President, cabinet kick off series of open houses

Interim President Gary White and members of the university’s senior management team last week hosted their first informal monthly open house for members of the Marshall University community. Students, faculty and staff members dropped by for refreshments and to chat.

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. The next one will take place March 4.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Photos
Far left: Interim President Gary White with a group of students at the open house Feb. 5. Second from left: Dr. Robert Alexander (left) and White. Second from right: Dr. Jan Fox (left) and Dr. Michael Castellani. Far right: Dave Wellman and White.
Marshall representatives headed to Charleston Feb. 18 for MU Day at the Capitol

Marshall University faculty, staff, students and alumni will turn the upper rotunda of the State Capitol Kelly green Wednesday, Feb. 18, as the university celebrates the annual Marshall Day at the Capitol.

Representatives from Marshall will be at the Capitol from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., greeting visitors and interacting with legislators. Nearly 40 displays promoting a variety of programs will be set up during the event, which is being organized by the office of alumni relations.

“We are excited and thankful to once again have the opportunity to showcase what is happening on Marshall University’s campus for our state leaders at the Capitol complex,” said Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations. “Participation among university departments is up compared to last year and we have several programs and projects to highlight for our state legislators. Having the opportunity to lead the coordination of this event is both a privilege and source of tremendous pride for all of us in the office of alumni relations.”

During its visit to the Capitol, Marshall also will celebrate the Thundering Herd’s 52-23 victory over Northern Illinois in the Boca Raton Bowl, and its 26-23 victory over Louisiana Tech in the Conference USA championship game. Head football Coach Doc Holliday and Athletic Director Mike Hamrick are expected to attend, and the Boca Raton Bowl and the C-USA championship trophies will be on display.

Both the Senate and the House are expected to read resolutions honoring the Herd football team and late President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, who died Dec. 17, 2014.

The list of programs that will have displays during Marshall Day at the Capitol include:

- Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; Career Services; Military and Veterans affairs; Campus Recreation; Sociology and Anthropology; Office of Purchasing; Graduate Humanities; Forensic Science; Marshall Urology; INTO Marshall; the College of Education and Professional Development; the Marshall University Research Corp.; Communication Disorders; the Center for African American Students; WMUL-FM; the H.E.L.P. Program; Sustainability Department; Autism Training Center; Housing and Residence Life; the School of Pharmacy; College of Information Technology and Engineering; the College of Science; Leadership Studies/Adult & Technical Education; Graduate Program in Public Health; Marshall Athletics; University Communications; College of Business; Student Conduct; Intercultural Affairs; Graduate College; the Mid-Ohio Valley Center; the College of Liberal Arts; Marshall ROTC; Campus Activities Board; the Student Resource Center; Teays Valley Regional Center; Information Technology; College of Health Professions, MU Alumni Association, the Honors College and the Yeager Scholars Program.
Budgeting process for next year continues

Work continues to put together the budget for Fiscal Year 2016, using a set of budget concepts developed in conjunction with the Budget Work Group.

University departments submitted funding requests in December 2014 and the Budget Office is reviewing the requests. The next phase of the process will be late winter/early spring meetings with the individual budget units to review their submissions and discuss the methodology used to derive a preliminary budget allocation by applying the new budget concepts. It will be a collaborative process and an opportunity for budget managers to better understand the new model.

There is still a great deal of work ahead. Even after the meetings to discuss the requests, additional adjustments will likely be necessary to account for outcomes from the work of the Marshall 20/20 Implementation Teams, as well as the results of the current legislative session and the state budget process. Another cut in state appropriations is expected, but the exact amount is not yet known.

An additional significant component in the budgeting process for Fiscal Year 2016 will be reworking the university’s 2015-16 tuition and fee schedule to fit the new budgeting model. The goal will be to end up with a tuition and fee schedule that will make it easier for students to understand and predict their tuition bills.

For more information, contact Mark Robinson at robinsonma@marshall.edu or Mary Ellen Heuton at heuton@marshall.edu.
Herd men’s basketball to celebrate Valentine’s Day with a white-out

What better way to celebrate Valentine’s Day than to cheer on the Thundering Herd? The men’s basketball team will take on Western Kentucky University Saturday, Feb. 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center. Fans are urged to wear their white Marshall gear.

Students are admitted free with a valid Marshall ID. For other ticket information, visit http://www.herdzone.com/tickets/mars-tickets-m-baskbl.html.
Reminder: MIIR lecture series to feature internationally recognized kidney specialist tomorrow

One of the world’s leading kidney authorities and researchers will be speaking tomorrow at Marshall University.

Dr. Anita Aperia, professor of pediatrics at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm and a former member of the Nobel Assembly, is widely recognized for her groundbreaking research contributions to medicine’s understanding of how the kidneys function in health and disease.

