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Student takes part in international program

A Marshall University Honors Program student served as a Russian translator this past summer while participating in the Tahoe-Baikal Institute's sixth annual international environmental exchange. The program focuses on the threatened environments of two of the world's most unique lakes.

Matthew G. Harris, a Marshall junior from Ripley, W. Va., was one of only 16 students and young professionals from North America, Asia and Europe chosen to spend 40 days in the Lake Baikal area of Siberia and a month in the area of Lake Tahoe in California and Nevada. The seven Americans, seven Russians, a Chinese and a German participated in environmental education and research, field and restoration projects.

Although the program requires Russian and English language ability for all participants, Harris was one of two participants fluent in the Russian language, resulting in his serving as a translator. Harris had studied Russian daily for a full year while serving with the U.S. Army in Monterey, Calif., and had visited Russia prior to the summer program.

The institute group was divided into smaller groups for specialized studies, Harris said. "Most of the participants had a science background," he said. "They studied the effects of population on the lakes — especially the population density around Tahoe — analyzed stream sediment, studied fish for pollution and conducted plant and animal inventories."

An international economics major, Harris worked with a group that interviewed tourists and campers about how the lakes could better serve them without damaging the lakes' delicate ecosystems.

Because the institute applies interdisciplinary approaches to environmental problem-solving, Harris said his interest added a new perspective to the program. "We each had a different outlook. That contributed to our understanding of the problems and possible solutions."

In addition to the group projects and research, participants attended seminars taught by experts in various fields of environmental research and policy implementation.

Perhaps the best part of the experience for Harris, however, was the opportunity to represent the United States, particularly the eastern U.S. "Most of the Americans come from the West because they live or go to school near Lake Tahoe," Harris said. "I was the first participant from our area."

"It was great. Many of the Russians had never seen an American. They were excited to learn that people outside Russia were interested in their problems and in seeking solutions," Harris continued.

"I enjoyed being an ambassador — not only representing the United States, but my home state of West Virginia and Marshall University," Harris said. "I think we left a good impression on the people we met."

Harris learned of the Tahoe-Baikal Institute through a flier displayed in Marshall's Henderson Center. "A friend found it. He knew I spoke Russian and thought I might be interested in the program."

Because of his summer institute experience, other doors are opening, Harris said. "I've been really lucky in finding opportunities. I might go back to Russia to work with one of the groups that sponsor the summer program. Or, I might go to England..."

Whatever Harris decides to do next summer, and for the rest of his life, he will carry memories of a summer spent as an ambassador to Russia — representing the United States, West Virginia and Marshall University.



Harris

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. BETTY J. CLECKLEY, vice president for multicultural and international programs, made a presentation titled "Developing a Multicultural/International Campus Community: The Marshall University Model" at an annual conference on "The Minority Student Today: Recruitment, Retention and Success" held Oct. 27 in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. W. BLAKER BOLLING, professor of management, presented a case on "Kellogg" and a case on "Champion Industries, Inc.," at the annual international meeting of the North American Case Research Association held Oct. 24-26 in Colorado Springs. The cases were published in the proceedings. He also served as reviewer for the meeting.

Dr. CRAIG HOLLINGSHEAD, associate professor of marketing, and RICHARD JONES, assistant professor of marketing, had a case on "Kellogg" published in the proceedings of the annual international meeting of the American Case Research Association held Oct. 24-26 in Colorado Springs. HOLLINGSHEAD also served as a reviewer for the meeting.

Dr. THOMAS K. PAULEY, professor of biology, was invited to give the lecture at the fourth annual Maurice Brooks Lecture-ship held Oct. 25 at West Virginia University. The endowed lecture is sponsored by the WVU Division of Forestry in memory of Brooks, a professor of biology and wildlife management at WVU from 1932 to 1969 and author of numerous articles and

two books. PAULEY made a presentation titled "Salamanders of the Allegheny Mountains." Brooks was involved in the discovery of the Cheat Mountain salamander and published most of the early work on the species. PAULEY has been studying the Cheat Mountain salamander since 1976. In addition to sharing his experiences and research on the Cheat Mountain salamander with the audience at WVU, PAULEY discussed the research he and his students at Marshall have conducted on salamanders in the Allegheny Mountains.

