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## Gilley to address Marshall faculty Sept. 11

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley will address the first general faculty meeting of the 1997-98 academic year, Thursday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

Gilley's topic will be "Marshall's Paradigm Shift."

Dr. Corley F. Dennison, president of the Faculty Senate, said the new Marshall University Graduate College will be a priority for the Faculty Senate this year.

"With the merger of Marshall and the former West Virginia Graduate College to form the Marshall University Graduate College, many changes are taking place," Dennison said. "The Faculty Senate is working to create a new Graduate Council, but its details have not been finalized."

Dennison, an associate professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, was elected Faculty Senate president in the faculty election last spring. He succeeds Dr. Elaine Baker, professor of psychology.

"I have spoken with Dr. Baker since I was elected and she



Gilley

gave me some good advice," Dennison said. "I look forward to the next two years. Marshall is going through some major changes at this time.

"When the new Graduate College was created, Dr. Gilley issued two interim orders dealing with the new structure of Marshall University, following guidelines set by the State Legislature," Dennison said. "Now we have to work on establishing a permanent set of rules following those guidelines," he said.

"There are two amendments dealing with the Graduate College that the Faculty Senate will examine in our next meeting," Dennison said.

The Faculty Senate consists of 45 full-time MU faculty members. Each college is represented, with the amount of representation from each college determined by its number of faculty members.

"The Sept. 11 meeting is a general faculty meeting. We also have a regular Faculty Senate meeting Sept. 25," Dennison said. "All of our meetings are open to the public."

Electronic courses is another subject being examined by the Faculty Senate, according to Dennison. "We are currently looking into the possibilities of offering courses electronically," Dennison said, "and we are taking recommendations as to how they should be offered."

For more information about the MU Faculty Senate, contact the Faculty Senate office, 696-4376, or visit its web site at: [www.marshall.edu/senate/](http://www.marshall.edu/senate/).

## *MU awarded \$60,000 for research project*

Marshall University has been awarded \$60,000 by the Northrop Grumman Corporation for a project involving image processing research, according to Dr. Herbert Tesser, coordinator of Integrated Science and Technology in the Department of Computer Science.

Tesser is principal investigator on the project, which focuses on analyzing high altitude and satellite digital imagery equipment. Its goal is to develop a program which allows the equipment to automatically recognize features in the image such as roads, railroads and rivers.

The work is part of Tesser's research activities which focus on providing computers with sensory capabilities and building reusable software tools for managing sensate systems.

Northrop Grumman will use the results of the project as part of the \$3 million Advanced Technology Demonstration for the Air Force. Before coming to Marshall in 1993, Tesser led a proof-of-concept project which was a precursor of the Advanced Technology Demonstration.

For more information about the project, contact Dr. Tesser in the Department of Computer Science, 696-2696, or email him at [tesser@marshall.edu](mailto:tesser@marshall.edu).

## Red Cross bloodmobile visits campus Sept. 12

Marshall University will be sponsoring a bloodmobile visit with the American Red Cross on Friday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Don Morris Suite, rooms E10 to E13 in the Memorial Student Center, according to Pat Miller, Donor Resources Consultant with the American Red Cross.

Healthy MU employees and students who are at least 17 years of age and weigh over 110 pounds are encouraged to donate blood. Less than one pint of blood is taken, which will be processed to help as many as four different patients.

"There is no possibility of getting an infectious disease from donating blood, because each needle is used one time and is then discarded," Miller said.

The need for blood remains constant as a result of accidents, surgeries and diseases, according to Miller. "Hospital patients use blood every two seconds," she said. "With the help of Marshall University staff, faculty and students, the Red Cross can continue to meet the blood needs of area hospitals."

People wishing to donate blood may sign up at Holderby Hall, Twin Towers cafeteria or the Memorial Student Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10 and Thursday, Sept. 11.

"While sign-ups are encouraged, walk-ins are welcome the day of the bloodmobile visit," Miller said.

For more information, contact the American Red Cross Blood Services, Tri State Region, 526-2999.