Her talk titled “The Physiological Function of Na+/K+-ATPase” will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, in Room 101 of the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center on Marshall University’s Huntington campus.

The free event is part of a series of public lectures hosted by the Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research.

Research at MIIR is focused on Na+/K+-ATPase—a protein often referred to as the “sodium potassium pump” because it directs many cellular processes in the heart, kidney and other tissues. By studying how this cellular signaling occurs, the institute’s researchers are working to develop new treatments for cancer, heart and kidney disease.

A native of Sweden, Aperia graduated from the Karolinska Institutet medical school and received her Ph.D. training at Yale University. She has been at the Karolinska Institutet since 1976, and as chairman of the department of pediatrics from 1987-99, was the founder and project leader for Astrid Lindgren Children’s Hospital, the largest children’s hospital in Northern Europe.

In 1987, she was appointed to the Nobel Assembly for Physiology or Medicine in Stockholm, where she served as a member until 2003. From 1991-96, she was a member of the Nobel Committee and in 2001 she was the first woman to chair the Nobel Assembly.
She has served as a council member of the International Society of Nephrology, the International Pediatric Society of Nephrology and the European Society of Nephrology.

For more information about the program, contact Hollie Bailey at bailey134@marshall.edu or 304-696-3549.

MIIR is Marshall’s key vehicle to advancing regional economic development through entrepreneurship and commercialization of scientific discoveries. Scientists at the institute are developing an intensive program of biotechnology research dedicated to producing patentable scientific breakthroughs and creating new businesses based on those discoveries.

For more information, visit www.marshall.edu/miir.

**Omicron Delta Kappa seeks nominations**

Elizabeth Appell Sheets, Omicron Delta Kappa adviser, is requesting nominations for ODK, the National Leadership Honor Society, from deans, faculty, and staff. In her request she noted, “We are now accepting nominations for Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. To be eligible a student must be a junior, senior or graduate student, have high academic standing, and must show strong leadership ability.

As a member of the Marshall community, you have the opportunity to work with students on a daily basis. Undoubtedly, you know students deserving of this recognition, due to the accomplishments and contributions these students make to the Marshall community. Please provide names, ID numbers, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of students you would like to see considered for this honor.”

Nominations should be emailed to Appell1@marshall.edu, no later than Wednesday, Feb. 25.

“Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated,” Sheets said. “If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you, and receiving your nominations.”

**Author John Brandon to conduct literary reading, book signing at Marshall**

John Brandon, author of three novels and a new short story collection, will conduct a literary reading and book signing at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the atrium on the third floor of the Drinko Library.

The event, called the John Brandon fiction reading, is part of the A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series. The series receives support
from the College of Liberal Arts, the Honors College and the Department of English, along with the West Virginia Humanities Council.

A Q&A and book signing with the author will follow his reading.

Brandon’s novels are *Arkansas, Citrus County* and *A Million Heavens*, and the new short story collection is titled *Further Joy*. His shorter work has appeared in *Oxford American, The Believer, ESPN the Magazine, GQ, McSweeney’s Quarterly Concern, The New York Times Magazine* and numerous university journals.

During the season, he writes about college football for [Grantland.com](http://grantland.com). He teaches as an assistant professor in the B.F.A. and M.F.A. creative writing programs at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Brandon’s appearance is free to the public.

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**Marshall faculty member certified as only Listening and Spoken Language Specialist-Auditory Verbal Educator in West Virginia**

Dr. Jodi Cottrell of the College of Health Professions recently passed her credentialing and is now the only Listening and Spoken Language Specialist-Auditory-Verbal Educator (LSLS-AVEd) in West Virginia.

Cottrell, a program director in the Department of Communication Disorders, said she has been working on this certification for 3 ½ years.
“This was a long and rigorous process, which required 900 hours of teaching children with hearing loss and speech disorders,” Cottrell said. “As the program director for Marshall’s Luke Lee Listening Learning Language Lab, I wanted to meet this credential to become a Listening and Spoken Language Specialist with the specific credential of AVEd, or Auditory Verbal Educator. This was very important for my professional development to provide specialized services that allow our children to learn something most of us take for granted: how to listen and talk.”

Wendelyn DeMoss, an LSLS-certified speech language pathologist in Oklahoma City, served as one of Cottrell’s mentors. DeMoss said the Alexander Graham Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language has specific criteria for certification, including continuing education hours, direct patient contact experience, observation by certified professionals and 20 hours of mentoring over a three- to- five-year period.

“Jodi is now the first professional in the state of West Virginia to earn the LSLS credential, which means that she has the qualifications to provide listening and spoken language services to infants and children who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as mentor other professionals toward the certification,” DeMoss said. “The families that Jodi serves can be confident in the standard of care they are receiving because of the specialty credential Jodi earned to demonstrate her competency. She will also be a valuable consultant to other health and education professionals within the state.”

