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# Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. AHMAD KHALILI, assistant professor of sociology, presented his paper titled "Has the Gap Between Developed and Developing Societies Changed?" at the 91st annual meeting of the American Sociological Association held Aug. 16-20 in New York City.

Dr. CHRISTOPHER DOLMETSCH, professor of modern languages, has contributed a review of A Hessian Officer's Diary of the American Revolution. Translated from an Anonymous Ansbach-Bayreuth Diary as Originally Written by Johann Ernst Prechtel. Translated and edited by Bruce E. Burgoyne (Bowie, MD: Heritage, 1994) to The Yearbook of German-American Studies, Volume 30 (1995), pp. 151-153.

Dr. SUSAN C. POWER, associate professor of art, is author of "Shades of Meaning: Color as Symbolic Value" published in the national Surface Design Journal, Summer 1996, Vol. 20, No. 4. The research was funded in part by the Marshall University Research Committee.

Dr. JANET S. HARRISON, associate professor in the Department of Communication Disorders, presented a workshop Aug. 22 in Beckley. The presentation, "Phonology: Let's Make our Therapy Fun and Effective," was delivered to more than 30 speech-language pathologists from six school districts that are served by the Regional Education Services Agency (RESA-1). The HORIZONS Special Education Workshop was developed as in-service training to provide continuing education to public school personnel.

LAURA ADKINS, assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics, successfully completed the requirements for a Ph.D. in statistics at Ohio State University on June 7. The title of her dissertation was "A Generalization Of The EM Algorithm For Maximum Likelihood Estimation In Mallows' Model Using Partially Ranked Data And Asymptotic Relative Efficiencies For Some Ranking Tests Of The k-Sample Problem."

Dr. ARIYADASA ALUTHGE, associate professor of mathematics, has authored a paper titled "Some Generalized Theorems on p-Hyponormal Operators" which appeared in a recent

issue of the Journal of Integral Equations and Operator Theory. ALUTHGE also attended the International Workshop of Operator Theory and Applications held this summer at Indiana University.

Dr. BONNIE GILLESPIE, associate professor of teacher education, Dr. EVELYN PUPPLO-CODY, associate professor of mathematics, and PAULA WHITE, assistant professor of teacher education, were awarded a grant for Calculator Based Laboratory equipment and the training required to use it. The four-day training workshop was held on campus. The team also was trained in the use of the Internet and Geometer's Sketchpad. In return for the equipment and training, the team agreed to provide training to elementary, middle and secondary school science and mathematics teachers in the use of CBLs, the Internet and Geometer's Sketchpad. They already have presented two-day workshops for teachers from Lewis and Wayne counties. Funding and training were provided by AEL/CESME through the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dr. XINLONG WENG, associate professor of mathematics, has authored a paper titled "Surjectivity results for a class of nonlinear operators in reflexive Banach spaces" which appears in the latest issue of the Journal of Applicable Analysis.

Dr. J. GRAHAM RANKIN, assistant professor of chemistry, and RON C. TUCCERI, chemistry graduate student, presented a poster titled "Principal Components Analysis of Resonance Raman Spectra of Nickel Geoporphyrins" at the 15th International Conference on Raman Spectroscopy held Aug. 12-16 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. DAVID WALKER, professor of computer science, was a visiting scientist for two weeks in August at West Virginia University's Health Science and Technology Academy. The program involved disadvantaged students, students from rural communities and African American students in the 8th through 12th grades studying mathematics and science. WALKER provided instruction about the World Wide Web and established a Web Server for the project. For details see <http://www.ana.wvu.edu>.

## Several continuing education classes set

Marshall University's Community and Technical College will sponsor several continuing education/community service courses during the fall semester, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education at Marshall.

Hensley said the classes, beginning Oct. 8, will be diverse enough to appeal to a wide variety of needs and interests.

The schedule includes the following:

—"Introduction to Medical Terminology" on Tuesdays, Oct. 8 through Nov. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 117, \$72;

—"Advanced Medical Terminology" on Tuesdays, Nov. 19 through Dec. 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 117, \$48;

—"Introduction to Medical Office Coding (CPT4 & ICD-9 Coding)" on Thursdays, Oct. 31 through Dec. 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 402, \$82;

—"Introduction to Sign Language" on Thursdays, Oct. 17 through Dec. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 241, \$78;

—"Grant Proposal Writing" on Oct. 31 and Nov. 4, 7 and 14,

from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 113, \$75;

—"Basic Upholstery" on Tuesdays, Oct. 15 through Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Marshall's Sorrell Annex on 20th Street, \$95 plus materials;

—"Calligraphy" on Tuesdays, Oct. 15 through Nov. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in a location to be announced, \$68.

