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West Virginia’s largest and longest-running international festival is scheduled for Nov. 15 in Huntington

The 51st Annual Marshall University International Festival will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Admission to the festival is free and the event is open to the public.

Food tickets will be available for purchase, allowing guests to sample a variety of dishes from around the world.

Participating restaurants include Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse, Chateau D’Italia, Julian’s Market, Marshall Dining by Sodexo, River & Rail Bakery, New China Garden Buffet, Cedar Market, Black Sheep Burritos & Brews, Margarita’s and Marco’s Pizza.

“This festival is a great way to go around the world in three hours and learn about different cultures and foods without the need for a passport,” said Jyotsna Patel, administrator for the Center for International Programs. “It’s a great opportunity to experience the amazing diversity, present right in our own backyard!”
Marshall’s current and past international students and faculty will represent more than 25 different countries at the festival. Booths will display information about the various cultures as well as activities and demonstrations. A special area will also be designated for children’s activities and entertainment.

This annual event, hosted by the Center for International Programs, has continued to grow over the years with more than 5,000 people in attendance at the 2013 festival.

“The Marshall University Center for International Programs is thrilled to once again host the International Festival,” said Dr. Tammy Johnson, Executive Director of Admissions and International Student Services. “This festival continues to grow in both size and quality every year. It is a wonderful event for the entire family and we encourage everyone to come out and take advantage of this opportunity to get to know Huntington’s growing international community.”

The festival will also feature raffles for Beats headphones, a Stonewall Resort golf package, a National Travel gift card and more.

Food Fair, Cabell County Schools and Chipotle Mexican Grill are sponsoring the 2014 International Festival.

Food tickets will be available for purchase at the festival or in advance at the Memorial Student Center. For further details about the Festival, contact the Center for International Programs at ext.6-6265, e-mail cip@marshall.edu, or visit the International Festival website at http://www.marshall.edu/cip/festival/.

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Had Ted Shoebridge lived, he would now be 64 years old, and long since retired from a playing career in the NFL or major league baseball.

At least that’s the opinion of Shoebridge’s brother, Tom, who will be the featured speaker at this year’s annual Memorial Service to honor the 75 victims of the 1970 Marshall University plane crash.

The service sponsored by Marshall’s Student Government Association starts at noon Friday, Nov. 14, on the Memorial Student Center plaza on the university’s Huntington campus. That day marks the 44th anniversary of the worst sports tragedy in U.S. history.

The service also may be viewed online here.

Ted Shoebridge was among the victims of the crash, which claimed the lives of 36 players from the team. Also killed were nine coaches and members of the athletic staff, 25 fans and the jetliner’s crew of five.

Gone in an instant were the hopes and dreams of 75 people, including Ted Shoebridge.

“I firmly believe he would have played professional sports—football or baseball,” said Tom Shoebridge of his brother. “He was an outstanding baseball player. I watched the tapes of his last year of football at Marshall and I evaluated him as a player.”

The plane carrying the Marshall University football team home from its game at East Carolina University earlier in the afternoon of Nov. 14 crashed in Kenova near Tri-State Airport—just 45 minutes after taking off from Stallings Field at the Kinston (N.C.) Airport.

The plane, flying in light rain with poor visibility, clipped a tree 66 feet above the ground on a ridge just west of West Virginia Route 75, tumbled while cutting a 95-foot swath across the
hillside and slammed into the hillside on the east side of the highway at a speed of 160 miles per hour. Everyone aboard the Southern Airways DC-9 died instantly.

“I was 17 years old at the time. It was a very hard time, to say the least,” said Tom Shoebridge. “My mom and dad kept everything. They [Marshall] sent us his travel bag, his jerseys and his helmet.”

Tom Shoebridge has since donated his brother’s green jersey to The Union Pub & Grill in downtown Huntington and the white jersey—the one he wore against East Carolina—to Marshall to be placed in the university’s new athletic hall of fame, located inside the indoor athletic facility. Ted Shoebridge wore No. 14.

