John Dranko receives philanthropy award

John Deaver Dranko, a 1942 Marshall University graduate for whom the university’s new library has been named, was honored Nov. 18 as the state’s Outstanding Philanthropist.

The award was presented by the West Virginia Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE) during its annual National Philanthropy Day dinner program held at the University of Charleston.

A native of St. Marys, W.Va., Dranko helped build Cleveland’s Baker & Hostetler into the nation’s 16th largest law firm. He serves as chairman of the board for the Cleveland Institute of Electronics and the Double D Ranch in Coshocton, Ohio, and also serves on the boards of several other major corporations and foundations.

In addition to his major role in helping Marshall raise $8 million in private funds toward construction of a new library, Dranko established one of the university’s most impressive academic programs, the Dranko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, and has provided support for scholarships, fine arts, athletics and other areas.

With his wife, the former Elizabeth Gibson, he has endowed many programs at The Ohio State University, John Carroll, Capital, Cleveland State, Case Western Reserve and Harvard universities; Baldwin-Wallace, Ursuline and Westminster colleges and the Cleveland Clinic of The Ohio State University School of Medicine. The Ohio State University, where he earned his law degree, named its Law School building in his honor.

Frederick Boothe, vice president for advancement at the University of Charleston, received the Outstanding Fund Raising Executive award. In his first year as vice president, Boothe led a successful $18.5 million campaign, publicly known as the Buckner and Lyell Clay Center, and fundraising efforts of the PACE Scholarship Annual Fund, the Golden Eagle Athletic Club and Sports Hall of Fame, West Virginia Women’s Art Gallery and the UC Foundation.

Bell Atlantic-West Virginia won the Outstanding Award for Corporation for its commitment to education, particularly the $9.7 million World School project to provide students and teachers in 85 percent of West Virginia schools with high-speed Internet access. Bell Atlantic’s program, Telephone Pioneers of America, makes it possible for employees to participate in volunteer activities such as Hug-A-Bears, a hospital visitation program, and the Sports Jamboree, a Special Olympics program.

The NSFRE is a professional association of fund-raising executives that advances philanthropy through its more than 18,000 members in 149 chapters throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. Through its advocacy, research, education and certification programs, the society fosters development and growth of fund-raising professionals, works to advance philanthropy and volunteerism and promotes high ethical standards in the fund-raising profession.

‘Helping Hands’ Center offers special education workshops

Two workshops by prominent special education rights attorney Reed Martin will be presented in Huntington Nov. 25 and 26 at Helping Hands Development Center, an office of University Physicians & Surgeons.

Martin, who has worked on special education cases in all 50 states, will speak from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 25 on “How to maximize the 1997 amendments to the I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) to get an I.E.P. that actually works.”

He will speak from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 26 on “Positive behavior interventions required by law.”

The I.D.E.A. workshop will cover topics including preparation for Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) meetings, records and how to amend them, least restrictive environment, and goal-setting and measuring progress during the year. The positive behavior intervention workshop will cover eligibility, the duty of the school to develop positive approaches, the duty of the school to train all personnel who have contact with the student, and more.

Both presentations will be at the Helping Hands office, 418 11th St. The registration/materials fee is $20 for the I.E.P. workshop and $25 for the positive behavior intervention workshop, or $40 for both workshops. Couples can attend the I.E.P. workshop for a single $25 fee.

Martin has concentrated on special education rights for more than 25 years. He has served on the boards of several disability organizations and has testified several times at the request of Congress. He has had cases in several circuit courts of appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, and frequently files briefs in these courts for disability organizations.

Contact Elizabeth Mooney, 697-3770, for more information.

Computer labs set Thanksgiving hours

The Office of Computing Services has announced its UCF lab hours for Thanksgiving Break Nov. 26-30.

Corbly Hall & Harris Hall
Nov. 26-30 - CLOSED

Smith Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 26 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 27 - CLOSED
Friday, Nov. 28 - CLOSED
Saturday, Nov. 29 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 30 - 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Regular hours resume Monday, Dec. 1.
MARLENE CHAFFIN, senior administrative assistant in the Office of Research and Graduate Education at the MU School of Medicine, attended the Association of American Medical Colleges' 1997 GREAT Conference IV entitled "Attracting, Supporting and Retaining the Best" held Sept. 25-28 in Leesburg, Va. 

