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Marshall radio station planning reception

Marshall University's award-winning public radio station, WMUL-FM (88.1 MHz), is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, according to Dr. Chuck G. Bailey, associate professor in the MU School of Journalism and Mass Communications and WMUL-FM faculty manager. The station signed on the air at 4 p.m. Nov. 1, 1961.

The station is planning several activities including remote broadcasts, giveaways and special programs this week to celebrate its anniversary.

Writer to discuss works

Writer Bonnie Proudfoot will read from her works at Marshall University on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Proudfoot's fiction has appeared in the Gettysburg Review, Kestrel, and other magazines. She has won awards from West Virginia Writers and the Irene Leache Competition.

She also received a prestigious West Virginia Arts Council Novel Award in 1994.

She recently received a master's degree from Hollins College and is working on a doctorate at Ohio University. She has taught at Fairmont State College and West Virginia University.

Her presentation, open to the public free of charge, is part of the Birke Visiting Writers Series, sponsored by the Birke Fine Arts Symposium, the Multicultural/Social Justice Committee, the College of Liberal Arts, the English Department and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

To obtain further details contact Art Stringer in the Marshall University English Department, 304-696-2403.

Employee achievements

RANDY BOBBITT, assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, published an article titled "University Public Affairs Officers Have to Be Ready for Anything" in the October issue of IABC Communication World.

Dr. LYLE WILCOX, vice president for technology in the West Virginia Higher Education Central Office and former Marshall University provost, made a presentation on the use of computers and technology in teaching and research at the annual meeting of the West Virginia Political Science Association held Oct. 25-26 in Huntington.

Dr. CHRISTOPHER L. DOLMETSCH, professor of modern languages, has contributed a review of Maria von Ebner-Eschenbach's novel "Their Pavel" as translated by Lynne Tatlock (Columbia, S.C.: Camden House, 1996) to the October 1996 issue of CHOICE (Vol. 34, No. 2, p. 803). DOLMETSCH has been selected by Dr. John G. Bollinger, dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to serve as an outside referee in that university's evaluation of their Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies. The university is in the process of determining the "success (of the institute) in fulfilling its mission" and is assisting the institute in developing its goals and priorities for the future. The evaluation process should be concluded by the end of the year.

Dr. HAROLD T. MURPHY, professor and chair of the Department of Modern Languages, gave a slide presentation to members of Pi Sigma Alpha, national political science honorary, Oct. 23 at Marshall University. His presentation was on "Diego Rivera: 'Art in the Service of Politics.'"

A reception will be held Friday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. in the John Marshall Room in Memorial Student Center. Several current Marshall faculty and staff members who worked at the station will attend the reception.

Brief remarks will be made by Dr. Bob Edmunds, a Marshall communications studies professor who worked at the station in 1962; Dr. Keith Spears, dean of adult and extended education and former WMUL-FM faculty manager; Dr. Dottie Johnson, former chair of Marshall's Department of Speech; Dr. Hal Shaver, director of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications; Dr. Joan Mead, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and Cliff Haddox, former station manager.

The reception, open to the public free of charge, will end with the cutting of a special anniversary cake. Tours of the station will be given following the reception.

A 35th anniversary documentary will air on the station at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. Following the documentary, WMUL-FM and the College of Liberal Arts will host a football tailgate party on the Lefty Rollins Track on the MU campus.

The station will offer free pizza, soft drinks and cake at the tailgate party beginning at 11 a.m.

To obtain further details contact WMUL-FM at Marshall University, 304-696-6640.

Reading group to hold first meeting Nov. 9

A 19th-Century Women Writers Reading Group will hold its first meeting at Marshall University Saturday, Nov. 9.

The group will meet for lunch at noon and begin discussing Rebecca Harding Davis' "Margret Howth: A Story of Today" at 1:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

Anyone who wants to participate in the group should read the novel and contact Dr. Amy Hudock, 696-2441, or Dr. Katharine Rodier, 696-3128, in Marshall University's Department of English.

Copies of "Margret Howth: A Story of Today" are available in the MU Bookstore.

WAC workshop scheduled

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "Creative Journaling" will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, at noon in Memorial Student Center Room 2W10.

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

MU excused absences...

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

Oct. 25—Matthew Turley, Daniel White.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for the lovely planter you sent to my mother following her recent surgery. It was very cheering to all.

Sincerely,
Wylma Skean

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Library named for long-time MU supporter

Marshall University's new \$29 million library will bear the name of John Deaver Drinko, the university's largest and one of its most consistent individual supporters, MU President J. Wade Gilley announced today.

