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“Hooked on Love” scheduled Oct. 21

The Center for African-American Students will sponsor “Hooked on Love” Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, according to Ken Blue, coordinator of African-American Student Programs.

Presented by Pin Points Theatre, “Hooked on Love” presents “fast moving skits showing the hilarious changes people go through for romance.

“Music and comedy take the audience on side-cracking joy rides through the zany world of relationships. Through all the laughter, the play confronts a serious question: How do we all get along?”

For more information, contact Blue in the Center for African-American Students, 696-5430.



Michael Feinstein performs Oct. 20

Contemporary pop vocal stylist Michael Feinstein will perform Monday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall Artists Series, according to Angela Grant, marketing director for the series.

Feinstein will also have a book signing the afternoon of Oct. 20, as he promotes his new book *Nice Work If You Can Get It*. The signing will be at the Renaissance Book

Company and Coffee House, 831 4th Ave., from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

“After 15 albums and countless live shows over his expansive career, entertainer Michael Feinstein is well-recognized as both a sharp musical scholar and passionate performer,” Grant said.

Tickets are \$28 and \$30 for adults and \$14 and \$15 for people 17 and under. Contact Grant, 696-6656, for more information.

Campus telephone number changes

The recent merger of the telephone systems between the Huntington campus and the Marshall University Graduate College have necessitated the changing of seven telephone numbers, according to William S. Deel, assistant vice president of operations at MU. Please make a note of these changes and begin using the numbers immediately.

Those numbers are as follows:

Ext. 2500 Geography is now 4364
Ext. 2501 Jimmy Rogers is now 4626
Ext. 2502 Margaret Gripshover is now 4627
Ext. 2508 Library Custodian is now 4628
Ext. 2512 Maureen Milicia is now 4629
Ext. 2514 James Morris-Smith is now 4630
Ext. 2516 Deborah Carder is now 4631

MU student excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the university for these students on the dates noted.

Oct. 8 – Kevin Biggs, Matt Odenthal, Ty Grass, Tyson Smith, Chris Massey, Todd Hitt, Pete Lunsford, C. Jason Lewis, Joey Calandros, Mike Ecken, Stephen Tomblyn, Joe Carson, Chris Tuttle, Carlos Lopes, Andrea Bowyer, Elizabeth Vance, Amanda

New, Jason Keffer, Danny Morgan, Rob Ellis, Jondrea Perkey, Jason Trader, Jeremy Tuttle, Phyllis Sea, Anne Abshear.

Oct. 9-10 – Chris Hall, Amy Runyon, Samantha Morris, Cheri Prendergast, Donald Collier.

Oct. 13-18 – David Thompson, Fred Fout, Aaron Klinier.

AROUND CAMPUS

WVADE CONFERENCE OCT. 31

• The West Virginia Association for Developmental Education (WVADE) will conduct its annual fall conference at the Radisson Hotel on Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1, according to Linda Hunt, assistant professor in the Community and Technical College.

This year’s conference is sponsored by the college and is open to college educators and all others interested in the field of developmental education. Contact Hunt for more information, 696-6503.

PIANO RECITAL OCT. 26

• Rhonda Mizok will conduct her BFA Junior Recital Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The program will include works by Beethoven, Chopin and Joplin.

FIPSE GRANTS AVAILABLE

• The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) is conducting its Comprehensive Program, an annual competition for grants to support innovative reform projects for the solution of problems in postsecondary education.

FIPSE grants may provide one, two or three years of funding. Application deadline is Oct. 24. For more information, contact Dr. Sarah Denman, 696-3007.

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Upgraded system joins two MU campuses

Marshall’s two principal campuses—in Huntington and South Charleston—have been linked under a single telephone system, starting this week.

MU President J. Wade Gilley said the \$180,000 project is the initial step in Marshall joining a statewide “asynchronous transfer mode” (ATM) system being developed by Bell Atlantic. While the first phase provides voice transmission between the two campuses, the fully developed system will provide also for integrated data and video transmission.

“The upgrading of three switches in Huntington and one in South Charleston positions Marshall to be on the cutting edge of a telecommunications revolution in West Virginia and, indeed, the nation,” Gilley said. “We expect Marshall to be one of the first institutions in the state to take advantage of this advanced technology.”