JOHN L. DROST, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics, has an article entitled "A Shorter Proof of the Ramanujan Congruence Modulo 5" that will appear in the Notes section of the December issue of American Mathematical Monthly (Vol. 4, no. 10, pp. 971-72)

ED DZIERZAK, KENT HAYES and BILL LUCAS of the Division of Information Technology and Medical Informatics in the MU School of Medicine presented a poster entitled "Delivery of the Goods: Electronic Document Delivery" at the American Medical Informatics Association conference Oct. 27 in Nashville, Tenn. The poster described the creation of Web-EDD, the World Wide Web-based electronic document delivery system which provides full text biomedical science articles to campus and remote users.

Dr. LARRY FROEHLICH, dean of the College of Education, had an article entitled "Leader Training" published in the National Forum of Applied Educational Research Journal—Electronic (Vol. 10E, Number 3, 1997-98). The article was co-authored with Dr. PAUL LEARY, Dr. JAMES RANSON and Dr. POWELL TOTH of the Marshall University Graduate College.

BETTY KYGER, provost of the Community and Technical College, traveled with Gov. Cecil Underwood and other distinguished guests to Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, Mich. The group toured the Regional Manufacturing Technology Center at Kellogg Community College and learned about the technology programs at the college which have won several national awards.

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of Recreational Sports and Fitness Activities, attended the Region II conference of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association held Nov. 4-6 in Biloxi, Miss. LOVINS serves on the National Program Committee of the association and is also State Historian.

Dr. THOMAS K. PAULEY, professor in the Department of Biology, had an article entitled "Tracking Amphibians in West Virginia" published in the Nov. 1997 issue of Audubon Naturalist. This article describes research PAULEY and his graduate students at MU have conducted over the last 10 years and discusses surveys he and his students have conducted for amphibians and reptiles throughout the state in preparation for an amphibian and reptile atlas that PAULEY is currently writing.

Dr. D. ALLAN STERN, professor and program coordinator in the Safety Technology Program, attended the National Safety Council's annual safety conference Oct. 27-29 in Chicago. The MU safety program had a complementary booth at the conference to attract potential students and employers looking for graduates and internship positions. STERN also attended the meeting of the Occupational Safety and Health Educators Oct. 26 in Chicago.

Nominations for honorary degrees are being accepted by the University Functions Committee until Dec. 12, according to Robert Hutton, professor in the Department of Art.

"The committee is requesting that the MU faculty, administration, staff, students and community submit nominations for the Honorary Degrees," Hutton said. "These degrees will be awarded at the 1998 Commencement."

Hutton said a recipient of an honorary degree "should be a person whose contribution to humanity clearly merits recognition."

It is also preferable for the nominee to have some connection to the state of West Virginia, Marshall University or is prominent in a field important to MU.

Nominations should include a comprehensive biographical profile of the nominee along with the nomination.

"It is noteworthy that an increase in women and university persons have appeared on the roster of worthy candidates over the past few years," Hutton said.

Nominations should be sent to:
Dr. Thomas Linz, chair
University Functions Committee
Doctors Memorial Building

For more about the selection criteria and necessary information for MU Honorary Degree nominations, contact Hutton in the Department of Art, 696-2899.

Excused absences...

These students have received university excused absences for the following dates.

They are members of the MU Debate Team, which was awarded First Place at the ASU Mountain Forensics Tournament.

OSHA course offered Dec. 1-4

A course on Occupational Safety & Health Standards for Individuals will be held Dec. 1 -4 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Robert C. Byrd Institute Building, 1050 Fourth Ave., according to Larry Kyle, director of the MU Institute for Business Development.

Sponsored by the institute, the OSHA #501 General Industry course is specifically designed for private-sector personnel from all types of industries.

"The course presents detailed information on how the provisions of the OSH Act may be implemented in the workplace," Kyle said. "It will also deal with rights and responsibilities under the OSH Act and gives an overview of requirements of the more frequently referenced standards."

Cost of the seminar is $595 per person. Parking will be available in the Radisson parking garage and tickets will be validated at the Robert C. Byrd Building.

"Representatives from businesses and corporations of all sizes are welcome to attend," Kyle said.

For more information, contact Kyle in the MU Institute for Business Development, 696-3093.