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Harless makes contribution to library fund

Mingo County, W.Va., businessman James H. “Buck” Harless has contributed $203,750 toward construction of a library/information center at Marshall University.

A former chairman of Marshall’s Institutional Board of Advisors, Harless is chairman of the board of International Industries Inc. and subsidiaries, comprising coal mining, timber, manufacturing, insurance, hotel and real estate. He also is a director of Matewan National Bank and the National Bank of West Virginia at Morgantown.

“Buck Harless has been a substantial benefactor to higher education in West Virginia,” Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said. “In 1991 he contributed $1 million to The Campaign for Marshall for scholarships.

“Through hard work and smart investments, Buck rose from laboring as a coal miner to be a major entrepreneur,” Gilley continued. “and he has generously shared his success, donating not only his money but his time and his expertise.”

Financial circumstances kept Harless from pursuing a college education. After he graduated from Gilbert High School in the 1930s, he went to work as a miner for Red Jacket Coal Co. In 1947 he quit his mining job to become part-owner and manager of a sawmill. Several years later he bought the mill and began developing timber and milling operations in West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. His business diversified throughout the years.

The Taplin, W.Va., native has contributed to the advancement of education at all levels throughout West Virginia for many years and has played key roles at both Marshall and West Virginia University. He is a member of the foundation boards of both universities.

Harless has received five honorary doctoral degrees, including an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Marshall in 1978, recognizing his involvement in programs to improve health care for people in Southern West Virginia.

In October 1994, Gilley awarded Harless the John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility during a celebration observing Harless’ 75th birthday. Harless was only the third recipient of the award. In April 1994 Harless had been inducted into Marshall’s Business Hall of Fame, the highest honor bestowed by the university’s College of Business.

Among other honors Harless has received are: the West Virginia Mining and Reclamation Association’s “Coal Man of the Year” award.

Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, professor of biology at Marshall University, has received four grants totaling $136,136 to study environmental effects on amphibians in West Virginia and Virginia.


Pauley’s nine-year study will examine the effects of deforestation as a result of gypsy moth invasions and the application of a bacterium used to control gypsy moth invasions.

His current funding is for two years. He is being assisted by Sandra Kilpatrick, a graduate student from Charleston, and Robert Tucker, a graduate student from Huntington.

The Monongahela National Forest is providing Pauley a grant of $24,932 to fund a study of the status of amphibians in the Dolly Sods and Otter Creek wilderness areas.

Pauley said the purpose of this project is to determine the amphibian species diversity in all aquatic habitats, their breeding success and life histories and possible declines in amphibian populations.

To determine population declines, Pauley will conduct studies on water chemistry, acid deposition and ultraviolet radiation. Kilpatrick and Deborah Wegmann, a graduate student from Hurricane, are assisting Pauley on this two-year study that started in 1995.

In January, the Westvaco Company awarded Pauley a two-year grant of $43,491 to conduct baseline surveys on amphibians and reptiles on the Westvaco Wildlife and Ecosystem Research Forest near Adolph. The research forest was established in 1994 on 8,430 acres of Westvaco land.

Pauley will be assisted by one or two graduate students on (Continued on page 2)

Faculty Senate to meet

Marshall University’s Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. in the Patio Dining Area on the second floor of Memorial Student Center.

The agenda will include the following: approval of minutes of 1/25/96, announcements, report of the university president, discussion with Dr. Keith Spears, discussion with Josephine Fidler, seven standing committee recommendations proposing the addition/change/deletion of courses, one standing committee recommendation proposing the approval of a revised Class Overload Policy, one recommendation proposing a change in the wording of the Student Handbook on page 114 (Public Communication, Demonstrations and Gatherings) items one and seven, one recommendation proposing that a modification to the current withdrawal policy be made, standing committee reports (Academic Planning, Athletic, Budget and Academic Policy, and Faculty Personnel), old business, new business/open forum, and agenda requests for future meetings.

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Group collects, disseminates black history

If you're looking for a meaningful way to celebrate Black History Month, consider joining the Alliance for the Collection, Preservation and Dissemination of West Virginia Black History, a group that is spearheading the collection of local records and the preparation of materials for use in schools.

The group is conducting a membership drive through February, according to Dr. Carl P. Burrowes, executive director of the alliance.