In 1990, 20 years after the crash, Ted Shoebridge’s parents visited Huntington. In an interview with The Herald-Dispatch, they cried openly, still heartbroken by their loss.

As a lifelong football and track coach at Lyndhurst (N.J) High School, Tom Shoebridge said he has given plenty of speeches. But, he admits, this one will be different.

“I’m a bit nervous,” he said. “This is something that is very near and dear to my family’s hearts. It is very important to me and my family. I want to do a representative job.”

Although Shoebridge has been to some of the annual memorial services and attended Marshall’s football victories over the University of Rhode Island and Ohio University this season, most of his family has not. However, a number of family members will attend the service this year, including his wife, a brother and a niece.

Tom Shoebridge said his brother Ted would be very proud of Marshall University if he were alive today—as would his parents.

“My mom and dad are gone, but it would be great for them to see all the wonderful things at Marshall, all the transitions they have gone through,” said Tom, who retired from teaching two years ago. He remains the head boys’ track coach after 36 years, and is a volunteer coach with the football team after 30 years as an assistant coach, including 25 years as offensive coordinator.

To this day, the Marshall University family and the Huntington community still mourn the victims of the tragedy.

At the mere mention of “the crash,” sadness abounds.

“It is sad … it’s very sad,” said Mike Hamrick, Marshall’s director of athletics and a former player for the Thundering Herd. “When you think of those young people who died in the primes of their lives, it gets you right in the gut. It hurts; it still hurts to this day. Many of the surviving family members who are still around have not gotten over it and probably won’t get over it as long as they live. You just wonder, ‘why?’ Why did it happen? Why here? Why to Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia?”
For whatever the reason, the plane did crash. 44 years ago. And, 75 people died. 44 years ago.

Amazingly, the crowds have grown each year at the memorial service, packing the plaza in a reverent manner. To many of those who perhaps knew at least one of the victims, or were Marshall students at the time, or even just lived in Huntington at the time of the crash, these 44 years have gone by quickly.

Joe Wortham, who was a student assistant statistician for Gene Morehouse, the sports information director at the time of the crash, seems a bit surprised that it has been 44 years.

“I stopped counting, probably after the 10th year,” Wortham said. “It doesn’t feel like it has been 44 years to me.”

Wortham has worked at Marshall since the fall of 1966, when he was hired as a freshman student assistant by then-Athletic Director Whitey Wilson just a few months after graduating from Huntington High School.

Wortham knows that he could have been on the plane. He alternated road trips with Larry George, the other student assistant assigned to sports information to assist Morehouse, and Wortham was slated to make the trip. But, he had to take a national exam to get his degree, and the only day it was given was Nov. 14, 1970.

“So, we swapped trips,” Wortham said. “By luck or fate, I didn’t take that flight. Initially, it was an uneasy feeling when you realized it could’ve been—should’ve been—me on that plane. But, I figure in life there is always a reason for everything.”

Some people have suggested that it is time to stop having the services; that 44 years is long enough to mourn.

“No way,” said Duncan Waugaman, president of the Student Government Association. “As long as there is at least one person that is still affected by the plane crash and wants to remember the lives lost from it, we will continue to have it. Marshall University went from a school to a family on November 14, 1970, and we will continue to honor our fallen family members. It’s the least we can do.”

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Veterans honored this week

Marshall is celebrating the lives and contributions of its veterans and all veterans in the community with a variety of activities being staged this week in conjunction with Veterans Day, which was Nov. 11.

A Military Appreciation Board is on display in the Memorial Student Center through Friday, Nov. 14.

“Students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to share messages of appreciation for our military,” said Tommy Reynolds, director of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Photos of loved ones who have served or are serving may be placed on the board, along with the messages, Reynolds said.

On Tuesday the Charleston chapter of the Quilts of Valor Foundation presented a quilt to former Marshall football player Jared Turner, who was injured in 2009 while serving in Iraq, and nearly 30 other veterans in the Marshall and Huntington communities. The presentations took place on the Memorial Student Center plaza.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. (See more at http://www.qovf.org.)

