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# Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. LARRY D. KYLE, director of the Business Development and Training Division in Marshall's Research and Economic Development Center, made a one-day presentation on "ISO 9000: And Its Application to Purchasing" for the National Association of Purchasing Management Tri-State Inc. on Nov. 14 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Hurricane. KYLE, who also serves as principal investigator for the Community Outreach Partnership Center grant (a two-year Department of Housing and Urban Development grant of \$500,000), participated in the semiannual meeting of COPC grantees held Nov. 27-29 in Detroit, Mich.

CHARLOTTE A. EDWARDS, program coordinator in the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology, recently was elected as a member of the Nominating Committee of the national Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society. Her two-year term began in January. She also serves as adviser to the Marshall University Kappa Epsilon chapter. The organization's mission is empowering leaders in the family and consumer sciences. The mission will enhance the ability of the organization and chapters to prepare scholars and researchers as leaders for the 21st century.

Dr. HISHAM AL-HADDAD, assistant professor of computer science, has published a journal article co-authored with

## Retired professor dies

Diana Cura Waldron, 72, of Huntington died Tuesday, Jan. 16, at her home.

She was born Sept. 19, 1923, in London, England, a daughter of the late Lodovico and Annie Gwendoline Cura.

Waldron retired as associate professor of English at Marshall University, having been a member of the faculty from 1968 to 1984. She served as a member of the university Honors faculty, director of the SCORES Academic Festival and faculty adviser to the English honorary society.

She graduated with high honors from Marshall and received the Woodrow Wilson fellowship for graduate work at the University of Virginia where she received a master's degree in English. She did doctoral work at West Virginia University.

Waldron was a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the Student Council and Welfare Committee, the National Council of Teachers of English, the West Virginia Association of English Teachers and the University of Iowa's Institute for African-American Culture.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Earl Waldron; three children and their spouses, Robert Earl and Marijane Kinnaird Waldron of Huntington, Anne Waldron and Julian "Butch" Rodriguez of Barboursville, and Mary Waldron and Philippe Schubert of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; three grandchildren, and a special cousin, David Davies, of Welyn, England.

## Letter of Appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of my friends and colleagues for your expressions of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of my father.

The cards and phone calls were deeply appreciated and the flowers for the funeral were beautiful.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Lake

professor K.M. George of Oklahoma State University. The article, "A Survey of Method Binding and Implementation Selection in Object-Oriented Programming Languages," was published in the October issue of the Journal of Object-Oriented Programming Languages (JOOP), (Vol. 8, No. 6, pp. 28-41).

Dr. HOWARD R.D. GORDON, professor of adult and technical education, will present his research paper titled "A Profile of the Productivity and Learning Style Preferences of Participants in Distance Education" at the 19th Eastern Education Research Conference scheduled Feb. 21-24 at Cambridge, Mass. GORDON's paper has been nominated for the Distinguished Paper Award by the Education and Technology Division of the Eastern Education Research Association.

Dr. JOHN W. LARSON, professor of chemistry, was an author of an article titled "Thermochemistry of Vanadium(+5) in Aqueous Solutions" that appeared in the November/December issue of the Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data.

Dr. JUDITH SORTET, associate dean of the School of Nursing, recently returned from Brazil. The trip was funded by the Partners of the Americas. While in Brazil, she conducted lectures at the Federal University of Espirito Santo, consulted with nursing faculty on accreditation standards and spoke to groups of health professionals about health care in the United States. SORTET also worked on plans for collaborative research with a nurse midwife in Vitoria, Espirito Santo.

Dr. MICHAEL E. SEIDEL, chairman of the Biological Sciences Department, is the author of a chapter titled "Current status of biogeography of the West Indian turtles in the genus *Trachemys* (Emydidae)." The chapter will appear early this year in a book titled "Contributions to West Indian Herpetology" published by The Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles."

## MU job fair to be held

Marshall University's annual Government/Summer Jobs Fair will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The fair will provide an ideal opportunity for students to meet with employers to discuss potential government positions (full-time and part-time) and summer positions with various agencies and camps, according to Patricia Gallagher, recruiting coordinator in Marshall's Placement Services Center.