Sherri Fickenscher of the Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech in Pennsylvania also served as one of Cottrell’s mentors toward her LSLS certification. Fickenscher said approximately three in 1,000 babies are born with permanent hearing loss, making hearing loss one of the most common birth defects in America. However, most children with hearing loss who receive appropriate services from trained staff are able to progress at age-appropriate rates, according to The Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education.

“There is a crisis of capacity in the United States with regard to well-qualified professionals available to provide this important service so that every child, no matter where they live, has equal access to this opportunity,” Fickenscher said. “It is significant that West Virginia and specifically the Luke Lee program now have built-in capacity through Jodi to expand the opportunities for children in the state. I hope Jodi will continue to receive the support needed to continue to enhance the program, provide more education to professionals in the state and continue to serve the children of West Virginia.”

To learn more about Cottrell and her involvement with the Luke Lee Listening Learning Language Lab, contact her at cottrellj@marshall.edu or by visiting www.marshall.edu/cohp online.

Marshall among 22 winners of Knight News Challenge on Libraries

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has named a team from Marshall University among 22 winners of the Knight News Challenge on Libraries, awarding the recipients a share of $3 million for their ideas.
Launched in September 2014, the challenge asked applicants for ideas that leverage libraries as a platform to build more knowledgeable communities, recognizing their potential as a driver of innovation, creativity, news and information, entrepreneurship, education and social resources. Eight of the winners will receive investments of $130,000 to $600,000, while 14 early-stage ideas, including Marshall’s, will receive $35,000 each through the Knight Prototype Fund, which helps innovators take media and information projects from idea to demo.

“There is a growing demand for libraries to evolve their role and become more dynamic, living platforms, responsive to community needs,” said John S. Bracken, Knight Foundation vice president for media innovation. “The winners are working to reinvent the ways in which people experience the library, and providing citizens with the tools and information they require to contribute and strengthen our democracy.”

A collaboration among several professors and librarians led by Dr. Monica Brooks of Marshall Libraries, Dr. David Trowbridge of the Department of History, and Burnis Morris, the Carter G. Woodson professor in the school of Journalism and Mass Communications, was selected as one of the 14 prototype winners.

In addition to the $35,000, Marshall’s team will receive training on design and innovation methodology over a six-month period.

The Marshall trio’s entry is titled “This Place Matters: Using Mobile Technology to Leverage the Resources of Libraries and Share the Stories of African Americans in Central Appalachia.”

“We will leverage the reach of libraries and allow residents and visitors to central Appalachia to discover African American history through GPS-based mobile technologies (Clio) and several digital repositories,” Brooks said. “This grant will support our team of librarians, journalists and historians as we record and share central Appalachia’s unique history from the Underground Railroad to the Civil War and the long struggle for civil rights.

“Our team will extend the reach of our libraries by using Marshall Digital Scholar and Clio, two existing technologies developed by faculty at Marshall University. Clio will allow us to curate the landscape and create entries that will reach people where they stand and connect them to the resources of area libraries.”

Named after the ancient muse of history, Clio, which can be found online at www.theclio.com, has been built by Trowbridge and students assisting him over the past two years. Clio picks up a user’s location anywhere in the United States and tells them about the history and culture that surrounds them, with a growing database that includes nearly 5,000 museums, art galleries, monuments, sculptures, and historical sites. In addition, contributors across the nation are adding hundreds of sites each month, Trowbridge said.

“We will use mobile technology to reach members of the public where they stand, creating entries in Clio (theclio.com) and Marshall Digital Scholar (mds.marshall.edu) that share the stories of African Americans in central Appalachia, provide scholarly content and links to library resources, and connect their sense of the past to their sense of place,” Brooks said.

Clio’s goal is to connect everyone in the United States to the history and culture that surrounds them, Trowbridge said. Each entry can provide a basic summary, detailed backstory, images and audio/video.
clips, as well as suggested books and articles for those who want to know more. Entries for museums and archives provide addresses, hours, phone numbers, and official websites, along with turn-by-turn directions. Because Clio can pick up a user’s present location, it can always guide them right to the place, he added.

Brooks is assistant vice president for Information Technology, Trowbridge is an associate professor of history and the director of African and African American Studies. Morris recently completed a manuscript on how Woodson used the press to sell black history (1915-1950).

Visual Arts Center’s education program to showcase youths’ work

The Visual Arts Center again will open its doors to middle schoolers for four Saturdays beginning Feb. 14 for The Collaborative, a hands-on, student-centered workshop that allows youth to explore art within a dynamic artistic space.

Classes for sixth- to eighth-graders will be held from 10 a.m. to noon for four consecutive Saturdays beginning Feb. 14 on the 5th floor of the Visual Arts Center at 927 3rd Avenue. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to join the 9:30 a.m. student-led tour of the building Feb. 14.