Hensley said the Continuing Education Office can develop specialized programs in subjects such as computer skills, time management and total quality management for businesses and organizations.

Continuing education units can be awarded to individuals who complete the courses. A 10 percent discount will be awarded to participants enrolling in more than one course, companies or organizations enrolling three or more employees in any one class, senior citizens and Marshall University employees.

Enrollment in the classes will be limited. Temporary parking permits are available for \$1 per week through the MU Parking Office.

To register or obtain further details contact the Division of Continuing Education in Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113.

## Johnson named Marshall Employee of Month

Cleo M. Johnson of Ona, administrative secretary in the Bursar's Office, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for September, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Johnson has worked for the university for 10 years.

She was nominated for the award by Jamie Henry, supervisor of student accounting services. In making the nomination, Henry said, "Cleo has been secretary to the Bursar's Office for 10 years. Although secretary is her official title, it does not begin to cover the scope of her responsibilities, i.e., receptionist, payroll clerk, purchasing agent, inventory clerk, travel agent and in her spare time other duties as assigned.

### 'Idea of a University' to be symposium topic

"The Idea of a University" will be the theme of the 10th annual Yeager Symposium being held Oct. 14-17 at Marshall University.

Sponsored by Bell Atlantic-West Virginia and Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars, the symposium focuses on a single topic of importance to the community each year.

Emily Redington, chair of the symposium, said this year's subject currently is experiencing widespread attention in academia and the media.

"The university education has become integral to success in the increasingly competitive job market, but in the attempt to further our careers we have lost sight of the actual substance of the university education," said Redington.

She said the symposium will try to determine what purpose the university education should serve in today's society.

It also will strive to answer questions such as: What should students be learning? Is the prospect of a higher paying job worth the cost of a university education? How will technology change the face of education? How should students support the community? How should the community support the university?

All of the symposium programs, open to the public free of charge, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Robert Blocker, dean of the Yale University School of Music, will make a presentation titled "The Educated and Uneducated Citizenry: Society at the Cultural Crossroads" Monday, Oct. 14.

Dr. Lawrence Soley, Colnick chair of communication at Marquette University and author of several books including "Leasing the Ivory Tower," "The News Shapers," "Radio Warfare" and "Clandestine Broadcasting," will make a presentation titled "Leasing the Ivory Tower: The Corporate Takeover of Academia" Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The featured speaker on Wednesday, Oct. 16, will be Dr. Paul Escott, a historian and dean at Wake Forest University. He will

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"The attitude of the customer does not matter, Cleo greets each one with a smile and aids them in any way to solve their problem. She has had students send her cards of thanks for her assistance.

"Cleo plans to retire the day after we return from Christmas break and our office will be hard-pressed to find a suitable replacement."

Johnson will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

The program has been designed to recognize outstanding performance by classified and non-classified staff at the university.

Awards will be made to MU employees who have exhibited exceptional levels of work performance and displayed high regard and loyalty toward the university and their job responsibilities.

## Students and faculty receive gala benefits

Raising money for Marshall University's College of Fine Arts and its students is the primary goal of Arts Gala 1996, scheduled for Oct. 12, according to Mrs. Oliver H. (Gaye) Fearing Jr., gala chairperson.

"We're pleased that the gala serves two purposes: as a community celebration of the arts and as a source for much needed funds for the arts at Marshall University," Fearing said. "Proceeds from the galas allow the College of Fine Arts to provide more on-campus opportunities for talented, deserving students and provide students and faculty opportunities to interact with other talented artists at conferences and seminars."

More than \$173,000 of the proceeds from the first two galas were used to establish a quasi-endowment for the College of Fine Arts from which the college receives \$20,000 yearly for immediate needs.

"Through proceeds from the Arts Galas, the College of Fine Arts has been able to award its most prestigious scholarships," Dean Donald L. Van Horn said. "Each year three students, one each in art, music and theatre/dance, receive \$2,000 scholarships. Faculty from each department select the recipients.

"We also were able to fund students' participation in projects that provide enriching experiences, most of them away from the university campus," Van Horn said.