The “T-1” line joining the two campuses

as a single system provides 28 voice communication channels, according to Dr. William S. Deel, Marshall assistant vice president for operations. Once the ATM technology is installed by Bell Atlantic, thousands of communication channels will be available.

Deel said the revolutionary changes in telecommunications have been made possible by actions taken several years ago when Bell Atlantic installed a statewide net of fiber optic cables and Marshall did the same thing on a campuswide basis. Both campuses now are fully “wired” with fiber optic lines.

Linking of the South Charleston and Huntington campuses under a single

telecommunications system became necessary last July 1 when the West Virginia Graduate College in South Charleston was merged with Marshall and re-named the Marshall University Graduate College.

This positions MU on the cutting edge of a telecommunications revolution in West Virginia.

— MU President J. Wade Gilley

Marshall earlier had established T-1 lines between the Huntington campus

and sites in Logan and Point Pleasant to provide for delivery of courses in those communities, Deel said.

Once the ATM system installation is completed, fully integrated voice, data and video signals can be transmitted at the speed of light, Gilley noted. “No other university in the nation will have better telecommunications abilities,” he added.

MU looks to the future of telecommunications

The Marshall University ATM project goal is to create a cost-effective delivery of distance education and to unify our existing campuses into one network. This project will integrate multimedia technologies with current and emerging communications technologies. The project will also investigate teaching and learning paradigms that will most effectively use this technology.

In essence, the technology allows people in different locations to hold interactive meetings and classes. Participants can see and hear each other in real time via their desktop computers. In addition, documents and objects can be exchanged, the connected computers can share files and applications and each workstation has high-bandwidth Internet connections. The system is highly integrated with Marshall’s new John Deaver Drinko Library.

Marshall is celebrating 10 years of a full campus fiber backbone. As our multimedia, video, audio, data, online Internet accessible electronic courses and campus locations continue to expand, so must our telecom-

munications delivery system.

Marshall University’s comprehensive campus network has allowed us to focus on extending these capabilities to remote facilities. The WV-ATM network is a high-speed, regional network providing advanced tools and techniques in support of collaborative teaching and research. Marshall University will utilize interactive multimedia applications, Web-based instruction, desktop videoconferencing and remote access to unique resources.

Our recently upgraded PBX telephone system at a total cost of \$184,000 (three switches at MU and one complete system [\$26,000] at MUGC) will be linked transparently with our South Charleston campus.

The high-speed data connections will link multiple locations into a transparent Wide Area Network. Costly duplication of servers, databases and software will be eliminated. The network has very high capacity and can deliver simultaneous transmission of fully interactive voice, data and video services. The bandwidth can be flexibly al-

BENEFITS OF ATM

- Universal access with level prices
- Capability to support interactive, multimedia applications
- Range of access options
- Capability to support high performance computing applications with guaranteed quality of service
- Scales to match demand
- Advanced digital communications services at reasonable cost
- Founded upon public network services
- Lever for economic development
- Promotes competition

located and reallocated as needed. ATM services have built-in quality of service controls, allowing users to prioritize resources and tailor capacity utilization to match application requirements. Virtually any type of application or communication service can be transported across the network.

MU Foundation marks 50th anniversary

The Marshall University Foundation Inc. surpassed the \$50 million mark during its 50th anniversary year, Foundation executive director Sherry H. Asbury reported Oct. 9 during the Foundation's annual member meeting.

Incorporated on Jan. 3, 1947, as a non-profit educational organization, the Foundation reached \$52,367,711 in assets by the end of the 1996-97 fiscal year that ended June 30. The Foundation's endowment has grown to \$25,334,584, Asbury reported.

During the 1996-97 fiscal year, the Foundation received more than \$6.3 million in gifts from all sources.

The breakdown on giving was:

- \$3 million-plus from individuals, including \$679,748 from Foundation



Asbury

members

- nearly \$1.5 million from businesses and industries

- \$961,475 from foundations

- \$724,271

from trusts and estates, and

- \$174,524

from clubs and organizations.