LINDA EIKUM-DOBBS, associate professor of music, presented a paper titled "Making Connections through Opera for Youth" at The Arts on the Fast Track, III Conference held Oct. 13-14 in Parkersburg. The conference was sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education and the County Music Directors Association. The Marshall University Opera For Youth, a student ensemble that regularly performs for schools throughout the state, and fourth-graders from Miller Elementary School performed "Mystery on the Docks" during the conference. "Mystery on the Docks," a new opera for children, was directed by BRUCE ROUS, a Marshall graduate student.

Dr. F. DOUGLAS ROBERTSON, assistant professor of modern languages, has been selected as a "Fabulous Faculty Member" by the members of Phi Eta Sigma national honor society in conjunction with the residents of Laidley Hall.

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Scott selected Marshall Employee of Month

Imogene Scott of Huntington, a Physical Plant building service worker, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for October, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Scott has worked for the university for 28 years.

She was nominated for the award by Linda Wallace, administrative secretary in the Elementary Education Department, and other members of the department.

Dr. Carl S. Johnson, interim chair of the Teacher Education Department, said, "We (the Elementary Education Department in Jenkins Hall) would like to nominate Imogene Scott, building

service worker I, for Employee of the Month for October 1996 and Employee of the Year for all of the following reasons and more:

"Imogene is an excellent worker and is one of the best custodians I have been associated with in over 25 years in higher education. When there is work to be done, she jumps in and gets it done. When my math classes are over, Imogene is in my room within 'seconds' erasing and cleaning the blackboard. She is long overdue for Employee of the Month."

Scott 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.



Scott

Events to honor black high school students

Marshall University will hold its 12th annual Honors Weekend for outstanding black high school students on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16.

The purpose of the event is to give recognition to outstanding black students from Tri-State area high schools, let them know Marshall is interested in them and encourage them to continue their educations, according to Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall.

Students, who were selected for recognition by their high school principals and counselors, will participate in a variety of programs that will include recreational activities and presentations on academics and campus life.

Activities also have been planned for the students' parents who will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Marshall's schools and colleges.

Blue said approximately 113 students and 80 parents have registered to participate in the activities.

Students will be honored and presented awards during a banquet Friday at 6 p.m. in the Big Green Room at the Marshall University Stadium.

William A. Dodson Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, will be the guest speaker for the banquet.

Dodson is executive vice president of Rhema Christian Center, a large urban church in northeast Columbus. He also serves as executive director of Dayspring Christian Community Development Corp., established by the church to address the need for affordable housing, employment, literacy and economic development.

A Beckley, W. Va., native, Dodson earned his degree at Marshall in sociology and social work. In 1981 he received an M.A. degree from Ohio State University in public administration, specializing in urban administration. He was ordained as a minister in 1992.

Prior to joining the Rhema center, Dodson was a management analyst and resident initiatives specialist with the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, 1986-92. He was employed by the State of Ohio, Department of Development, 1975-86, and

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Humanities Council to present award to Gould

Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of Marshall University's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, has been awarded the 1996 Charles H. Daugherty Award in the Humanities by the West Virginia Humanities Council.

The award is given annually to a West Virginian for his or her contribution to the humanities in the state.

Gould, a former president of the Humanities Council, has been instrumental in developing the council's history initiatives. Most recently he directed the West Virginia History Film Summer Seminar for Teachers in collaboration with the council.

He helped develop and implement the council's five-year theme on West Virginia history, "Choices for a New Decade," and has been actively involved with the Alliance for the Collection, Preservation and Dissemination of West Virginia's Black History and its annual conference held on the Marshall campus.

The award will be presented at a reception in Gould's honor Friday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. in the John Marshall Room in Memorial Student Center.



Gould

Speaker will present workshops on conflict

Bob Hall, founder of Learning To Live With Conflict Inc., will make two presentations at Marshall University Wednesday, Nov. 13, according to Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs at Marshall.

He will make a presentation titled "Learning to Live with Conflict" from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The program is designed to provide an introduction to the field of conflict and resolution. Hall will discuss the process of learning to live with conflict and provide an introduction to the process of building and maintaining non-adversarial relationships.