Burrowes, who is the Carter G. Woodson distinguished professor at Marshall University, said, "Until the alliance was founded in 1987, the rich legacy of blacks in West Virginia had gone largely unheralded. However, this state has nurtured many African Americans who went on to illustrious careers, including Booker T. Washington, Tony Brown, host of public television's 'Tony Brown's Journal,' and Henry Louis Gates, a prolific and renowned literary critic."

To help preserve West Virginia black history, the alliance publishes a newsletter and has commissioned an annotated bibliography of relevant sources on black West Virginia.

"The only cost of alliance membership," Burrowes said, "is a willingness to commit a small amount of your time and talents.

Pauley receives grants

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this project.

He also received funding of $4,950 from the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources for an ongoing study on the threatened Cheat Mountain Salamander.

Pauley has studied the ecology and natural history of the salamander since 1976. The project will determine the extent of known Cheat Mountain Salamander populations and effects of habitat disturbances on known populations. Pauley has found the salamander in fewer than 70 disjunct populations.

He said the total range of the salamander is confined to the mountainous counties of Grant, Tucker, Pendleton, Pocahontas and Randolph counties.

Pauley is a recognized leader in the study of reptiles and amphibians. He is past president of the West Virginia Academy of Science and has served on the West Virginia Nongame Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Biological Survey Technical Committee on Amphibians and Reptiles.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Charleston, his master's degree from Marshall and his doctorate from West Virginia University.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1987, Pauley has written numerous articles for professional publications and journals and made presentations at a number of scientific meetings and conferences.

Pauley and the late Dr. N.B. Green, a former Marshall faculty member, are the authors of "Amphibians and Reptiles in West Virginia" which is widely used as a standard reference work in the field of biological sciences.

Birth announcement made

Kim Preece, applications systems analyst/senior programmer in the Computer Center, and her husband, Robert, have announced the birth of their second child, a son named Austin Perry Preece.

The baby was born Friday, Feb. 9, at 10:45 a.m. at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He weighed nine pounds at birth.

in the cause of African-American history."

Several alliance members led the campaign that culminated in the unveiling in Huntington last October of a life-size statue of historian Carter G. Woodson. A graduate of Huntington's Douglass High School, Woodson served as dean at West Virginia State College, Institute, before he went on to publish the influential Journal of Negro History and a series of seminal books.

The alliance also sponsors an annual conference, which features presentations by scholars and lay persons. The proceedings of the first two conferences are available at libraries throughout the state, Burrowes said.

The next conference, to be held at Marshall University in October, will focus on the Underground Railroad in West Virginia. To encourage submission to the conference, Marshall University is offering $500 for the best paper on the subject by a college student.

Concerning the Underground Railroad, Burrowes noted, "It involved blacks and whites, individuals and entire religious congregations who hid escaped slaves and helped them make the harrowing journey to freedom. Unfortunately, this quintessential American story — and West Virginia's role in it — has gone largely unheralded."

For more information on the alliance or the Underground Railroad paper competition contact Burrowes at 696-2473.

Britton represents university

Sheila James Britton, a 1980 graduate of Marshall's College of Business, represented the university Feb. 15 at the inauguration of Walter E. Massey as the ninth president of Morehouse College.

Britton, daughter of Lucia James, a member of the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees, is a senior business program administrator for the IBM Education and Training Division in Atlanta, Ga.

MU excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

Feb. 8-11—Brooke Browning, Blaine Emery, Katie Fisk, Eric Griffin, Elizabeth Grujovski, Jennifer Patterson, Chad Peck, Stuart Porter, Emily Redington, Joe Remias, Malinda Wilson.

Harless gives to library

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Harless' gift is part of the university's efforts to raise $7 million in private funds to supplement $15 million available through state bonds and a federal grant.

The technologically sophisticated library/information center, expected to be completed in 1998, will link the area to worldwide information resources through a network of dedicated fiber optic cables. The facility also will house some 200,000 printed volumes.
Awards will recognize MU graduate advisers

Nominations are being accepted for Graduate Advising awards through March 1, according to Dr. Charley Braun, assistant professor in the Division of Management and Marketing.

The main objective of the awards program is to encourage high quality advising at the graduate level by acknowledging and rewarding outstanding academic and professional guidance. A secondary objective of the program is to raise the consciousness of the Marshall University faculty and administrative communities about the importance of student advising.

It is anticipated that this year's appropriation of $1,500 will be equally divided among three honorees.

All Marshall faculty with full or associate graduate faculty status are eligible for the awards. Marshall graduate students, graduate alumni, graduate student groups and faculty members may nominate candidates for the awards.

The MU Graduate Committee has identified some criteria for nomination but realizes that different programs have different demands.

Nominations should address the following criteria:

—Is the nominee available on a regular basis and at times that are convenient for students?

Applications sought for two scholarship programs

Applications are being accepted for the Gene Crawford Memorial Scholarship and Women of Marshall scholarships. The deadline for submitting applications for both scholarship programs is Feb. 23.

The Crawford scholarship ($250) is open to any Marshall student. Preference will be given to students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

—Past or current involvement as a Special Olympics volunteer;
—Current involvement in, or preparation for, a career dealing with prevention of domestic violence and/or sexual assault;
—Current involvement in, or preparation for, a career working with the physically challenged or differently abled;
—Current involvement in, or preparation for, a career in law enforcement or other community service.

Applications are available at the Information Desk in Memorial Student Center, Smith Hall Room 775, and the Women's Center in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Women of Marshall scholarships ($350) will be awarded to selected full-time or part-time, female, undergraduate MU students.

Applications will be evaluated in each of the following areas: community or university service, achievement/involvement in academics and contribution to multicultural understanding and gender equity.

The scholarship applications must include a factual statement, resume and/or list of honors and activities, and three letters of recommendation.

Applications are available in the Women’s Center in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details about the scholarship programs contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

—Is the nominee available to consult with former students?
—Does the nominee provide accurate and timely program information to students, peers and administrators?
—Are advisees admitted to candidacy within the acceptable time frame?
—Does the nominee assist in the development of graduate-level handbooks and brochures?
—Has the nominee served as a master's thesis or dissertation director, committee member or director of graduate-level independent studies, internships or preceptorships?
—Does the nominee have a track record of encouraging qualified students to pursue more advanced training after completing their degree?
—Is the nominee an “ambassador to the community” for his or her graduate program?
—Does the nominee promote the intellectual development of advisees by going to conferences and encouraging them to present their research?

Individuals seeking to nominate an outstanding adviser should construct a letter of nomination directed at the selection committee. The committee includes two faculty members and three graduate students.

Nominations should state (in detail and using the aforementioned criteria) why the nominee is worthy of the award. Specific examples of outstanding service to graduate students are particularly valuable.

Nomination letters should be sent by 5 p.m. March 1 to Dr. Charley Braun, Corbly Hall Room 432.

All nominations will be screened by the selection committee. Finalists will be asked to share their perspectives of the advising process in a short written statement. Results of the process will be announced on or about March 29.

Campus cookbook on sale

Copies of From Campus to Kitchen, a collection of nearly 800 recipes published to raise money for the Marshall University scholarship fund, are available in the Alumni Affairs Office.

"This cookbook has everything," said Linda S. Holmes, director of Alumni Affairs. "Not only are there delicious recipes, there are hints on using herbs and other edible plants, Marshall historical facts, a trivia quiz and sports notes."

The spiral-bound cookbook includes: appetizers, beverages, soups and salads, breads, main courses, side dishes, desserts and tailgating.

Two editions of From Campus to Kitchen are available at Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center: the regular edition, priced at $24.95, and an autographed edition, complete with gold gift box, for $40. Shipping and handling is $3.95 per book. The West Virginia sales tax is applicable to all books purchased at the Erickson Alumni Center or mail-ordered by West Virginia residents.

The collection includes recipes from Marshall alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends, plus all of Marshall's living past presidents and a number of political figures.

"The cookbook would make a wonderful gift for birthdays, graduations and other occasions," said Holmes.

Books may be purchased at the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 5th Ave., or ordered by phone 304-696-3134.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ROBERT L. DINGMAN of the Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation spent a portion of his Christmas break working for the American Red Cross in Oklahoma City, Okla. His activities, related to the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, included mental health planning for the problems related to the first anniversary of the bombing. DINGMAN had a paper titled “The Effects of Disasters on Families in the United States” read at the Fifth International Conference on Counseling in the 21st Century held Dec. 28-31 in Hong Kong. The paper was part of program titled “Violence, Conflict, and Natural Disasters: Implications for Counseling in Changing Societies.” He also has had an article titled “The Future of Counseling with the Quality Delivery of Disaster Mental Health Services” accepted for publication this spring in an ERIC digest titled “Counseling in the 21st Century,” edited by John W. Bloom and published by ERIC-CASS. The February 1996 issue of Counseling Today, the newsletter of the American Counseling Association, includes a book review written by DINGMAN. The review was on John D. Weaver’s book, “Disaster Mental Health Interventions,” published by Professional Research Press, Sarasota, Fla.

Dr. MARJORIE McINERNEY, professor of management, had a paper titled “A Model for Support Systems in Universities for the Sandwich Generation: A Positive, Reactive Response” published in the proceedings of the International Conference of Women in Higher Education held in January in El Paso, Texas.

Dr. DONALD C. TARTER, professor of biological sciences, is the senior author of a paper accepted for publication in Entomological News. The paper is titled “New Record and Range Extension for Amiscoentropus Pyraloides (Trichoptera: Calamonceratidae) from West Virginia.”

EVELYN B. ARTHUR, who graduated in May 1995 with a master’s degree in home economics (dietetics), is currently an intern with the Marshall University Dietetics AP4 Program that was started three years ago. She is the first student to be accepted into the program with a master’s degree. She is a member of Kappa Omicron Nu.

AIDS is subject of play

“Gone Tomorrow,” a play written, produced and directed by West Virginians and performed by a group of Charleston area high school students, will be presented at Marshall University Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

“This play carries a valuable message about HIV and AIDS,” said Carla Lapele, coordinator of student health education programs at Marshall. “It is appropriate for and highly recommended for middle school students, high school students and adults. The play has been quite well received around the state and we are fortunate to be able to offer it in the Huntington area.”

The play, open to the public free of charge, is being sponsored by Marshall’s Office of Student Health Education Programs and Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

To obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs, 304-696-4800.

Truth will be discussed

Stel Walton Whitehead, administrative associate in the Enrollment Management Office, will make a presentation titled “A Reflection of Sojourner in Writing and Song” Friday, Feb. 23, at 8:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Book Company and Coffee House, 831 4th Ave., Huntington.

A talented artist whose voice has drawn attention in the music industry, Whitehead has toured the United States and recorded several albums. She also serves as director of Stel and Friends, a Florida-based arts organization that was named in her honor by community artists and musicians prior to her move to Huntington with her husband, Baruch, who directs the Marshall marching band.

“I am encouraged, inspired and amazed by the contribution of Sojourner Truth,” said Whitehead. “She was a slave, a wife, a mother, a free woman, a housekeeper, a laundress and homeless person. She became a folk heroine, a newspaper celebrity, a human rights activist and a woman known for service and compassion to the poor, the homeless, the destitute and sick. Her public speech for women’s rights, “Ain’t I A Woman,” is quoted by women around the world.”

The presentation will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Whitehead at Marshall University, 696-6008.

Students will report on primary

Thanks to a grant from the Reader’s Digest Foundation, four Marshall University students will spend a few days watching the Republican candidates in the New Hampshire presidential primary and reporting to Tri-State television viewers about what they see.

The students left for New Hampshire Feb. 13 and will return Feb. 17. During that time, they will track GOP candidates around that state. The students have been accredited to attend the Feb. 15 debate among all nine Republican candidates in New Hampshire.

Students making the trip include Emily Burch of Scott Depot, Jeffrey Dean of Birmingham, Ala., David Klug of Proctor and Alyson Walls of Bluefield. A fifth student might join the group.

Their reports will be seen on “MU Report” on WPBY, channel 33 (channel 6 on Century Cable), at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, and Sunday, Feb. 25.

Reports from the students also will be seen on “Stories of the Century,” a student-prepared newscast on Century Cable channel 2 on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

The students will write about the campaign for The Parthenon and other Tri-State newspapers and report from New Hampshire on student-operated radio station WMUL-FM.

Three offices are moved

Carrie Overmoyer, telecommunications assistant, has moved to a new office.

Her office now is in Prichard Hall Room 111. Her new phone number is 696-3699.

Two office changes have occurred in the Division of Adult and Extended Education.

Kathalyn McCullough, coordinator for conferences and institutes, has moved to Smith Hall Room 213. Her telephone numbers are 696-6418 or 696-3312.

Dr. Nell Bailey, special assistant to the dean of adult and extended education, has moved to Old Main Room 115. Her telephone number will remain the same, 696-6355.