Gallagher said 15 to 20 local and regional employers will participate in the fair.

"Although students might assume it's too early to be thinking about a summer job, many employers are now screening to fill summer positions," explained Gallagher. "All the good summer jobs will be filled if you wait until May to start looking."

To obtain further details contact Gallagher at Marshall University's Placement Services Center, 304-696-2371.

Preregistration will not be required to attend the fair.

## Center needs envelopes

The Marshall University Computer Center needs large campus envelopes.

Any offices or departments that have a surplus of large campus envelopes can contact Virginia Keeney in the Computer Center, 696-3222, to arrange to have them picked up.

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## COB selects new members for Hall of Fame



Clay



Drinko



Hogan



Reynolds



Zitter

Marshall University's College of Business will honor five business leaders on April 19 during its third annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner.

The 1996 Business Hall of Fame inductees will be Lyell B. Clay of Charleston, John Deaver Drinko of Cleveland, Ohio, Ernest L. Hogan of Boca Raton, Fla., and Marshall T. Reynolds and Regina K. "Jerry" Zitter, both of Huntington.

Monte Ward, president of the College of Business Advisory Board, said induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor the university bestows for achievement in business. "Each of these individuals has a distinguished career in business and a remarkable record of public service and philanthropy," Ward said.

## Weber appointed to post

Charlotte N. Weber, executive assistant for federal programs at Marshall University, has been named interim director of the university's Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

She succeeds David M. Porreca. Gilley said the assignment is part of a reorganization of Marshall's Research and Economic Development Center, as well as other university units, in compliance with Senate Bill

547, the major higher education legislation approved in the 1995 session of the West Virginia Legislature. Other changes will be announced as the reorganization progresses, Gilley added.

The Byrd Institute, a division of the university's Research and Economic Development Center, uses computer-assisted design and computer-integrated manufacturing equipment to introduce small- and medium-sized businesses to the latest manufacturing technology. It is financed primarily with federal funds.

"Charlotte Weber has done an outstanding job as executive assistant for federal programs," Gilley said. "She has been instrumental in bringing more than \$27 million in federal funds to Huntington in support of university programs. I'm confident she will be equally effective in directing the Byrd Institute and

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Weber

The chairman of the board of The Clay Foundation, Clay is an attorney and former publisher of the Charleston Daily Mail. He is former chairman of Clay Communications Inc. and has served as a director of the American Newspaper Association.

Clay earned an M.A. degree at Marshall in 1956 and currently serves on the university's Institutional Board of Advisors. He has been a strong supporter of the arts.

An accomplished musician and composer, Clay wrote "Here Comes the Herd," which has been performed by the Marshall marching band. He was awarded an honorary doctor of music degree during Marshall's 1995 Commencement.

Drinko, a 1942 Marshall graduate, is senior managing partner with Baker & Hostetler, one of the nation's largest law firms, and is chairman of the boards of Cleveland Institute of Electronics Inc., which he founded, and the Double D Ranch in Coshocton, Ohio.

He and his wife, Elizabeth Gibson Drinko, have been longtime supporters of higher education, having established 15 academic chairs at several colleges and universities. His consistent and substantial contributions to Marshall span more than a quarter-century and include gifts of \$1 million on two occasions. Marshall is the site of the John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture. Drinko is a member of The Marshall University Foundation Inc.

The Ohio State University, where Drinko received his law degree, recently named its law building in his honor.

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## Huntington credit union establishes campus branch

Marshall University employees are eligible to join the City of Huntington Federal Credit Union which has opened a branch office next to the MU Bookstore in Memorial Student Center.

The branch office, which offers a full range of financial services, is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m.

To obtain further details contact the credit union branch office at 696-3669 or stop by the branch office or the main office at 215 18th St.

# COB selects new members for Hall of Fame

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Hogan, a native of Davy in McDowell County, W.Va., retired as president, chairman and chief executive officer of Peoples Life Insurance Co.

