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MU NEWSLETTER

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MU to establish Harmony Institute

Marshall University is attempting to raise \$100,000 to establish a Harmony Institute to improve racial and ethnic relations on campus and in the community, MU President J. Wade Gilley announced at a news conference Wednesday, Oct. 1.



Cleckley

Heading the project is Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, Marshall vice president for multicultural and international programs.

"Universities must address the challenge of finding better ways to promote the understanding of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity," Gilley said. "Increasingly, we are living in a global society and

we must strengthen the educational experience of all students, and provide leadership for future generations to foster understanding, respect and acceptance of differences.

"We view the Harmony Institute at Marshall University as a significant step in that direction," Gilley said, "and I want to commend Dr. Cleckley for her leadership in this initiative."

Dr. Cleckley announced an Art and Antiques Auction Committee has been formed to help in the fundraising efforts, with a goal of \$50,000. Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins of Huntington and Professor of Communications Studies Bertram W. Gross are co-chairs of

the committee. Gilley said matching funds can be allocated through the university's Multicultural Programs Fee.

Dr. Cleckley said funding also is being sought from corporations and private foundations and that \$17,340 has already been raised.

"Its goal is to create a sense of community."
— Dr. Betty J. Cleckley

"The Harmony Institute is intended to alleviate tensions within the university community which stem from

misunderstanding and lack of knowledge of cultural differences and uniqueness," Dr. Cleckley said. "Its goal is to create a sense of community, promote understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and groups, and heal the effects of

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Cantrell named Employee of Month for September

Frances Cantrell of South Charleston, payroll representative in the MU Graduate College, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for September, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.



Cantrell

Cantrell is the first person from the new Marshall University Graduate College to be awarded MU Employee of the Month. The MUGC was formed July 1, when Marshall merged with the former West Virginia Graduate College.

She was nominated for the award by Sharon Rutherford, director of payroll at MU, and Katherine Coffey, benefits counselor.

"The merger with the former West

Virginia Graduate College brought many new challenges to Marshall's payroll staff," Rutherford said. "We were asked to merge the payroll functions of both institutions for the July 1-16 pay period, and we did it with the help of Frances Cantrell.

"Frances learned our computerized payroll system and did the data entry for all of the Graduate College employees. A merger is a difficult process, and ours was made easier by her positive attitude, flexibility and acceptance of change," Rutherford said.

Cantrell has been at the former West Virginia Graduate College for 22 years.

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.

AROUND CAMPUS

LIBRARY FALL BREAK HOURS SET

- Fall break hours for The James E. Morrow Library are as follows:
Friday, Oct. 3 – 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4 – Closed
Sunday, Oct. 5 – Closed
Monday, Oct. 6 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 7 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PIERRO JOINS STAFF COUNCIL OFFICE

- Angela Pierro joined the Staff Council Office Oct. 1 as a Program Assistant I, according to Nina Barrett, president of the Staff Council. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The council office telephone number is 696-2222.

FACULTY WIVES' CLUB LUNCHEON

- The MU Faculty Wives' Club is sponsoring a Family Salad Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 4 at noon in the Johnson United Memorial Church on 10th St. and 5th Ave. Everyone in the MU family is welcome.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

- MU will conduct its annual United Way campaign on campus during the month of October. The goal this year is \$70,000.

1997-98 declared "Year of the Book"

The new John Deaver Drinko Library and Information Center, slated for a fall 1998 opening, is the cornerstone for the "Year of The Book" declared by MU President J. Wade Gilley. Of the \$29 million raised to fund the library's construction, nearly \$8 million was contributed by MU faculty, staff, friends and alumni.



Harmony Institute to be established

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racism in central Appalachia, past and present."

The Art and Antiques Auction Committee is composed of interested university and regional representatives. Members, in addition to the two co-chairs, are Michael I. Cornfeld and Gaye Fearing, consultants, and Earlene Agee, Derek Anderson, Elaine Baker, Thelma "Dee" Brown, Charlene

Byrd, Sally Cyrus, Sarah Drennen, Deidre Dunworth, Boyd Evans, Nanna Gilley,

Kathy Goodman, Lucia James, Regina Lipscomb, Lynne Mayer, Edwina Pendarvis, Mary Ann Pennington, Dorothy Polan, Charles Rhodes, William Smith, Jill Stevens, Joseph B. Touma, Sally Tweel, Donald Van Horn, Anita Unger and Charles Whitehead.

Faculty and staff achievements

Dr. BARBARA GUYER, director of the H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) program, has been selected to appear during the month of October on an internet program "Ask the Expert." The internet address for this program is www.LDOnline.com. Those who key in to LDOnline may ask her questions and receive an answer online within 24 hours.

Dr. MARJORIE McINERNEY, professor of management in the Lewis College of Business, presented a paper co-authored with Dr. DALLAS BROZIK, associate professor of finance, at the International Industrial Relations Association Conference in Dublin, Ireland on Aug. 24-30. The paper, entitled "Real Growth, Economic Structure, and The Contribution of Labor: The European Experience" was also published by Green Tree Publishers in the book entitled The Search For

Competitiveness and Its Implications For Employment, edited by James Wickham, professor at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

HARRY PERSINGER, adjunct professor in the Department of Chemistry and the Marshall University Graduate College, was co-author of an article entitled "Expanded Emphasis on Toxicology in an Environmental Chemistry and Engineering Course" with Donald Elswick, senior laboratory technician at the Institute Rhone-Poulenc Plant. This paper was presented before a section of the Division of Chemical Education of the American Chemical Society's National Meeting Sept. 11 in Las Vegas, Nev.

LYNNE WESTON, assistant director of the H.E.L.P. program, was a guest of the Gow School for dyslexic boys in Buffalo, N.Y., where she talked about the advantages of attending MU and participating in H.E.L.P.

Women Connect Celebration set

The 1998 Women Connect Celebration will feature Helena Hale, professor emeritus of English at the University of California at Santa Barbara, in a one-woman theatre performance Oct. 8 at noon in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, according to Leah Tolliver, director of the MU Women's Center.

"The purpose of this program is to support the power of women to advance society and contribute creatively," Tolliver said.

Hale has appeared in theatre productions on and off Broadway, according to Tolliver. "For the past ten years Helena Hale has been writing, producing and performing her one-woman plays nationally and internationally.

"She has appeared at major museums, colleges, and universities, as well as for organizations interested in bringing the arts to their communities," Tolliver said.

Hale has received grants from the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission and the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities and is presently on the artist-in-residence roster of the Nevada State Council on the Arts. She is also a Touring Artist for the Children's Creative Project of Santa Barbara County.

Seats for the performance can be reserved by calling the MU Women's Center, 696-3112.