The Military Appreciation Board will be on display at the Military Appreciation Day tailgate before the football game with Rice Saturday, Nov. 15, which has a kickoff at 2:30 p.m. The tailgate will be set up between the Recreation Center and the Sorrell Maintenance Building, and the public is welcome.

Active military or veterans who show their credentials can receive tickets for $10 to the Rice game. Twenty veterans connected to the Marshall community will be honored before the game.

“We will also do a video board recognition as well,” said Aaron Goebbel, associate director of athletics for external affairs.

The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, under Reynolds’ direction, ensures that the university’s active duty military and veteran men and women have the services and resources needed to achieve their academic goals at Marshall.

“When I came to Marshall, I struggled,” Reynolds said. “Getting into school and going to my classes was a big adjustment from military life to civilian life. So, being able to help them to alleviate some of the problems they have … it’s great. I am one of them; they come in here and they are comfortable and they see me as one of them.”

Military and Veterans Affairs offers:
• Assistance in applying for benefits;
• Transition assistance;
• Advising and enrollment help;
• Referrals to appropriate academic support services;
• Veteran Upward Bound program;
• Yellow Ribbon program;
• Assessment of needs and programs for veterans and active students;
• Counseling through the Marshall Counseling Center referrals;
• A sense of belonging.

One of the more popular recent additions to the university is a student lounge for veterans.

“I am thankful for the lounge because I needed a place to study and be around peers,” said Keith Jackson, a 12-year infantry veteran. “I would not be doing so well without it.”

The lounge, located in Laidley Hall, is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Heart of Appalachia Talent Search Program, ROTC and Veterans Affairs are working together to collect donations for local heroes. Items will be collected on the Huntington campus through Dec. 5 and presented to the residents of the Barboursville Veterans Home. Donation boxes are at the following locations:

• The Memorial Student Center, Smith Hall, Corbly Hall, the Veterans Affairs Office and the Drinko Library
  The following items are requested for donation:
• Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving lotion/gel, soap/body wash, socks and board games.

Additional information can be found about this project at http://www.marshall.edu/trio/talent-search/hats-program/news/.

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PEIA hearings underway throughout West Virginia

The PEIA Finance Board is proposing significant changes for Plan Year 2016 and is conducting a series of public hearings to discuss the changes. A PowerPoint presentation is available online at http://www.peia.wv.gov/forms-and-downloads/Documents/other_documents_members/Public_Hearing_Presentation_Plan_Year_2016.zip.

Registration for each of the 6 p.m. hearings below starts at 5 p.m. Attendees must register to speak.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014 – Huntington
Marshall Medical School – Harless Auditorium
1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington, WV

Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 – Martinsburg
Holiday Inn – Foxcroft Ballroom
301 Foxcroft Avenue, Martinsburg, WV

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014 – Morgantown
Ramada Inn – Grand Ballroom
20 Scott Avenue, Morgantown, WV

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014 – Wheeling
WV Northern Community College – Auditorium
1704 Market Street, Wheeling, WV

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014 – Charleston
Charleston Civic Center – Little Theater
200 Civic Center Drive, Charleston, WV

Customer Service — PEIA will provide customer service in each location from 5-6 p.m. Persons with questions about medical, prescription or life insurance benefits may come early and get answers.

Those who cannot attend a hearing in person may send comments in writing to PEIA, 601 57th St., SE, Suite 2, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, or by e-mail to: PEIA.Help@wv.gov.

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For the second consecutive year, Marshall University will host a series of forums designed for faculty, students and members of the community to discuss the future of higher education funding in West Virginia.

Forums will take place over a one-week span in mid-November at three of the university’s locations. The forums, which are sponsored by the office of President Stephen J. Kopp and the Marshall University Faculty Senate, will again be moderated by Beth Vorhees, news director for West Virginia Public Broadcasting. Each forum begins at 6 p.m. and will run as follows:

- Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Drinko Library on the Huntington campus
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, on the South Charleston campus
- Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant

Legislators and representatives from the governor’s office as well as members of the Higher Education Policy Commission are invited to attend. Each of the forums, which are designed to give the public an opportunity to learn about budget cuts and their impact as well as to ask questions, is open to the public.