"John Drinko has contributed more than \$5 million to Marshall, dating back more than 35 years to the days when it was Marshall College," Gilley said. "He was one of the first to react in 1970 following the airliner crash which claimed lives of 75 people, including the football team and others associated with Marshall University. He contributed his own money and ultimately helped to raise several hundred thousands of dollars to help Marshall and the families of crash victims."

Drinko will be honored Friday, Nov. 1, during a reception for all Marshall faculty, staff, administrators and retirees who have

supported the fund-raising campaign to help build the new library. The event is scheduled from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the university's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Drinko has been a leader in the campaign to raise \$7 million in private funds for the new library and has contributed more than \$2.3 million himself, Gilley noted.

The decision to name the building for Drinko was ratified by the University System Board of Trustees following approval at the campus level by the Physical Facilities and Planning Committee, the Faculty Senate, the Institutional Board of Advisors and Gilley.

The library, now in the early stages of construction, is targeted for completion in 1998. With 1,200 computerized student work stations, as well as various other features, it is expected to be one of the most technologically advanced university libraries in the country.

"While we are most appreciative of John Drinko's efforts on behalf of Marshall—and they go far beyond simply contributing money—it should be noted that he has used his ideas and his resources to help many higher education institutions," Gilley said.

"In addition to endowing one of Marshall's most significant academic programs—the Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture—John Drinko has endowed

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Drinko

New scholarship program named in honor of Perry

A new, broad-based academic scholarship program at Marshall University has been named in honor of Huntington businessman and community leader A. Michael Perry, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

The \$500 scholarships will be available to all incoming freshmen who achieve a high school grade point average of at least 3.2 and between 21 and 25 on the American College Testing program (A.C.T.) test. The scholarships are subject to renewal on a competitive basis and students also may qualify for other academic scholarships and need-based financial aid.

The first A. Michael Perry Freshman Scholarships will be awarded to students entering Marshall in the fall of 1997, Gilley said. "According to our Admissions Office staff, the initial response by qualified students has been excellent," Gilley said. "Consequently, we're expecting to award a significant number of the new scholarships."

Perry, a Marshall alumnus, is a member of the University System Board of Trustees and served two years as its chairman.

"We believed it appropriate to name this scholarship for A. Michael Perry for a number of reasons," Gilley said. "He has played a major role in reshaping West Virginia higher education over the past eight years as a trustee and officer of the board.

"In addition, he has demonstrated over many years his determination to expand educational and employment opportunities for all West Virginians as manifested through a wide and impressive range of activities and projects," Gilley said. "Last but not least, he has been dedicated in his support for Marshall and has enabled this university to attain objectives that would not have been possible without his assistance and encouragement."

Perry serves as chairman and CEO of Banc One West Virginia Corp.



Perry

Homecoming schedule set

A TGIF get-together of Marshall University alumni and friends is the first MU Alumni Association-sponsored event for Homecoming 1996. Alumni Director Linda S. Holmes said the weekend, celebrating the theme "Come Home to Marshall," is part of Gov. Gaston Caperton's yearlong West Virginia Homecoming '96.

The TGIF party will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at BrewBakers, 857 3rd Ave. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and happy hour prices will be available. Alumni and friends receive a 10 percent discount on entrees by presenting their Alumni Association active membership cards.

The party moves to the Marshall Fine and Performing Arts Center, 1659 5th Ave., for "An Evening With Friends" reception from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be set up.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, a walking tour of campus will depart at 10 a.m. from the campus side of Memorial Student Center.

The Alumni Association's traditional Lunch-Under-the-Tent, co-sponsored by The DAWG (WDGG 93.7 FM), will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Tent City inside the Lefty Rollins Track. Chili, hoagies, cookies and two legal beverages

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Many activities planned for MU Homecoming

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are included in the \$6 per person price. Additional beverage tickets are \$1 each.

Kickoff for the Homecoming game against The Citadel's Bulldogs is at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2.

The Alumni Association will have an open house at the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 5th Ave., from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Snacks and a cash bar will be available.

For additional information and reservations call the Alumni Office, 696-3134 or 1-800-682-5869.

A number of Marshall constituencies have planned events in conjunction with Homecoming '96. The schedule for other groups' activities follows.

Thursday, Oct. 31:

Homecoming parade around the Marshall campus at 6:30 p.m., followed by a pep rally at 7:30 p.m. on the field near Buskirk Hall. The rally will be followed by the movie "Multiplicity."

Friday, Nov. 1:

Women's Basketball Team "Dribble-a-thon," 8 a.m. through noon Saturday, Nov. 2, beginning in front of the Erickson Alumni Center. For details call the basketball office, 696-5445.