Eleven theatre students, accompanied by four faculty members, received funding assistance to participate in a tour to Lon-

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Johnson



# Students and faculty receive gala benefits

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don and the Stratford Theatre. They attended live theatre performances and were given backstage tours of theatre productions. They also toured the British Museum, Tower of London, Royal Opera House, Stonehenge and other historical sites.

Six members of Marshall's Keramos Potter's Guild made a field trip to Wooster, Ohio, to attend a ceramics workshop, where they participated in panel discussions and viewed exhibitions of well-known potters' work.

Nineteen theatre students attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference annual convention. Students participated in workshops and in competitions in design, playwriting and performance, auditioned for professional employment and interviewed for graduate schools.

Three music students received awards to play at a holiday event for the College of Fine Arts and a graduate student in music was given partial support to conduct a feasibility study on the fine arts at Marshall.

A portion of the gala proceeds is directed toward faculty development projects, Van Horn said.

"Our goal is to support creative accomplishment and receive greater regional and national visibility for our college and for the university while encouraging faculty to grow through new

## Jazz concert to be held

Two jazz groups, Yobosó and The Side Street Strutters, will perform for the Marshall Artists Series Thursday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Marshall University's Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. David Castleberry, also will perform during the program.

The MU Chamber Choir will open the concert with selections that show the influence of jazz. Yobosó, which translates as "the soulful one," will perform Latin jazz and salsa music. The Side Street Strutters will play several well-known Dixieland favorites.

Yobosó encompasses African, Hispanic, European and American elements in their music. Their music combines the rich traditions of American jazz with those of Cuba, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Brazil and other Latin American countries, all deeply rooted in the music of Africa.

The Side Street Strutters are a California-based, show-style ensemble. Their repertoire includes the New Orleans Dixieland and swing styles of Louis Armstrong and "Fats" Waller as well as the classic melodies, blues and big band sounds of Irving Berlin, Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington.

Tickets are \$30, \$26 and \$22. Full-time Marshall students will be admitted free. Marshall faculty and staff and part-time students will be admitted for half-price.

To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

## Fontana Trio to perform

A free concert by the Fontana Trio will be held Thursday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The program, featuring Elizabeth Reed Smith on violin, Susan Tephly on cello and Leslie Petteys on piano, will include works by Beethoven, Ravel, Smetana and Joplin.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

experiences," the dean continued. "Attendance at professional conventions permit our faculty to stay abreast of developments in their fields, making them better teachers and more fulfilled as artists."

A faculty member received funds toward recording his own composition, "The Sea Change and Other Stories," for the Contemporary American Piano Music Series. Another was assisted with a recording of Katherine Hoover's "Canyon Echoes" and other selections for guitar and flute.

At the Opera for Youth and National Opera Association convention in Boston and Cambridge, Mass., a Marshall faculty member was a moderator for a panel discussion of librettists and composers.

Two faculty members attended the 1995 Percussive Arts Society convention in Phoenix, Ariz., where one gave clinics on percussion techniques. Another presented two workshops during the Music Educators National Convention.

Theatre faculty members were granted support to accompany students on the London/Stratford Theatre Tour and to the Southeastern Theatre Conference.

An art faculty member attended the largest national gathering of ceramics professionals, the 30th annual conference of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts.

During the International Association of Jazz Educators' annual conference in Atlanta, Ga., a faculty member had the opportunity to review materials and new technologies, hear ensembles from peer institutions and recruit students for Marshall's jazz program.

The black tie Arts Gala 1996 will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Marshall University Fine and Performing Arts Center. The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner at 7 p.m. and a performance, "Gershwin by Request," by pianist Leon Bates and vocalists Eddy Pierce Young and Benjamin Matthews at 8:30 p.m. A dessert buffet and coffee will be served under crystal-lighted tents and there will be dancing in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre following the performance.

Tickets are available through Marshall's Office of Development, (304) 696-6214. Prices range from \$150 for individual tickets to \$5,000 for a reserved table that seats eight. A contribution to Marshall's College of Fine Arts is included in the price of tickets. Seating is limited to 500. Valet parking is provided.

## Yeager Symposium slated

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discuss "Liberal Education and Technology in the 21st Century."

A panel discussion of "Community and the University" will be held Thursday, Oct. 17.