He will present a program titled "Hands Off—Let's Talk" at 8 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center. This program will focus on rethinking traditional male and female gender roles by examining the factors that influence personal values and sexual expectations. Hall will discuss the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs in relationships and explore the belief systems that often lead to miscommunication, misunderstanding and conflict in relationships.

Hall founded Learning To Live With Conflict Inc. in 1987 to provide training in the analysis and resolution of conflict.

Faculty members chosen for 'Who's Who' edition

Fifteen Marshall University faculty members have been selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Paul C. Krouse, publisher of the book, said all of the teachers listed were selected by one or more former students who themselves were listed in either "Who's Who Among American High School Students" or "The National Dean's List."

Marshall faculty members selected for inclusion in the 1996 volume are: Roger L. Adkins (Finance and Economics), Lorraine P. Anderson (College of Business), Richard Badenhansen (English), Karen Bailey (Nursing), Keith Barenklau (Safety Technology), Pleasant Hinchman (Educational Foundations), Chong W. Kim (Management/Marketing), Nancy Lang (English), David S. Mallory (Biological Sciences), R. Daniel Martin (Health, Physical Education and Recreation), Toni J. Morabito-Karle (Nursing), Leslie Petteys (Music), William L. Redd (Public Service/Allied Health Technology), Clara Cook Reese (Human Development and Allied Technology), and Susan Sullivan (Communication Disorders).

Lunchbag seminar slated

A lunchbag seminar titled "Alternative Treatments to Traditional Medical Care" will be presented Wednesday, Nov. 13, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Brent Reed of The New Earth Resource Center will be the guest speaker.

The seminar is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the MU Women's Center, 696-3112.

MU excused absences...

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

Nov. 7-10—Lance Schrader, Bob Ball, Shanen Wright.

Nov. 8-12—Kimberly Parsley, Heather Hager, Phoebe Burnside.

His involvement with judo led him into work with self-defense education in 1981. He co-authored and team-taught a 20-hour classroom course in self-defense education through the Physical Education Department at the Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology.

The course was designed to enable students to prevent, recognize and defuse potentially violent conflicts before they escalated to violence and enable students to use violence effectively as a last resort.

Hall's work on self-defense education evolved into work with rape and sexual assault prevention and the broad range of issues surrounding the problem of sexual violence. Over time his focus shifted toward a study of date/acquaintance rape and the investigation of human sexuality and conflict.

By 1986 conflict had emerged as the common thread in his work with self-defense education and sexual violence.

Hall, who received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1983 and a master's degree in conflict resolution from Antioch University in 1996, has conducted lectures and seminars on self-defense education, sexual violence issues and conflict resolution for high schools, colleges, community groups and organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

He also has served as a community dispute mediator through the New York State Unified Court System since 1988.

His presentations at Marshall will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

WAC workshop scheduled

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "Assignment Construction" will be held Thursday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 403.

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

Honors Weekend planned

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held various positions in the areas of housing, community and economic development and human services.

Dodson began his career as an industrial relations representative and equal employment opportunity officer with ACF Industries Inc. in Huntington from 1973 to 1975.

He has served as chairman of the Northeast Area Commission (1993-95), president of the National Association for Church Business Administrators, trustee of Columbus State Community College and director of Volunteers of America, the Association for the Developmentally Disabled, the Columbus Compact, Urban Concern, the Linden Resource Center and the Phoenix Foundation.

He is a former member of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, Habitat for Humanity, Directions for Youth and Central Ohio Youth for Christ. He also serves on many community task forces and committees. Since 1976 he has been a volunteer announcer at WCVO FM 105, hosting two weekly radio programs.

The Honors Weekend activities will end Saturday afternoon when the students and parents will be Marshall's guests at the MU-Furman University football game.

Autism Training Center opens new facility

The Autism Training Center (ATC) at Marshall University opened its new facility in Marion County Thursday, Nov. 7, according to Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill, director of the center.

The Northern Autism Training Center, located in the former Colfax Elementary School, is the result of a cooperative effort by the ATC at Marshall, the Marion County Board of Education and the Autism Society of North Central West Virginia, a group of parents and professionals working on behalf of autistic people.