In 1935, at age 22, Hogan joined Peoples Life Insurance Co. (now Peoples Security Life) in Beckley, W.Va. He was a prominent figure in the insurance industry, influencing trends and establishing procedures that benefit both policy owners and employees. He originated the National Sales Achievement Award for life insurance agents. In 1978 he retired as chairman and president after 43 years' service.

Although he never received a college education, Hogan has established a number of endowments and trusts to assist students and schools, including two \$1 million trusts for Marshall.

## *MU committee recommends overload policy changes*

(The following report on the Jan. 22 meeting of the Marshall University Budget and Academic Policy Committee was submitted by Dwight Jensen.)

The Budget and Academic Policy Committee at a meeting Monday, Jan. 22, asked the Faculty Senate to amend the existing overload policy and its rationale so as to have department and division heads, rather than deans, decide whether to overload classes.

That power is now in the hands of deans but the committee argued that department and division heads are in a better position to know whether and how much their classes can be overloaded. In emergencies, deans would still be able to step in.

The committee agreed to accept an offer by Joe Stone, who wrote the original academic appeals section of the student handbook, to help revise the section. Once that has been done, the committee will consider the matter further.

The committee endorsed the proposed withdrawal policy drafted by the Deans' Council and submitted to the Faculty Senate Dec. 12. The proposed policy lists 10 classes that are in high demand (such as English 101 and freshman Spanish) and provides that anyone who signs up for such a class and then drops the class may not pre-register for that class during the next semester.

Students could wait until regular registration opens and then sign up for the class if it is available.

By preventing students who have dropped the class from pre-registering for it the next time around, the policy would help open the class to students who have been shut out of it by those who took up the space but did not follow through on the effort.

## **Class helps smokers quit**

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor "Fresh Start," a class developed by the American Cancer Society to help people quit smoking, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m.

One-hour classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks, according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of Student Health Education Programs.

The course will be open to the public free of charge but enrollment will be limited.

Registration should be completed prior to Friday, Feb. 16. To register or obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall University, 304-696-4800.

Reynolds is chairman of Champion Industries Inc., Radisson Hotel Huntington, McCorkle Machine and Engineering and Kyowva Corrugated Containers Co. Inc. He also is president and general manager of Chapman Printing Co. Inc., West Virginia's largest printer, and is director of two banks in Louisiana and one in Washington, D.C.

A former chairman of Banc One West Virginia Corp. and the former Key Centurion Bancshares Inc., Reynolds is a member of the board of The Marshall University Foundation Inc. He and his wife, Shirley, established the Outstanding Teacher Award at Marshall.

Mrs. Zitter, president of Sterling Supply Co., was honored in 1991 as the Women in Business Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

A native of Fort Recovery, Ohio, Mrs. Zitter met her husband, John E. Zitter, while she was attending nursing school at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. They married in 1940 and moved to Huntington in 1945.

Mr. Zitter opened a small plating business for household goods in 1952 and shortly thereafter opened Sterling Supply.

While raising their three sons, Mrs. Zitter worked as a registered nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital, retiring in 1963. She took over at Sterling Supply after her husband's death in 1972.

The Hall of Fame induction dinner and ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, April 19, in the W. Don Morris Room in Marshall's Memorial Student Center.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University College of Business, 304-696-2316.

## **Weber appointed to post**

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applying its enormous potential to helping improve West Virginia's manufacturing base."

A native of Weston, W.Va., Weber attended West Virginia University and received her bachelor's degree in business administration from George Washington University in 1987. Prior to joining the Marshall staff in January 1993, she served four years as executive assistant to U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. She also has been a television news reporter and an advertising and public relations agency account executive.

She serves as a member of the boards of directors of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Greater Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce, Huntington Area Economic Development Council and the Junior League of Huntington. She also is a member of the Cabell County Enhancement Committee and Strategic Planning Committee, Software Valley and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, an executive board member of the Huntington Main Street Program and was a participant in the 1995 class of Leadership West Virginia.

## **Fulbright event planned**

A nationwide commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Exchange Program will be held this year between March and June.

Fulbright scholars, students and teachers are encouraged to contact Marshall University's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, 696-3183, to obtain further details about the upcoming events.