The panel will include Dr. J. Wade Gilley, president of Marshall University; Paul W. Chellgren, chief executive officer of Ashland Inc.; John R. Hoblitzell, a Charleston attorney and member of the University System of West Virginia board of trustees, and Arley Ray Johnson, a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates from Cabell County.

Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall, will serve as panel moderator.

To obtain further details contact the Society of Yeager of Scholars at Marshall University, 304-696-6763.

# Concert to be feature of WVMTA convention

Robert Shannon, pianist and professor of music at Oberlin Conservatory, will be the guest artist for the West Virginia Music Teachers Association (WVMTA) convention being hosted Oct. 25-27 by Marshall University's Department of Music.

He will give a recital Saturday, Oct. 26, at 8:15 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The recital, presented with financial assistance from

## MU to present waivers

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's spring semester will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 8, in the MU Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

In line with the West Virginia Board of Trustees Policy Bulletin 49, priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents. A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students.

Deutsch said academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding waivers, which cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student Activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Academic merit will be determined by grade point average and Graduate Record Examination scores. Students must list their GRE or GMAT scores in order to be eligible for consideration.

Up to three hours of waivers for graduate course work will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Students interested in being considered for a Board of Trustees tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact the Graduate School to obtain the proper application procedure. Eligible students may be awarded up to six hours of waivers depending on grade point average.

Students who previously held waivers must reapply to be considered for spring semester waivers. Students who are awarded waivers will be notified by mail.

Approved waivers can be picked up beginning Monday, Nov. 18. Waivers not claimed by Friday, Dec. 13, will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 304-696-6606.

## DOE sponsors research

The Department of Energy sponsors a variety of research programs at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the Marshall University Graduate School.

Programs include the Student Research Participation Program, the Laboratory-Graduate Research Program, a thesis research program and cooperative education opportunities.

A Faculty Research Participation program offers applicants the opportunity to collaborate with Argonne staff members in basic research involving the physical and life sciences, mathematics, computer science and engineering and applied research related to coal, conservation, environmental impact and technology, fission and fusion technology.

To obtain applications or further details about these research programs contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, will be open to the public free of charge.

Shannon has performed in Europe, South America, Asia and throughout the United States. He records on the Bridge Records label.

He will perform Schubert's "Moments Musicaux" and Rachmaninoff's "Second Piano Sonata." He will be joined by his wife, pianist Haewon Song, for Ravel's "La Valse." Song, also a member of the Oberlin faculty, often appears in recitals with her husband.

State competitions for students in piano, brass, woodwinds and string instruments will be held Saturday morning, Oct. 26, in Smith Music Hall. The competitions are open to the public. The winners will advance to regional competitions being held in January in New Hampshire.

To obtain further details contact Mila Markun, WVMTA president-elect, at Marshall University, 304-696-3114.

## School gives workshop

Students from six West Virginia high schools attended the Hands-On Workshop presented Sept. 20 by Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

"We were very happy with the turnout and enthusiasm from the advisers and high school students," said Marilyn McClure, workshop coordinator. "We had about 50 students from Hannan, Nitro, St. Albans, Shady Spring, Wayne and Huntington high schools."

The students explored the basics of television, desktop publishing, writing, photography, advertising, information gathering and newspaper design in seven workshops.

Leading the workshops were Marshall professors Randy Bobbitt, Carl P. Burrowes, Janet Dooley, Rebecca Johnson, Dennis Lebec, Ed Scheiner and Ralph Turner, and Marshall students Brian Hofmann and Kerri Barnhart. Hofmann, from Parkersburg, is editor of The Parthenon, Marshall's student newspaper. Barnhart, from Sissonville, is managing editor of The Parthenon.

The Hands-On Workshop was organized in 1993 in response to high school journalism advisers who said they wanted the Marshall School of Journalism and Mass Communications to offer an evening of intensive instruction at the beginning of the school year to teach new students the basics, said Hal Shaver, director of the MU School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

## Graduate students can get grants

Seniors and first-year graduate students can apply for three-year Graduate fellowships, Minority Graduate fellowships and Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science awards, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of Marshall University's Graduate School.

The National Science Foundation fellowships will be awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in selected fields of science, mathematics and engineering.

To be eligible for the \$14,400 stipends to be awarded for the 1997-98 academic year, applicants must take the GRE general test and a subject test in the science field most closely related to their chosen area of graduate study no later than Dec. 14.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, Old Main Room 113.

# Best-selling author will give presentation

Best-selling author Colette Dowling will make a presentation at Marshall University Wednesday, Oct. 9, at noon in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

Ten years ago Dowling went to the heart of a problem that was handicapping many women in their search for fulfilling lives and created an international phenomenon with her best-selling book, "The Cinderella Complex: Women's Hidden Fear of Independence," which sold more than a million copies.

The book gave a name to the disabling fear of independence felt by many women and showed the way for them to lead more self-determined lives.

Dowling has done extensive research on the psychology of women and has written several other books including "Perfect

Women: Hidden Fears of Inadequacy and the Drive to Perform," "You Mean I Don't Have to Feel This Way? New Help for Depression, Anxiety, and Addiction," "How to Love a Member of the Opposite Sex: A Memoir," "The Skin Game" and "Red Hot Mamas: Coming Into Our Own at Fifty."

She has written more than 100 articles for major magazines and presents lectures throughout the United States on a variety of women's concerns including the psychology of women, problems of dependency and issues such as drug abuse, bulimia and anorexia.

Her presentation at Marshall, a lunchbag seminar sponsored by the MU Women's Center, is open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 304-696-3112.



Dowling

## MU Faculty Development Committee awards funds

(The following report on the Sept. 20 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Development Committee was submitted by Dr. Michael R. Moore, secretary.)

Members present were: Rowe (chair), Moore (secretary), Gripshover, Balch.

Members absent were: Shuklian, Hall, Gardner, Kahle, Skean, Sablay.

Since there were not enough members present for a quorum, Rowe stated that this was an executive committee meeting. The meeting started at noon.

### Fall INCO Grant Applications:

The committee received 32 individual applications and two group applications. All applications had been ranked previously, using standardized criteria, by seven of the 10 committee members.

After much discussion, the members present unanimously agreed to distribute the funds in the following manner: M. Riddle (group project), \$1,000; E. Taft (group project), \$500; A. Altany, \$347; E. Bingham, \$500; M. Gillenwater, \$500; H. Gordon, \$500; M. Grassell, \$250; D. Holdren, \$500; L. Hunt, \$189.60; R. Johnson, \$500; R. Jones, \$500; M. Khader, \$500; G. Lester, \$500; S. Tomblin, \$500; C. Matz, \$500; B. Miller, \$500; C. Oehrlein, \$500; W. Palmer, \$500; C. Perry, \$500; M. Rotter, \$500; D. Mills, \$500.

The total awarded was \$10,286.60. This was consistent with the ranking by committee members.

### Old Business:

The members present complimented Drs. Gripshover and Rowe on the publication of "A Guide to Faculty Development Opportunities at Marshall University" which recently was distributed to the faculty.

### New Business:

There was discussion of a different meeting time since so few members attended this meeting. Rowe will try to find a time for better attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

## WAC workshop scheduled

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "WAC and E-mail/Internet" will be held Thursday, Oct. 10, at 3 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 336.

All faculty members are invited to attend. To obtain further details contact the WAC Office, 696-4650.

## Newsletter deadline announced

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.

## COS receives NSF grant to purchase microscope

Marshall University's College of Science has been awarded an \$85,000 grant through the National Science Foundation's Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement (ILI) program.

The grant will be utilized in obtaining a state-of-the-art scanning electron microscope (SEM).

With a range in magnification of 5X to more than 400,000X, the SEM provides the capability of producing images of extremely small objects that are impossible to see and study with the optical microscopes presently in use in the College of Science. Optical microscopes are restricted to a maximum magnification of 1,000X.

The SEM also will have an attached Energy Dispersive System (EDS) that will determine the chemical composition of the objects being observed. Areas as small as a few millionths of a millimeter in size can be imaged and their chemical composition determined.

The grant proposal was submitted to the National Science Foundation by Dr. Suzanne G. Strait of the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr. Protip K. Ghosh of the Department of Geology and Dr. Michael L. Norton of the Department of Chemistry. Strait was the principal investigator for the proposal.

She said the SEM-EDS will make a major enhancement in the undergraduate and graduate instructional programs in the College of Science and provide vastly improved research capabilities.

Marshall's College of Science has been very successful in obtaining NSF-ILI funding. This grant is the sixth award obtained by the College of Science in the last 12 years. In 1994, Ghosh, Norton and Frank Gilliam of the Biology Department secured funds to obtain an Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrometer and an Atomic Absorption Spectrometer.



# Marshall student receives Fulbright grant

Christopher Hennessy, a recent graduate of Marshall University, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to serve as a teaching assistant at a school (R. Louis Armand Elycee) in Paris, France, according to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the United States Information Agency.

Hennessy, a member of Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars, graduated from the university in May after maintaining a 4.0 grade point average majoring in English and French. He came to Marshall from Frankenmuth (Mich.) High School.

While at Marshall, Hennessy served as chair of the Yeager Advisory Council and the ninth Yeager Symposium, created the WERD (Writing to Express our Diversity) program and founded, edited and published *Other-Wise* magazine. He was captain of the university forensics team three years, served on the PROWL (People Reaching Out With Love) executive council, acted in

MU Theatre productions and played on the rugby club team.

Hennessy, who attended the New York Summer Writers' Institute, received numerous honors including four Maier writing awards and an *Et Cetera* poetry award. His poetry has been published in several magazines.

He was named Sophomore of the Year in 1994 and received the A. Mervin Tyson Award for the outstanding Honors student. He also received the Jack R. Brown Scholarship and a national scholarship from Phi Eta Sigma academic honorary. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary, Sigma Tau Delta English honorary and Pi Delta Phi French honorary.

Hennessy is one of approximately 1,600 grantees from the United States who will travel abroad for the 1996-97 academic year under the Fulbright program. He probably will teach secondary-level English classes at the school in Paris.

Established under congressional legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program is designed to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and the people of other countries. This year marks the program's 50th anniversary.

Individuals are selected on the basis of academic and professional qualifications and their ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with people of diverse cultures.

The program is administered by the U.S. Information Agency under policy guidelines established by the presidentially appointed J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board in cooperation with a number of private organizations.

Scholarships are awarded through open competition. Forty-one foreign governments share in the funding of the exchange programs.



Hennessy

## Brazil seminar forming

A Brazilian language and cultural seminar is being held at Marshall University during the fall and spring semesters to introduce students, faculty, staff and members of the community to the Portuguese language and culture of Brazil.

The program, being presented free of charge with financial assistance from Marshall's Multicultural/Social Justice Committee, will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 317 beginning Oct. 8.

Marina Busatto, seminar instructor, said the program will include presentations by visiting Brazilian artists, scholars, musicians and professional people.

"There is little exposure of individuals in this area to Brazilians," said Busatto. "Few people in the United States speak Portuguese or know about Brazilian culture, except for Carnival."

Brazil is the eighth largest consumer market in the world and the largest country in Latin America. Busatto said U.S.-Brazilian relations are expected to become more important as South America reforms its economy and political system. In March, President Clinton and Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso met at the White House, illustrating the importance of the bilateral relationship.

"Taking the Brazilian language and culture seminar can not only be personally enriching, but it also can help one with a career in health professions, business and academia," said Dr. Lynne Welch, dean of Marshall's School of Nursing and president of the West Virginia-Espirito Santo chapter of the Partners of the Americas. "West Virginia has an important role in the Brazilian state of Espirito Santo and these careers cross international boundaries."

To register or obtain further details contact Busatto at Marshall University's Center for International Programs, 304-696-6265.

## MU excused absences...

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

Sept. 19-20—Kristi Erwin, Carrie Hoffman, Amy Baker, Jason Pheister, Courtney Sisk.

Sept. 26-27—Michael Ross, Wendy Smoulder, Christian Hess, Joshua Saunders, Daniel White, Matthew Turley, Alison Fisher, Ellen Burnet, Jessica Scott, Eddie Walker.

## Applications for test available at Marshall

The Foreign Service Written Examination for people interested in seeking entry into the U.S. diplomatic corps will be given Saturday, Nov. 16, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, professor of political science at Marshall University.

There is no registration fee to take the examination but registration must be completed by Oct. 18. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be 20 years of age by the date of the test and be available for worldwide assignment.

The test is for entry level positions in the Foreign Service, the U.S. Information Agency and the U.S. Department of Commerce Foreign Commercial Service.

Students of any major can take the test. Application forms and further details are available at Marshall University's Career Services Center or the MU Department of Political Science, Smith Hall Room 742. The application package includes a sample test.

Tests will be given at West Virginia State College at Institute and sites in Morgantown, Lexington, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio.

Matz said approximately 17,000 people take the test each year but only about 500 applicants are chosen.