Dr. Maribea Barnes, an art and design faculty member and the lead educator for this year’s program, said this workshop, titled “Book of Dreams and Aspirations,” will focus on printmaking.

“Guided by art educators and B.F.A. artists, students in this workshop will develop a series of illustrations centered on their dreams and aspirations,” Barnes said. “During this process, students will experiment with different-colored inks, decorative papers, and hand-coloring processes.”

Barnes said students will transfer their illustrations to printing plates to complete a series of relief prints. Their printed test prints, also known as proofs, will be displayed during the final workshop March 7 on the Visual Art Center’s 5th floor. Parents, guardians and friends are encouraged to attend this session. Participants’ final prints will be compiled into a hand-created accordion book.

Barnes, a licensed PreK-12 visual arts teacher, will be joined by Shelby Spence and Kayla Varndell, two art education students who are president and vice president of the university’s National Art Education Association Student Chapter, respectively.

The cost for each child is $40, and financial assistance is available. Support for the development of this youth program comes from a Hedrick Grant for Teaching Innovation from Marshall University. Each class is limited to 20 students in order to provide high-quality, individualized instruction and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact Barnes at barnesm@marshall.edu or ext. 6-2895.
Marshall School of Medicine selects February Resident of the Month

Carolyn A. Curtis, M.D., a second-year medical resident in the department of family and community health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been selected as the February 2015 Resident of the Month, Paulette Wehner, M.D., vice dean, graduate medical education, announced last week.

“To be peer nominated is one of the most flattering ways a professional can receive an award,” Wehner said. “After all, it is your peers who are with you in the learning and clinical environments and have firsthand knowledge of your skills, attitudes and abilities.”

Nominated by several of her fellow second-year family medicine residents, Curtis was commended for her compassion and dedication to her patients.

“Dr. Curtis is one of the most compassionate residents I know,” wrote fellow family resident Matthew Q. Christiansen, M.D. “She goes out of her way on a daily basis to help her patients above and beyond what is expected of her.”

In his nomination letter, Johnny G. Walker, M.D., said Curtis “is extremely devoted to thorough patient care. She often orchestrates complex patient care plans and follows them through to completion to ensure her patients receive top-notch care. She is a strong team player as well, always doing her best to assist other members of her care team as much as possible.”

Curtis holds an undergraduate degree in religion from Furman University and is a 2013 graduate of Medical College of Georgia. She has completed international medical mission trips to Peru, Columbia and Mexico. She also volunteered at free medical clinics in the Augusta, Georgia, area.

As part of her recognition as the February Resident of the Month, Curtis will receive items including a certificate of recognition and a designated parking spot. Monthly winners are also automatically entered into the Resident of the Year Award to be announced in May.

Photo: Carolyn A. Curtis, M.D., is presented with the February Resident of the Month Award by W. Mitch Shaver, M.D., family medicine residency program director.
Faculty Achievement: University Libraries

Marshall Libraries’ faculty Jingping Zhang, Gretchen Beach, Thomas Walker and Larry Sheret co-authored “A Primer on How to Launch an Institutional Repository Successfully” which has been published in the peer-reviewed journal *The Charleston Advisor*.

The article is a case study about the successful launch of Marshall Digital Scholar (MDS), Marshall’s institutional repository (IR), which provides open access to the faculty’s scholarly output, and the University archives. MU faculty who wish to have their published articles, presentations and other research output posted in MDS should send their CV or a list of published articles to mds@marshall.edu or the University Librarian/Director of Libraries Operations at zhangj@marshall.edu. Copyright clearance and loading them into MDS will be handled by the librarians.

The article is accessible from Marshall Digital Scholar at http://mds.marshall.edu/lib_faculty/40.

“Libraries have always collected information from a worldwide marketplace and have disseminated these resources locally,” said University Librarian/Director of Libraries Operations Jingping Zhang. “The IR has created a new function for the library by making it practical to acquire locally developed resources and to disseminate them freely worldwide. This has altered the traditional role of librarians and suggests a broader set of implications for the future usefulness and relevancy of the IR as doors open to new partnerships that will strengthen the university and the library’s place within it.”

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Carl Mummert

Dr. Carl Mummert, assistant professor of mathematics, has recently published two research papers co-authored with Marshall students. “On the modal logic of Reverse Mathematics,” co-authored with Sean Sovine (an undergraduate mathematics major) and Alaeddine Saadaoui (master’s student in mathematics), will appear in the *Archive for Mathematical Logic*. “On the existence of a connected component of a graph,”, co-authored with Kirill Gura (undergraduate student in mathematics) and Jeffry Hirst (professor, Appalachian State University), will appear in *Computability*.

The next issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Feb. 18, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16.