Becker-Cottrill said the school, which had been closed, now will serve as a training facility for parents and teachers of children with autism, a neurological developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of age.

Autism is characterized by deficits in communication and social skills and by uneven or delayed rates of development in other areas.

MU internet program is picked as semifinalist

Marshall's pioneering Interactive Patient, a teaching program that allows internet users across the globe to test their medical knowledge, is a semifinalist for a National Information Infrastructure Award.

Marshall is one of 190 semifinalists chosen from an initial pool of 850 entries. On Nov. 12, six finalists will be chosen for each of the 10 award categories, which range from health to business, entertainment, and community service. Winners will be announced at a ceremony in New York City Dec. 3.

"I'm tickled to death," said Kent Hayes of Marshall, a senior systems analyst who created the Interactive Patient with Dr. Christoph Lehmann, who now is at Johns Hopkins University. "I just hope that on Nov. 12 I get a call inviting me to New York."

Marshall's program is a one-of-a-kind World Wide Web teaching tool that allows health professionals and other users to simulate a patient encounter. Through the magic of multimedia, users can interview the "cyberpatient," perform a physical exam, listen to heart and other sounds, order lab tests and view X-rays. They then can e-mail their diagnosis and treatment plan to Marshall, which sends them feedback. The program is approved to provide continuing medical education credit.

The Interactive Patient can be found at: <http://medicus.marshall.edu/medicus.htm>

The program averages one or two awards each week, Hayes said, and has been featured in newspapers as far away as Australia, Germany and Great Britain. From a peak of 20,000 to 40,000 users a day when the program was chosen as the "Cool Site of the Day" on the internet, the Interactive Patient has settled into a steady rhythm of 500 to 1,000 new users every day.

"If I see the server idle for two seconds twice a week, that's unusual," Hayes said.

The National Information Infrastructure Awards program was designed as a showcase for ideas and achievement more than a competition for excellence, organizers said. "The overarching goal of the NII Awards is to help educate and inspire people about the potential of a connected world," said James Hake, program chairman.

"Wherever your entry moves from here, you've already shown yourselves to be resourceful, creative and talented pioneers in the Information Revolution," Hake told Lehmann and Hayes in the message announcing their selection.

"Our mission is to provide training and education to West Virginia families of individuals with autism, their educators and others significant in their lives," said Becker-Cottrill. "Parents in the northern part of the state sometimes had to travel great distances to receive clinic services. To some families that distance and related expenses became a barrier that prevented them from accessing this extremely beneficial program. Our new center in Marion County will rectify that situation and open our services to a much broader area."

Becker-Cottrill said autism affects about 2,500 West Virginians. Approximately 50 children with autism have been identified in the Marion County area.

She said the center will increase community awareness of autism and seek to involve community members as volunteers for special projects and activities.

The development of the Autism Training Center at Marshall University was mandated by the 1983 West Virginia Legislature to provide training, assistance and information to individuals with autism and to provide training to those who work with people who have autism. The center has an active caseload of more than 400 families.

"West Virginia is quickly becoming one of the model states for the provision of services for students with autism," said Becker-Cottrill. "The establishment of the Northern Autism Training Center is a significant step towards building a truly state-wide quality service delivery system."

To obtain further details contact the Autism Training Center at Marshall University, 304-696-2332.

Nursing career fair set

Marshall University's 20th annual Nursing/Health Careers Fair will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center, according to Patricia Gallagher, recruiting coordinator in Marshall's Career Services Center.

"This annual event brings together representatives from local, state and regional health facilities and provides an ideal setting for Marshall students and alumni to discuss employment opportunities within the health care industry," said Gallagher.

Approximately 14 medical facilities and health agencies are expected to participate in the fair including employers such as Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, the Charleston Area Medical Center, Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland, Ky., and Columbia hospitals in Hurricane, Beckley and Charleston. Pre-registration will not be required to attend the fair.

The fair is being sponsored by Marshall University's Career Services Center, 1681 Fifth Ave.

To obtain a complete list of participants or further details contact the Career Services Center, 304-696-2371.

Youth opera to be held

"Mystery on the Docks," a new opera for children, will be performed by the Marshall University Opera For Youth on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The program will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Linda Eikum-Dobbs in the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-2347.