# MU diabetes conference scheduled Oct. 8

One of the country's leading diabetes specialists will be the featured speaker at "Improving Diabetic Outcomes Through Education III," a conference scheduled Oct. 8 at the Holiday Inn Gateway in Barboursville, according to Dr. Linda Scott, associate professor in Marshall University's School of Nursing and conference coordinator.

Dr. Frank Vinicor, director of the Diabetes Translation Program at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in At-

## *Birke Art Gallery offers first fall exhibition*

"It's a mammal but it lays eggs" is the title of the first fall art exhibition at Marshall University's Birke Art Gallery, according to Dr. Beverly Marchant, director of the gallery.

Using the platypus as the subject for its works, the exhibition features paintings by a group of artists from Virginia Commonwealth University. The artists include St. Albans native Bill Fisher, Danny Drotos, Andras J. Bality, Nathan S. Buttleman, Gregg Carbo and Stephen Clark.

Drotos, who arranged the exhibition, says the artists chose its title "because a platypus is like an animal put together by a committee, as if there's no one overall idea behind it."

The title reflects the artists' appreciation of the unusual and the show has "no theme other than doing the best work we can," Drotos said.

Several of the artists will speak about their works Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Birke Art Gallery, according to Marchant.

The gallery, located on the ground floor of Smith Hall, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. All events are free and open to the public. Contact Dr. Marchant, 696-2898, for more information.

## Deadline for INCO grant applications Sept. 15

The deadline for the submission of INCO grant applications is Sept. 15, 1997, at 4:30 p.m., according to Wylma C. Skean, chair of the Faculty Development Committee.

These grants cover projects taking place between Oct. 15, 1997 and March 31, 1998. Forms are available in the Faculty Senate Office, from your Faculty Development Committee representative, or on the Internet at: [www.marshall.edu/senate/action/inco.html](http://www.marshall.edu/senate/action/inco.html). Contact Wylma Skean, 696-3060, for more information.

### Letter of appreciation

I would like to thank the Marshall faculty and staff for the cheerful flowers sent while I was in the hospital. It meant a lot to know that people were thinking of me during my stay.

Sincerely,  
Stuart Thomas

lanta, Ga. will give a lecture entitled "The Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) and Beyond: Current Opinion."

"The DCCT is a landmark research project in which Dr. Vinicor is heavily involved," Scott said. "We are very excited to have him as our keynote speaker."

The conference is a day-long event and also includes eight other speakers lecturing on various aspects of diabetes. It is sponsored by the Appalachian Diabetes Health Promotion Network at Marshall University.

Registration is free for students and \$15 for the public. For more information, contact Dr. Linda Scott, 696-2633.

## Employee achievements

Dr. CHRISTOPHER DOLMETSCH, professor of modern languages, has contributed an article, co-authored with David Kidney of McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, to the Winter 1997 issue of the Australian folk music magazine *Fiddlestix* (No. 45) on the subject of the British musical group *Fairport Convention*. The group is currently celebrating its 13th anniversary as a band, and recently hosted 30,000 fans and friends at its annual reunion festival held Aug. 8-9 at Cropredy near Banbury, Oxon, England.

## A.R.T. workshop Sept. 20

The Community and Technical College is conducting a series of Accredited Record Technical (A.R.T.) review workshops Sept. 20 and 27, according to Dr. Richard Hensley, director of Continuing Education.

It is designed for Health Information Technology graduates preparing to take the national certifying examination of the American Health Information Management Association. The workshops will be presented in two-part sessions. To register, contact Jane Barker in the Community and Technical College, 696-6796.

## MU Faculty Wives Club celebrates 75th anniversary

The Marshall University Faculty Wives Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary during the 1997-98 school year by recalling the past, celebrating the present and preparing for the future.

New members of the club, including those from the new Marshall University Graduate College, will be welcomed at an open house Sunday, Sept. 14 at University Place, the Marshall president's home.

## Travel seminar Sept. 9

A travel seminar will be held Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Connie Murdock, accounts payable manager in the Accounting Office.

The MU Accounting Office will join with AAA and the Diner's Club to present the seminar, in which representatives from AAA and the Diner's club will speak about travel procedures and the services available to help during travel.

If you are interested in attending, contact Angela Bradshaw in the Accounting Office, 696-6488, by Monday, Sept. 8.