.

“Our department prides itself on being an applied program and the hands-on nature in which we structure our classes,” Morgan said. “This was a way to give students the same skills in five years instead of six years, which saves time and money. The AMD program is a win-win situation for everyone involved and we are happy to be a part of it.”

To learn more about the programs and services offered through the IST department, visit www.marshall.edu/isat. For more information on the health informatics AMD program, contact Berhie at berbie@marshall.edu or visit www.marshall.edu/cohp.
The Special Collections department of University Libraries received two sets of historical materials recently.

The Rosanna Blake Collection, part of Special Collections, received a significant group of original print newspapers spanning the years 1859 through 1870. The 13 bound volumes contain a complete set of Harper’s Weekly newspapers for that period, which includes the Civil War and Reconstruction periods.

Harper’s is one of the most referenced and desired newspapers of the Civil War period, due to its liberal use of maps, engravings and images. A significant feature is the newspaper’s coverage of President Abraham Lincoln’s assassination and funeral. The newspapers are bound in hard covers and are in excellent condition. The collection was a donation from the Denver Public Library.

Contact the Special Collections Department at ext.6-2343 for access to this resource.

Special Collections also received a set of historic documents, images and relics that spans the period from the 1820s to the 1970s. A gift of brothers Larry and Steve Stark, the materials cover the founding and settlement of Ceredo and Kenova, as well as northern Wayne County. Among the images are rare daguerreotypes and hundreds of cabinet card photos of a trip to Europe in the 1870s. Among the relics are objects unearthed in Ceredo and northern Wayne County.

Many of the documents are from Congressman Charles B. Hoard and his family. The Hoards were the financial backers of Congressman Eli Thayer, who founded Ceredo before the Civil War. The collection consists of more than 3,500 items and is of large historical significance to this area.

Of local significance are the hundreds of documents involved in the land transfers, agreements and several court cases revolving around boundary and other land disputes among Thayer, Hoard, Thomas Jordan, the original property owner, and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. These documents shed new light on questions that have surfaced regarding the history of Ceredo, Kenova, Wayne County and the individuals involved.

This collection is open to the public during regular Special Collections Department hours.

The next issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed Feb. 4, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2.