Of the total

1996-97 donations, \$3,565,419

was earmarked

for restricted endowments, including for the new library and information center; \$995,887 for scholarships; \$1,448,083 for other designated colleges and departments, and \$295,782 was unrestricted to use as needed by the university. Another \$12,045 was donated to the Foundation as gifts-in-kind. The overall increase from 1995-96 to 1996-97 was 3.4%.

Asbury reported that the rate of growth in

annual gifts has slowed due to the ending of the campaign for library construction funds. However, she reported, when you compare

the previous two fiscal years — prior to the Library Campaign — to the past two fiscal years, there were some remarkable increases:

- gifts from alumni rose 94%

- faculty and staff donations in-

creased 90%

- contributions from businesses rose nearly 72% and

- contributions from other foundations grew by 256%.

The overall increase during 1995-97 over the previous two years was 53%.

For more information, contact Sherry Asbury at the Marshall University Foundation, 696-6264.

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— Sherry Asbury
Executive Director, MU Foundation

Stephen Hatten re-elected MU Foundation president

Stephen P. Hatten, an executive with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Huntington, was re-elected president of The Marshall University Foundation Inc. during its annual meeting on Oct. 9.



Hatten

Other officers elected to a second one-year term were

Ann Logan Speer, first vice president; Vincent G. Manzi, second vice president; Earleen Heiner Agee, secretary, and B.C. McGinnis III, treasurer. Sherry H. Asbury is the Foundation's executive director.

Two Marshall alumni were elected as members to the 48-member Foundation. The new members are Monica Jayne Wilton Hatfield, who earned a B.S. degree from Marshall in 1977 and an M.A. degree in 1983 and who now serves as a middle school math teacher at St. Agnes Elementary/Middle School in Charleston, and J. Churchill Hodges, who earned an A.B. degree from Marshall in 1948 and an M.A. degree in 1953 and who retired after 35

years from the Cabell County Board of Education after serving as a science supervisor, director of purchasing and biology teacher. Their terms expire in the year 2000.

John Jay White, a 1976 Marshall graduate who has served as president of R.H. Adkins & Companies for the past four years, will fill the unexpired term of the late William F. Agee as both a member and director until 1999.

Re-elected for three-year terms as members were James R. Bailes, David Fox Jr., William M. Frazier, John R. Hall, Earl W. Heiner Jr., Ronald L. Hooser, Andrew J. Houvouras Jr., Vincent G. Manzi, Dan R. Moore, Frankie L. Nowlin, Marshall T. Reynolds, Speer, Joseph B. Touma and S. Kenneth Wolfe.

Members renewed as directors were Fox, Heiner, Hooser, Manzi, Reynolds, Speer and Touma.

The Marshall University Foundation Inc. was established in 1947 as a non-profit, educational corporation to solicit, receive and administer private gifts in behalf of Marshall University.

For more information, contact the MU Foundation, 696-6264.

MU Employee achievements

Dr. MICHAEL P. CASTELLANI, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, had a paper entitled "EPR Spectra of [Cr(CO)2L(c6Me6)] + (L=PEt3, PPh3, P(OEt)3, P(OPh)3): Analysis of Line Widths and Determination of Ground State Configuration from Interpretation of 31P Couplings" published in the Sept. 30 issue of the journal *Organometallics*.

MARY GRASSELL, associate professor in the Department of Art, has two woodblock prints in the "Season of Colors" Juried Exhibition at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg, W.Va. The two prints are color woodblock prints and are entitled *Fossil Dreams* and *Main Street, Hurricane, W.Va.* The exhibition runs until Nov. 1.

PAUL WHEAR, emeritus professor and former chairman of theory composition in the Department of Music, won an international music contest Oct. 8 for his composition "Serenade and Dance." Chosen from 34 entries in the duet category, Whear's piece will now be recorded by Gary Karr, an internationally known bassist. He also received \$500 from the American String Teacher's Association, sponsor of the contest. The award is Whear's ninth for his compositions.

Smith receives Certified Management Degree

Stephanie Smith, purchasing assistant II in the Department of Materials Purchasing and Management, recently received a degree from the Certified Business Management Institute at the University of Kentucky.