# Actress to talk about struggle with bulimia

Actress Tasia Valenza, known for her role as Dottie Thornton on ABC's "All My Children" and her character on Fox's "The Heights," will make a presentation titled "Desperate Attempts: Eating Disorders, Society and Women" Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theater in Marshall University's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

A recovering victim of bulimia, Valenza will detail her painful battle against eating disorders in the hopes of letting other victims and potential victims know that they are not alone and that help is available.

Valenza has been a professional actress for more than 11 years. She is best-known for her role on "All My Children" for which she earned an Emmy nomination at the age of 17.

A "yo-yo dieter" since the age of 12, Valenza had always struggled with the five to 10 pounds that she thought kept her from being a "pretty girl." She had gone on a crash diet to win her first movie role at age 15 and had joined the cast of "All My Children" with the promise that she would again lose 10 pounds.

## *Promotion for upcoming documentary wins award*

A student from Marshall University's public radio station, WMUL-FM, recently received a Citation of Excellence in the American Advertising Awards Competition sponsored by the Huntington/Charleston chapter of the American Advertising Federation.

Pete Collman, a senior radio-television major from Washington, D.C., received the award in the Radio Self Promotion category for an announcement encouraging people to listen to a documentary titled "Soldier By Chance: The Life and Times of Albert Gallatin Jenkins of Greenbottom, West Virginia."

The documentary will be broadcast for the first time on WMUL-FM (88.1 MHz) Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m.

Collman's promotional spot, currently receiving airplay, was produced in December as part of an advanced audio production class, JMC 334. The class also produced the radio documentary about Jenkins.

Dr. Chuck G. Bailey, associate professor of broadcasting in Marshall's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and WMUL-FM faculty manager, said the awards competition included entries from broadcasting students from colleges and universities throughout the region.

"Our students have established a tradition at WMUL-FM of being able to successfully compete at the national, regional or local level with other student-operated college radio stations," said Bailey. "This acknowledgment by the judges representing the American Advertising Federation is evidence of the quality of the work performed by our talented broadcasting students."

## **WAC workshop scheduled**

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "Designing Effective Writing Assignments" will be held Monday, Feb. 5, at 2:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 403.

All faculty members are invited to attend the one-hour workshop. To obtain further details contact Lana Boggs, WAC assistant, 696-4650.

She knew that by soap opera standards she was unacceptable as a normal teenage girl at 5'5" and 140 pounds. When she didn't lose the weight quickly enough, it was written into her storyline that Dottie was a closet binger.

Art had imitated life. Valenza's deepest shame was on national television. Her one consolation was that the show could now explore a problem that millions of girls could relate to. It didn't happen that way.

The producers used her character's compulsions as an explanation for why Valenza was "fat" which only served to push her to further extremes to lose weight—binging, purging, laxatives, exercise and cocaine abuse. When the weight finally did come off, Dottie's closet binges magically disappeared, unresolved, unacknowledged and never explained.

Real life wasn't that simple. Though she seemed to be leading a glamorous existence, Valenza was mentally and physically destroying herself. Eventually she was dropped from the show.

She knew she needed help but the misconception that her condition was due to her own weakness and failure made counseling a difficult step to take.

Valenza finally did take that step and today helps others gain understanding about the emotional and psychological components of eating disorders, showing that they are diseases and not character flaws.

At the same time, she turned her hard-won self-acceptance back into her work and recently portrayed an attractive, young 140-pound woman on "The Heights."

Her presentation, open to the public, is being sponsored by the Marshall University Women's and Returning Student Center.

To obtain further details contact the Women's and Returning Student Center, 304-696-3112.

## **Library hours announced**

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will observe the following schedule during the spring semester, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The library will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

## *Well/Fit classes slated*

Project Well/Fit is offering an "Exercise Room Class" using treadmills, bicycles and other equipment in the Marshall University Human Performance Laboratory in Henderson Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

A class titled "Yoga/Relaxation Techniques" also is being offered on Tuesdays from 4:45 to 6 p.m. in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Conference Room in Henderson Center.

The class is designed to teach stress management and improve flexibility through yoga and other stress reduction and relaxation methods. This introductory course is being offered free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Project Well/Fit Office, 696-3668.