Higher education institutions have weathered more than 11 percent in cuts to their state budget appropriations since Fiscal Year 2013, and are anticipating further cuts for Fiscal Year 2016 and beyond.

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‘Coffee with the Mayor’ series continues tomorrow

The second session of “Coffee with the Mayor” for this semester will take place on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza. The series of chats with the mayor are a partnership between the Student Government Association and the Mayor’s Office.

This is the time for students, faculty and staff members to share their concerns and visions for the community. Everyone is invited to come out and have a cup of coffee with Mayor Steve Williams.

The next event will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2.

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Granddaughter of Jacques Costeau to speak in Charleston

Alexandra Cousteau, award-winning filmmaker, National Geographic explorer and granddaughter of the late Jacques Cousteau, will speak at the West Virginia Culture Center Theater in Charleston at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.
The event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are requested via a link on the homepage (www.wvresearch.org) of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission’s Division of Science and Research, which is hosting the event.

Cousteau continues the work of her renowned grandfather and will bring the audience of this event on a story-telling journey from her earliest memories with her grandfather teaching her to scuba dive to her many adventures today.

Cousteau’s presentation is titled, “How to be a Lifelong Explorer: Leadership through the Lens of Exploration & Invention.”

The event is part one of the new Chancellor’s Speaker Series which is taking place with support from a federal grant from the National Science Foundation. The goal is to promote the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields in West Virginia.

Dr. Paul Hill, Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission, said, “Through this speaker series and inspirational individuals, we hope to highlight science and innovation as the bedrocks of a thriving economy – and as an exciting, promising path toward a bright future for our young people.”

“She will also provide a unique perspective on how important it is to be not only a curious observer of the world but also an active participant in its preservation,” said Dr. Jan Taylor, Director of the Division of Science and Research.
Hubble astrophysicist to speak at Yeager Symposium

Renowned astrophysicist and best-selling author Mario Livio will be on the Huntington campus today, Nov. 12, as the featured lecturer for the Society of Yeager Scholars annual symposium.

Livio’s lecture will take place at 3 p.m. in Room BE-5 of the Memorial Student Center. His visit is sponsored by the Society of Yeager Scholars and the Honors College, and is open to the public. A book-signing and reception will take place after the talk.

Livio, an astrophysicist with the Space Telescope Science Institute, recently wrote a national best-seller titled “Brilliant Blunders: From Darwin to Einstein, colossal mistakes by great scientists that changed our understanding of life and the universe.” Livio also writes for the Huffington Post and has appeared on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

“Even the greatest scientists have made some serious blunders,” Livio said. “‘Brilliant Blunders’ concerns the evolution of life on Earth, of the Earth itself, of stars, and of the universe as a whole. In this talk, I shall concentrate on and analyze major errors committed by such luminaries as Charles Darwin, Linus Pauling, and Albert Einstein.

“I will also scrutinize the various types of blunders and attempt to identify their causes. Most importantly, however, I’ll argue that blunders are not only inevitable, but rather part and parcel of progress in science and other creative enterprises.”

Dr. Nicki LoCascio, interim dean of the Honors College, encourages people of all interests to attend the lecture.

“Dr. Livio’s lecture should be an eye-opener for many. Science is often taught as a controlled, step wise, and logical progression toward the truth. In fact, his described blunders account for some of the greatest scientific advancements,” LoCascio said. “‘Brilliant Blunders’ is a fascinating read for everyone.”

Copies of “Brilliant Blunders” are available in the Marshall Bookstore.

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‘Elf’ the Broadway musical arrives in Huntington Monday

“Elf” the Broadway musical, the engaging story of Buddy, a young orphan who mistakenly crawls into Santa’s bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole, makes its way to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17.

Initially unaware that he is actually human, Buddy’s enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa’s permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

The New York Times says “ELF,” which is based on the 2003 movie, is “a splashy, peppy, sugar-sprinkled holiday entertainment!” and Variety wrote “‘Elf’ is happy enough for families, savvy enough for city kids and plenty smart for adults!”


For ticket information contact the Artists Series box office, located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. or call ext. 6-6656.

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Student-athletes to conduct food drive Nov. 14-18

The Marshall Athletics Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has announced food drive activities beginning Nov. 14, all benefiting the Marshall University Food Pantry.

The Marshall SAAC will collect canned food, non-perishable food items, and donations at the Marshall-Rice football game on Nov. 15 and at men’s basketball games Nov. 14, Nov. 16 and Nov. 18. All those who donate will receive a coupon for $5 off a ticket purchased for that game. Also, fans who donate a canned food item at the Nov. 18 basketball game will also get a free serving of popcorn, courtesy of Sodexo. Fans also may donate online at yougivegoods.com/products-3477.
Additionally, the committee will host the first-ever Herd Hunger Games on the Memorial Student Center Plaza Tuesday, Nov. 18. The festivities will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open for students to participate. Games will include corn hole, arm wrestling a student-athlete and the opportunity to throw a pie at a professor or administrator.

Local elementary schools have also been contacted to participate in a competition to raise the most food.

The drive is a part of Conference USA’s “Let’s SAAC Hunger” campaign, where each league school works with the local community to conduct a campus-wide food drive.

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Ashley B. Zawodniak, D.O., chosen as first Resident of the Month recipient

Dr. Ashley B. Zawodniak, a second-year internal medicine resident, has been selected as the first recipient of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine’s Resident of the Month program, according to Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, vice dean for graduate medical education.

“It is fitting that our first recognition of a resident be someone of Dr. Zawodniak’s caliber,” Wehner said. “She is a conscientious and hard-working resident who takes excellent care of patients daily and who has an immense passion for community service and caring for the less fortunate.”

In his nomination of Zawodniak, Dr. Larry D. Dial, chair of internal medicine, wrote that Zawodniak is a “superstar” and that “… (she) personally bought a homeless patient clothes and assisted him in the hospital and organized a quality improvement curriculum rotation committee.”

In her nomination Missy K. Browning, program coordinator in the department of psychiatry, wrote that “Dr. Zawodniak volunteered for the Marshall Medical Outreach Mam and Glam event, using one of her four days off from floor service … and spent the afternoon meeting with the ladies individually answering their questions and counseling them on women’s health and overall wellness issues. I’m certain there are many more lives touched by her generosity and compassion.”

Wehner expressed appreciation to all who submitted nominations for November’s recognition.

“We had nearly a dozen outstanding resident and fellow nominees. While reviewing the nominations, we were simply amazed to learn of the exceptional educational efforts and humanitarian service that our residents and fellows display on a daily basis. All of the
nominations truly deserve recognition but unfortunately we can only choose one a month to publicly acknowledge,” she said.

As part of her recognition as the November Resident of the Month, Zawodniak will receive items including a certificate of recognition and a designated parking spot. Monthly winners will also be automatically entered into the Resident of the Year Award to be announced in May.

Marshall’s department of public health seeks participants for breast cancer research

Marshall’s undergraduate department of public health is searching for women in 23 West Virginia counties to participate in breast cancer research.

Dr. Monika Sawhney, director of the undergraduate public health program, said she received a grant to conduct breast cancer research in West Virginia last spring. Sawhney said her department will have educational sessions in each of the 23 counties for those interested in learning more about early prevention of breast cancer.

“We want to reach these underserved populations in our state to raise awareness about breast cancer and help these women understand the importance of timely screenings,” Sawhney said. “Participants will be asked to attend an informational meeting in their counties and then complete a survey for our research purposes.”

Counties offering opportunities for the breast cancer educational sessions include Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Harrison, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Nicholas, Pleasants, Riley, Randolph, Ritchie, Summers, Upshur, Webster and Wyoming.

Time and location will vary for each county. For more information on how you can attend a breast cancer educational session, contact Sawhney at sawhney@marshall.edu or call ext. 6–2602.

Photo: (Left to right) Mohamed Alsharedi, Minal Patel, Chad Crigger, Dr. Monika Sawhney and Cory Lambert will work together for the next year to conduct breast cancer research in rural communities of West Virginia. Not pictured: Andrew Myers.
Coloring contest offers tickets to ‘Rudolph’ the musical

The Marshall Artists Series and Gino’s Pizza are offering an exclusive coloring contest opportunity to win a pizza party, cash and tickets to see “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer the Musical” at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4.

The first-place winner will be given the opportunity for a holiday extravaganza with food and fun that can be shared with 19 friends. Upon being selected as the winner, he or she will receive 20 tickets to the show, a pizza party for 20 at Gino’s Pub and $50 in cash. The second-place winner can choose three family members or friends to join him or her at the show with four tickets and a $50 cash prize included.

To enter the contest contestants can pick up a coloring sheet or holiday puzzle from the 10th Street Gino’s or Gino’s Pub, or download it from the Marshall Artists Series Facebook page: www.facebook.com/marshallartistsseries. After coloring the sheet or completing the holiday puzzle, entries can be turned in to the 10th Street Gino’s or Gino’s Pub for a chance to win. Two winners will be selected on Friday, Nov. 21.

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer the Musical” will feature an array of beloved characters. Including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius, the Misfit Toys and, of course, Rudolph. It’s billed as adventure that teaches what makes you different can be what makes you special.

For ticket information contact the Marshall Artists Series box office at ext. 6-6656, or visit their box office, which is located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The box office is open daily Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

Faculty achievement: Gardner receives Creative Cone Award

Bill Gardner, associate professor of Integrated Science and Technology, has been named a 2014 Creative Cone Award winner by Create West Virginia. The Cone awards recognize the leadership and contributions made by West Virginians in five pillars of creative community development: entrepreneurship, diversity, technology, education and quality of place.

Create West Virginia is the statewide grass-roots community development initiative stimulating innovation and economy growth in the state.
Gardner is a founder of 304Geeks, a technology peer community, and Hack3rCon, a gathering of “white hat” hackers and technologists who seek to improve technology security, Hack3rCon is celebrating its fifth anniversary (http://hack3rcon.org) during its fall event this week from Nov. 14-18 at the Charleston Civic Center. Gardner also is president and principal security consultant of Blackrock Consulting.

Rob Wheeler Memorial Scholarship established at Marshall University

A fund known as the Rob Wheeler Memorial Scholarship, named in honor of former South Point High School teacher Rob Wheeler, has been established by the Marshall University Foundation Inc.

The recipient of the scholarship will be a full-time undergraduate student who graduated from South Point High School in South Point, Ohio, with at least a 3.0 GPA. The Office of Student Financial Assistance will select the recipient.

The scholarship was transferred from South Point High School to the MU Foundation.

Wheeler died April 25, 1994, after a long battle with cancer.

“‘I am firm in my belief a teacher lives on and on through his students. Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal,’ ” said Peggy Byard, quoting writer Jesse Stuart. Byard, now retired, also was a South Point teacher at the time of Wheeler’s death.

Peter Kim, a 1990 graduate of South Point High School and son of Dr. Chong Kim, former dean of the College of Business, also had high praise for Wheeler. He wrote about Wheeler in the 1994 yearbook:

“It’s been said that a true friend is one who overlooks your failures and tolerates your successes,” Peter Kim wrote. “Mr. Wheeler took on several roles in my life: educator, advisor, disciplinarian and coach. In all definitions of the word, he was an outstanding teacher; but, more importantly in my life, Mr. Wheeler was always a true friend.”

In also writing about Wheeler, South Point teacher Jamie Lester Meade said simply, “with energy, patience and love for his students, Rob Wheeler taught me how to be a teacher in today’s world.”

Anyone wanting to contribute to the scholarship may send a check made payable to the MU Foundation with Rob Wheeler Memorial Scholarship on the memo line.
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