Baseball Alumni golf outing, tentative tee-off time, 1 p.m., Lavalette Golf Club. For more information on baseball alumni activities call Greg Rowsey at 697-7532 or head coach Craig Antush at 696-6454.

Sigma Phi Epsilon golf tournament. Call Scott Archer, 522-8272, for details.

H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) program, open house, 4-6 p.m., Wilbur E. Myers Hall, 520 18th St. Complimentary light refreshments. Call Charlene Boggs for more information, 696-6312.

Athletic Department Hall of Fame banquet, 6:30 p.m., W. Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. Price is \$17.50

Library to honor Drinko

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programs at The Ohio State University, John Carroll, Capital, Cleveland State, Case Western Reserve and Harvard universities; Baldwin-Wallace, Ursuline and Westminster colleges, the Cleveland Clinic and The Ohio State University School of Medicine," Gilley noted. "And, significantly, The Ohio State University has named its Law School building in his honor."

Drinko also is a founder of the highly successful Mellen Center at the Cleveland Clinic for multiple sclerosis treatment and research.

A native of St. Marys, W.Va., Drinko worked his way through Marshall, earning his A.B. degree in 1942, and The Ohio State University College of Law while supporting his mother and his sister. Ultimately he became head of one of the nation's most prestigious law firms, Baker & Hostetler, and also established several successful business enterprises.

Drinko and his wife, the former Elizabeth Gibson, have been married 50 years and are the parents of four children. He holds several honorary doctoral degrees, including one from Marshall in 1980, and received Marshall's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1968.

"John Deaver Drinko obviously is one of Marshall's most caring and most successful graduates," Gilley said. "We are extremely proud that our new library bears his name."

per person. For additional information and reservations call Jim Woodrum, 696-4372.

Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni casino night, 8:30 p.m., Sig Ep House, 1401 5th Ave. For more information on chapter activities call chapter president J. Trenton Turner at (304) 529-3233.

Baseball and Swim Team alumni social gathering, 9 p.m., Verb's in Imperial Lanes, 21st St. and 8th Ave. For details on Swim Team participation call John Blasic at 301-924-0960 or Paul Graham at 513-848-2314.

Pi Kappa Alpha 1950s classes dance, 9 p.m. Friday, Radisson Hotel, 1001 3rd Ave. Price is \$16 per person. Call chairpersons Fred and Betty Smith, 529-2112, for reservations.

Saturday, Nov. 2:

"Alum Run," 5K road race, 8:30 a.m., sponsored by Marshall's Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, The DAWG (WDGG 93.7), the Marshall University Alumni Association and the Huntington Track Club. Prizes will be awarded. Pre-registration is \$10 per person. Registration on the day of the race will be \$15. Call Sharon Stanton at 696-2943 for entry form and details.

College of Science sit-down buffet breakfast, 8:30-9:30 a.m., second floor (west end) of the Science Building. A program, "Innovative Teaching Techniques in Science and Mathematics," will follow from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Alumni and friends are asked to make reservations for the breakfast via FAX at 696-3243 or voice at 696-2372. For more information call Marsha Napier, 696-6672.

Family and Consumer Sciences brunch, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Corbly Hall Room 270. For further information call the department secretary, Doris Wellman, at 696-2386.

H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) program, open house, 9-11 a.m., Wilbur E. Myers Hall, 520 18th St.

Sigma Phi Epsilon tailgate party, 10 a.m., Sig Ep House, 1401 5th Ave.

WMUL-FM's 35th anniversary of broadcasting, the celebration will be highlighted by a cake and visits from WMUL alumni. For more information, call Lance Schrader, 696-2295.

College of Liberal Arts tailgating, 11 a.m.-halftime, Tent City near the Alumni Association tent. For more information and reservations call 696-2835 or 696-2350.

Regents B.A. reunion lunch, 11 a.m., Tent City at Lefty Rollins Field. Call the R.B.A. office at 696-6400 for more information.

Tailgate parties, 11 a.m., Lefty Rollins Track; baseball and swim team alumni; Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) alumni, and other groups.

Game halftime, former Homecoming queens and Mr. Marshalls will be introduced on the field as part of a reunion. Call the Alumni Office, 696-3134 or 1-800-682-5869, for additional information.

Lambda Chi Alpha Marshall Chapter, 50th anniversary dinner dance, Radisson Hotel following the game. Reservations are limited and must be made in advance. For additional information and reservations call Bob Dorado at 529-6590.

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity 1950s classes, dinner dance, 6:30 p.m., Guyan Golf and Country Club on U.S. 60 East. Price is \$32 per person. Call chairpersons Fred and Betty Smith, 529-2112, for reservations.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity reunion dinner, 6:30 p.m., BrewBakers, 857 3rd Ave. For more information about dinner and other reunion events contact Ken Smart, 697-5252.