Smith

"I believe this degree will make me more productive at Marshall," Smith said. "During my studies at the institute I learned new

aspects of business and became more familiar with the entire business process."

Smith has been employed at Marshall for nine years. "While I was studying at the University of Kentucky, I also learned some things about Marshall," she said.

"I learned that MU is ahead of the game in the race for state-of-the-art technology," Smith said.

"From what I have seen, we have better equipment than larger universities. That gives me a sense of pride to work at Marshall University."

Smith is the first person in the Department of Materials Purchasing and Management

to graduate from the three-year program. "We also have other people in the department attending the Certified Business Management Institute at UK who will receive their degree soon," she said.

Without the commitment to continuing education at MU, Smith said she would never have gotten the opportunity to attend the institute.

"I would like to thank Bill Shondel, director of the Department of Materials Purchasing and Management," she said. "He has arranged for the department to pay for employee's education at the institute, and without his help I would not have been able to receive this degree."

For more information about Smith or the Certified Business Management Institute at the University of Kentucky, contact the Department of Materials Purchasing and Management, 696-2822.

Sociology conference features Marshall faculty and staff

Several MU faculty and staff members will take part in "Women in West Virginia," the annual meeting of the West Virginia Sociological Association held Oct. 23-25 at West Virginia State College, according to Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, president of the association.

The opening session, "The Academy Meets the Streets," will be held Thursday, Oct. 23. It will include a discussion among: Dr. Amy Hudock, assistant professor in the MU Department of English; Leah Tolliver of the MU Women's Center; Helen Bannan of WVU Women's Studies; Beth Marquart, director of the West Virginia Women's Commission, and Pam Nixon, a community health and safety advocate.

Panels on Friday and Saturday will in-

clude Connie Zirkle, administrative secretary senior in the MU Department of Psychology; Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate School; Geoff and Susan Eacker, Rockefeller Fellows in the MU Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia;

Dr. Ken Ambrose, Gary Jarret, Carrie Uhlein Nilles, Jan Rezak, Dr. Karen Simpkins, Susan Weaver and Dr. William Westbrook of the MU Sociology and Anthropology Department, and Dr. Linda Spatig of Educational Leadership/COE.

Dr. Ewen will give the presidential address, "Women in West Virginia: Tiny Steps and Giant Leaps" Friday, Oct. 24.

For more information, contact Mary Thomas, 696-3348.

Faculty Senate meeting Oct. 23

The MU Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Its agenda will include: the approval of minutes from the Sept. 25 meeting, announcements, report of MU President J. Wade Gilley, ACF report and three standing committee recommendations.

The standing committee recommendations are to approve the following: one recommending that every student be informed that he/she can have a university student number other than their social security number; one recommending that faculty who supervise independent studies, theses and student teaching be recorded as the instructor of record; and one recommending that

no additional funds be put into the continuing merit pool of money until all merit policies have been reviewed.

The Oct. 23 meeting will also include reports from the following committees: Academic Planning, Athletic, Budget & Academic Policy and Faculty Personnel.

Requests to speak to the senate will also be accepted, as well as agenda requests for future meetings.

Dr. Corley F. Dennison, associate professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, is president of the Faculty Senate.

For more information about the senate or its Oct. 23 meeting, contact the Faculty Senate office, 696-4376.

Career Connection Job Fair Oct. 29

Over 40 business organizations have registered to take part in the first Career Connection Fall Job Fair Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 1-4 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Patricia G. Gallagher, recruiting coordinator in the Career Services Center.

"The fair is an excellent opportunity to meet with local and regional employers," Gallagher said. "Students can also form business contacts at the fair and apply for current openings."

Sponsored by the MU Career Services Center, there is no cost to attend the fair and no pre-registration is required.

"All Marshall students and alumni are encouraged to attend," Gallagher said.

Participating employers include Atlantic Star Communications, Columbia Gas, Manpower Technical, Prestera Center, Smith Barney and Zeneca Pharmaceuticals.

A complete listing of participants is available in the Career Services Center, 1681 5th Ave. Contact Gallagher for more information, 696-2371.

Deadline set for MU News Letter

Items for the Marshall University News Letter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday.