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Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. LARRY D. KYLE, director of the Institute for Business Development, served as a team leader in reviewing Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) grant applications for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Teams were composed of current COPC grant holders. The review process took place Aug. 4-9 in Washington, D.C. The COPC is a competitive grant program for institutions of higher education, challenging them to engage their communities in solving urban problems. The program has been named a semifinalist in the Ford Foundation's Innovations In American Government Awards Program. It was one of 22 semifinalists selected from 1,560 applicants.

KAREN PARRISH BAKER of the Department of Counseling was one of six new members selected for the American College Personnel Association's Commission VI Directorate. She will serve on the directorate for a three-year term beginning this summer.

Dr. JEFFREY D. MAY and Dr. FRANK S. GILLIAM, associate professors in the Department of Biological Sciences, attended the 81st annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America held Aug. 10-14 in Providence, R.I. MAY presented a paper titled "Establishing native woody vegetation in a created West Virginia wetland using direct-planted cuttings." The paper concerned a three-year study carried out at the Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area in Cabell County. GILLIAM presented two papers: "Mechanisms for linkage between overstory and herbaceous strata of a hardwood forest: test of a hypothesis,"

Volunteer Fair planned

Marshall University's Office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs will sponsor a Volunteer Fair Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

The purpose of the fair is to encourage Marshall University students to participate in community service, according to Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs.

"National studies indicate that many college students believe it is essential or very important that they help others who are in difficulty," explained Hermansdorfer. "Marshall students are active in the community," he said. "For example, last year 13 student organizations contributed 4,644 hours of community service and helped raise \$53,000."

Representatives from area service agencies are invited to attend the fair to recruit student volunteers for their organizations.

Service organizations interested in participating in the fair must register.

To register or obtain further details contact Marshall's Student Activities and Greek Affairs Office, 304-696-6770.

Preschool program seeks children

Marshall University's Autism Training Center and Cabell County Schools are sponsoring a preschool program for four-year-old children.

Eight children are being sought to serve as role models for four children with autism. The program will provide a typical preschool curriculum including crafts, music and outdoor play.

The program will follow the Cabell County school schedule and will be offered Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. beginning Sept. 9. There will be a fee of \$200 per child per semester.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Jennifer McFarland at the Autism Training Center, 696-2332.

co-authored with Dr. Mark Roberts of the University of New Brunswick, and "Mineral soil and forest floor nitrogen (N) dynamics in a N-saturated central Appalachian hardwood forest ecosystem," co-authored with MU graduate student BRAD YURISH (the primary author). Both of the papers presented by GILLIAM related results of studies carried out at the Fernow Experimental Forest (U.S. Forest Service) in Tucker County.

Dr. LYNNE WELCH, dean of the School of Nursing, served as a curriculum consultant for the School of Nursing at Federal University of Espirito Santo in Vitoria, Espirito Santo, Brazil. She also conducted three workshops for nurses on "Quality Assurance," "Delegation" and "Conflict Resolution." WELCH also was a World Health Organization consultant on curriculum for the University of Iran School of Nursing and Midwifery. She conducted three days of workshops for nursing faculty from throughout Iran on "Program Development," "Content Integration," "Outcome Evaluation" and "Community Based Nursing."

Dr. JANE C. FOTOS, professor in the School of Nursing, attended the 100th anniversary and biennial convention of the American Nurses Association held recently in Washington, D.C. FOTOS is the current president of the West Virginia Nurses Association, District 9.

Dr. CARL P. BURROWES, Carter G. Woodson Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications, presented two papers at the 79th annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications held Aug. 10-13 in Anaheim, Calif. He presented a paper titled "Press Freedom in Liberia, 1830 to 1947: The Impact of Heterogeneity and Modernity" to a refereed paper session on "Press Freedom and Suppression" sponsored by AEJMC's History Division. His other paper, "Black Christian Republicanism: The Journalism of Hilary Teage (1805-1853)" was presented at a refereed paper session sponsored by the AEJMC's Magazine and Scholastic Journalism divisions.

Dr. HAROLD C. SHAVER, professor and director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, attended the 79th annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications held Aug. 10-13 in Anaheim, Calif. He served as a referee for the paper session titled "Achieving Excellence in Public Relations Teaching" co-sponsored by the Public Relations Division of AEJMC and the International Association of Business Communicators. SHAVER also represented the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communications at meetings of the administrators group.

Dr. RALPH J. TURNER, professor of journalism and mass communication, and MARILYN McCLURE, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications, represented the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the annual convention of the West Virginia Press Association held Aug. 16-18 at Oglebay Park in Wheeling. TURNER gave a progress report on the journalism school during the WVPA business meeting. McCLURE accepted six awards won by The Parthenon at the annual awards banquet for the WVPA Better Newspaper Contest.

VICKIE CRAGER, program assistant II for the Department of Biological Sciences, pitched all seven games for her team that won the USSSA West Virginia Women's State Softball Championship held July 20-21 in Parkersburg. Her team went 6-1 during the weekend tournament, winning the championship game by the score of six to nothing. The win sends her team to the USSSA Women's Mid-Atlantic Division Tournament being held Aug. 31-Sept. 2 in Lexington County, S.C.

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College of Business named for MU alumna

Marshall University's College of Business is now the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Gilley said the college is being named in honor of the 1931 Marshall graduate because of her long term support of the university, her success as a teacher and businesswoman and her community leadership. Dedication ceremonies are being planned for Friday, Sept. 13, he said.

"Although she prefers to maintain a low profile, Mrs. Lewis is among the most prominent of Marshall University's supporters," Gilley said. "It is most appropriate that the College of Business, which she has served so long and so well, be named in her honor."

Gilley added, "We believe Marshall's is the only college of business in the country to be named exclusively for a woman."

Mrs. Lewis, who was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame in 1994, established the college's first academic

chair in 1989. In addition to her work with the College of Business, the Oak Hill, W.Va., resident has been a major contributor to the university's new library and information center, Gilley noted.

A native of Minden, W.Va., she was raised in Huntington and returned to Fayette County to teach commerce at Oak Hill High School after earning her A.B. degree at Marshall. In 1934 she married J. Edward Lewis Jr., who at the time was in business with his uncle and his cousin in the New River Insurance Agency. He also was affiliated with New River Banking and Trust Co., serving as president from 1952 until his death in 1971.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Lewis was named a director of New River Bank (now One Valley Bank) and is a member of the National Association of Bank Women.

Although she ended her teaching career in 1941, she continued serving young people as a member of the Oak Hill Recreation Commission, chairperson of the Civic League's Dollars for Scholars program, a director of the Fayette County Public Library and in numerous capacities with the Oak Hill United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lewis also has been involved with the Oak Hill Garden Club, the Fayette Study Club and the Oak Hill Civic League. She was named one of 10 Clubwomen of the Year by the Charleston Gazette in 1962. She also bought and restored Lewis House, her late husband's boyhood home, which is now home to the Fayette Art League and St. Andrew's Day Care Center as well as

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Elwell is named chair

Dr. Jeffery Scott Elwell has been named professor and chair of Marshall University's Department of Theatre and Dance, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

Elwell, formerly a professor and director of the University Theatre at Mississippi State University, also will serve as director of Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

He received his bachelor's degree from California State University, his master's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Prior to accepting a position at Mississippi State in 1989, Elwell served as chair of the Theatre Department and assistant professor at Aurora University, was an assistant professor and director of theatre at Gardner-Webb University and worked as an instructor of speech and theatre at Virginia Intermont College.

A prolific writer, Elwell has had nine plays produced on Theatre Row in New York City and three plays presented in Los Angeles during the past two years. His plays also have been performed by professional theatre groups in Chicago, Memphis, New Orleans, St. Louis and Charlottesville and Roanoke, Va.

He had two plays, "Dead Fish" and "First Date," running in Los Angeles in July and currently has a play titled "Stepping Out" being performed there by the Underground Freeway Theatre. His play, "My Day," was performed during a festival Aug. 9-11 in New York City. His play titled "An Ordinary Morning" opened Aug. 15 at the Inner Space Theatre on 29th Street in New York.

Two of Elwell's plays have been published by Palmetto Play Service and a play titled "The Art of Dating" was a winner in the

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Elwell

CTC develops two new specialization programs

Marshall University's Community and Technical College has developed two new specialization programs that will provide concentrated courses of study for people who want to learn about the internet or take the national Certified Professional Secretary examination.

Gerald Doyle, an instructor in the Community and Technical College, said a specialization program is a concentrated curriculum of study designed to provide skills in a specific area. General studies courses such as history and English are not required.

"The typical specialization program is 12 to 15 credit hours which can include from four to eight classes depending on the topic," said Doyle. "Courses taken in the program are college credit classes and can count toward an associate degree if the student wishes to pursue one in the future."

Specialization programs are open to everyone. Doyle said they are excellent for people wishing to gain new skills or workers wanting to expand their skills.

The 12-credit-hour internet program will give participants the knowledge to use the internet for business and personal purposes. It will focus on fundamentals, publishing, data commun-

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Elwell named chair of Theatre/Dance Dept.

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Off-Off-Broadway Original Short Play Festival and will be published by Samuel French. He has two works included in "Baseball Monologues" being published by Heinemann and "Dead Fish" is under contract to be published as part of a collection of one-act plays.

Elwell is active in professional organizations and currently serves as chair of the National Academic Theatre Playwriting Program for the Association for Theater in Higher Education (ATHE) and chair of the Southeastern Theatre Conference Playwriting Committee. He recently served as chair of the

CTC develops programs

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ications, conducting business and doing research on the internet.

The 15-credit-hour secretarial program will prepare participants to take the national Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) examination. It will focus on office procedures and related topics. Participants should have some experience in office procedures and computer literacy prior to enrolling in the program.

Doyle said successful completion of the CPS examination in some cases can be used for up to 30 hours of college credit.

All of the classes in both specializations will be offered at various times to make them convenient for people to enroll.

Upon completion of the specialization programs students will be presented certificates indicating they have met course requirements.

Regular Marshall University tuition rates apply to the specialization programs and students will need to be admitted and register. Registration for some courses may be conducted during the first class session. Classes will begin Sept. 3.

To obtain further details about the programs or registration procedures contact the Marshall University Community and Technical College, 304-696-5230, or call 1-800-906-4723.

COB named for alumna

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serving as a meeting place for many civic organizations. She has been named Lions' Lady of the Year and Beta Sigma Phi Woman of the Year.

When the Quota Club of the Plateau Area honored Mrs. Lewis with a celebrity roast in 1991, she explained that her contributions were a result of decisions she and her husband made before his death. She said he recognized that the Oak Hill area depended economically on one industry, creating a disadvantage to local youth with potential.

"We felt that higher education would open up the future to these young people in a multitude of professions," she concluded.

Gilley said details of the Sept. 13 dedication program will be announced later.

Newsletter deadline set

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

Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to ensure publication.

Playwriting Awards Committee for the American College Theatre Festival sponsored through the Kennedy Center. He also is a member of the Dramatists Guild and the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

He has received several awards and grants for his work including a Mississippi Arts Commission Playwriting Fellowship, a Tennessee Williams Scholarship and a summer seminar fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. He has written papers and articles for various publications and has directed more than 50 plays for college and professional theatres.

"We are very pleased we were able to attract a person of Dr. Elwell's stature to Marshall University," said Denman. "He is highly regarded in theatre throughout the country and has written and published several plays. This is a very exciting time in the development of the Theatre and Dance Department at Marshall. I think Dr. Elwell has the academic background, experience and professional contacts to ensure the continued success of the department."

Elwell said he is looking forward to working at Marshall. "I've turned down some other positions but I think there is great opportunity and potential here," he said. "We have an excellent facility, faculty and staff."

Course to help students prepare for examination

Marshall University's Office of Continuing Education will sponsor a preparatory course for people planning to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

The GRE course will be held in five sessions on Saturdays from Sept. 7 through Oct. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Actual past examinations and simulated materials will be used to teach about specific types of questions and test strategies. The following subjects will be covered: mathematical review, reading comprehension, analytical and logical reasoning, data interpretation and antonyms, analogies and sentence completion.

There will be a fee of \$200 for the GRE program which includes all course materials.

Hensley said the GRE score is one of the most important factors on an application for graduate school.

Marshall University students will receive a 10 percent discount on registration fees.

To register or obtain further details about the program contact the Continuing Education Office at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113. Registration for the course does not register students to take the GRE.

Library hours announced

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 31 through Sept. 2, for the Labor Day holiday, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The library's regular fall schedule will resume Tuesday, Sept. 3. Regular semester hours are: Sunday from 1 to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Signstage Theatre to present play, seminars

The Marshall University Theatre will open its season by presenting a special production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" Sept. 25-28 in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Produced by the award-winning Cleveland Signstage Theatre, the play will be presented simultaneously in American Sign Language and spoken English by a combined cast of hearing and deaf actors.

The Cleveland Signstage Theatre (formerly known as the Fairmount Theatre of the Deaf) will be in residence at Marshall for more than two weeks in September as they prepare for the production. While at Marshall, production members will conduct workshops on theatre that brings deaf and hearing people

MU artists doing mural

Stanley Sporny and Laure Williamson of the Marshall University Art Department have started working on a mural for the city of Hurricane.

They are painting a mural dealing with some of the history of the Hurricane Fire Department. The mural on the wall of the present fire department building will be approximately 18 feet by 70 feet. Sporny said the mural probably will be finished in early October.

Sporny and Williamson are close to making an announcement about their other public project, a mural on a 340-foot section of the Huntington floodwall.

Williamson recently received a \$1,000 Award of Excellence at the 60th annual Allied Artists Juried Exhibition at Sunrise Museum in Charleston. Her prize-winning painting, "Steel Mill," shows part of the Steel of West Virginia complex at Third Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard. The exhibit will run through September.

Three paintings by Sporny recently have been included in a national juried exhibition about the erosion of free speech and other rights.

The University of Oregon requested three of his paintings for the exhibition: "Jesse Helms Covers the Queers," "Christers Meet the Devil in the Land of Oz" and "Peewee's Worst Adventure." The theme of the show, which runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, is "Undermine the Demise: Critiquing the State of Our Union."

Activities fair slated

Marshall University's Office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs will sponsor an Activities and Organizations Fair on the Memorial Student Center Plaza on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 10-11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to acquaint students with activities and opportunities that are available to them, according to Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs.

Representatives from student groups will be able to distribute information about their organizations and recruit new members. Hermansdorfer said representatives from all university organizations and departments are encouraged to participate to acquaint students with programs and services.

Special entertainment will be included in the Activities Fair. The acapella group "Acafellas" will perform Tuesday beginning at noon on the plaza. The comedians known as the "Scared Weird Little Guys" will perform Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Marco's in the Memorial Student Center.

To obtain further details contact Marshall's Student Activities and Greek Affairs Office, 304-696-6770.

together, physical communication, and acting and differently abled performers.

Dr. Jeffery Scott Elwell, chair of Marshall's Theatre and Dance Department, said an extraordinary group of individuals and organizations have come together to make this opening production possible.

Contributors include: Very Special Arts West Virginia, the Birke Symposium, the Society of Yeager Scholars, the MU Multicultural and International Programs Office, Marshall President J. Wade Gilley, and MU alumni John Fiedler and Robert Hinchman.

Elwell also announced that the Marshall University Theatre has received a grant to expand services for patrons.

The James H. and Alice Teubert Charitable Trust provided funds that will make it possible for the theatre to offer an assistive listening system. The system will provide personal amplification for people who have hearing problems.

Elwell said the grant will allow the theatre in the near future to provide a descriptive listening service for the visually impaired.

To obtain further details about the production of "The Glass Menagerie," Signstage Theatre workshops, the assistive listening system or obtaining season tickets for the Marshall University Theatre contact the MU Box Office, 304-696-2787, or stop by the Fine and Performing and Performing Arts Center. Box Office hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Shondel is promoted to brigadier general rank

William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management at Marshall University, has been promoted to and federally recognized in the rank of brigadier general in the West Virginia Air National Guard.

A United States Air Force veteran, Shondel has been a member of the West Virginia National Guard for a number of years, serving since last October as chief of staff.

In West Virginia, the Air National Guard consists of two C-130 airlift wings, one in Charleston and one in Martinsburg.

Prior to being named chief of staff, Shondel served as assistant adjutant general for air. He was appointed to that position in 1994 by Governor Gaston Caperton upon nomination by Major General Joseph J. Skaff, then adjutant general for West Virginia.

Later in 1994, Shondel was approved for promotion to his current rank by an Air Force promotion board. In 1995 President Clinton submitted the promotion to the United States Senate for approval. That October, Shondel moved to the chief of staff position upon the reorganization of the Air National Guard.

In March of this year, Senator Robert C. Byrd nominated Shondel for his permanent federal rank and the Senate approved his promotion to the rank of brigadier general.

Shondel received bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Ohio State University and received a master's degree in business administration from Marshall in 1983. He joined the Marshall staff in 1976 as assistant to the vice president/dean of the School of Medicine and was appointed to his current position in 1985.



Shondel