Sunday, Nov. 3:

Alumni vs. Alumni baseball game, 1 p.m., St. Cloud Commons.

New drug for stroke victims being tested

Tri-State residents are among the first in the nation to gain access to a new drug designed to reduce the devastating effects of strokes, according to Marshall University neurologist Dennis Briley.

Huntington is one of 100 centers worldwide involved in the final testing of the new drug, called Cerestat, said Dr. Briley, who heads the Huntington study. Working with him are two local neurologists, Dr. Carl McComas and Dr. Ronald Barebo.

Strokes, which disrupt blood supply to part of the brain, strike half a million Americans a year and are the nation's leading cause

of disability. The new drug works to minimize permanent damage and may allow stroke survivors to live more normal lives, Briley said.

"When you have a stroke, there is a central area that has irreversible damage, but around that is a borderline area that potentially can be saved with this new treatment," he said. The medication helps control chemical messengers in the brain that build up after a stroke to levels that poison and kill brain cells.

"We hope Cerestat will translate into more patients who can walk again, who can go home and care for themselves," Briley said. "Our preliminary testing is very promising."

To be eligible for the study, patients must be in the emergency room at Cabell Huntington Hospital or St. Mary's Hospital within six hours after stroke symptoms begin.

With Cerestat, as with other potential stroke fighters, early treatment is vital.

"These new drugs are showing us that we have a window to improve outcomes for stroke victims, but it closes relatively quickly," he said. "The bottom line is get to the hospital quickly: the sooner you are in and evaluated, the better off you're going to be."

Briley urged people with stroke symptoms to seek medical help immediately.

According to the American Heart Association, the warning signs of stroke are:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm and leg on one side of the body;
- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye;
- Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech;
- Sudden, severe headaches with no apparent cause;
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially when combined with any of the previous symptoms.

Choir will give concert

The Marshall Artists Series will sponsor a performance by The American Boychoir on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Long considered America's premier concert boys' choir, the group is participating in West Virginia Homecoming 1996 and will perform and present workshops in communities and schools throughout the state.

The choir is conducted by West Virginia native Dr. James Litton.

Widely known for their Kodak "True Colors" commercial, the choir has made many recordings and is often featured on classical-music radio stations. The choir also has performed on movie soundtracks including the soon-to-be-released "Wide Awake" starring Rosie O'Donnell. Their latest compact disc "Carol," featuring a collection of popular Christmas songs, has just been released.

The American Boychoir School, home of the American Boychoir, is North America's only non-sectarian boarding choir school. The students, in grades five through eight, come from 21 states and five Canadian provinces. The choir will hold auditions for qualified singers after its performance.

Tickets for the performance are \$12, \$10 and \$8. Full-time Marshall students will be admitted free. Part-time Marshall students, faculty and staff will be admitted for half-price.

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

Nominations sought for honorary degree awards

The Marshall University Functions Committee is accepting nominations for honorary degree awards which will be presented by the university during the 1997 Commencement.

Nominees may be persons of national or international stature, according to Dr. Morteza Sadat-Hossieny, chair of the Functions Committee. He said it is desirable, though not required, that nominees have some connection with West Virginia or Marshall University or have attained eminence in a field important to the university.

"While the number of nominations of women and minority persons has risen in recent years, it will be appreciated if you will continue your special efforts to bring to the attention of the committee the names of all worthy candidates," said Sadat-Hossieny.

Each nomination should include a comprehensive biographical profile of the nominee that presents, at minimum, the following information: nominee's full name, date and place of birth, home address and telephone number, business address and telephone number, education (earned and honorary degrees, dates and achievements), professional experience, documentation of eminence (honors, awards and achievements), and relationship and/or service to Marshall University, West Virginia or the nation.

Additional supporting materials such as publications, letters of endorsement, etc., may be submitted as supplemental documentation.

Nominations should also include the name, address and telephone number of the person making the submission.

The deadline for submission of nominations will be Nov. 10. Nominations should be submitted to Dr. Morteza Sadat-Hossieny.

DUI demonstration set

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs, the BACCHUS organization, Huntington's Safe Traffic Operations Program and the State Office of Highway Safety will hold a DUI demonstration at the MU Stadium parking lot Saturday, Nov. 9, beginning at 8 a.m.

Drivers will be given alcohol and then drive a preset course at selected intervals to demonstrate the change in driving ability as the amount of alcohol in their bodies increases.

The event, which will continue until about noon, will be monitored by the West Virginia State Police. To obtain further details contact Carla Lapelle, coordinator of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall, 696-4800.