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The following projects from Marshall faculty members were selected to receive Technology Advantage Program grants:

- "Integration of Molecular Methodology," Dr. Wayne Elmore, biological sciences, $35,756;
- "Computer Assisted Instruction in a Discipline-based Curriculum," Dr. Kenneth Williams, education, $54,000;
- "Intensive Distance Learning Classroom," Dr. Herbert Tupper, computer science/software development, $75,961;
- "Computing Across the Curriculum," Dr. Kenneth Williams, communication studies, $44,580;
- "Undergraduate Technology-based Degree Program," Dr. Don P. Holdren, finance, $71,893;
- "Intensive Utilization of Technology in a Discipline-based Information Gathering Course," Dr. Harold Shaver, journalism and mass communications, $45,750;
- "Distance Learning Classroom," Dr. Herbert Tupper, computer science/software development, $75,961;
- "Computer Assisted Instruction in Organic Chemistry," Dr. Gary Anderson, chemistry, $70,000;
- "Interactive Multimedia Courseware in the Fine Arts," Dr. Robert Rowe, art, $63,028;
- "Workshop Physics," Dr. Elwyn Bellis, physics/physical sciences, $30,000.

Grants totaling $610,501 have been awarded Marshall University for 11 projects through the Technology Advantage Program established by the West Virginia Legislature, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

The grants program, administered by the higher education system's vice chancellor for instructional technology, was created to stimulate the state's colleges and universities to define specific programs that can be improved through technology and design a plan to address the identified opportunities.

Thirty-seven proposals from campuses across the state were approved for funding totaling $1,542,422, including the 11 Marshall projects. Proposals were reviewed by the Higher Education Council Office and a panel of eight recognized experts in the field of education development technology applications.
Fine instrument donated to MU Music Department

It's far from the largest contribution Marshall University has received this year. It could help build the new technologically sophisticated library. It won't provide scholarships for students.

However, it is a heartfelt gift, a sincere gesture that may deeply touch some students and faculty members in the university's Department of Music, according to Dr. Donald A. Williams, chair of the department.

It's a cello. It belonged to Judi Fine, a former member of the MU music faculty, who died Aug. 30, 1994, at the age of 28. The instrument recently was donated to the Music Department by Fine's parents, H.R. and Fran Fine of Jacksonville, Ark., and her former fiancé, Chuck Lima.

Williams said the Werner cello and Otto Paulus bow will be used by students for special occasions such as recitals. Dr. Susan Tephly, professor of cello, said having Fine's instrument at Marshall will be like having a tangible part of Judi here that is contributing to the students' education.

Fine was in her second year as an instructor at Marshall when she died of what was thought to be a heart arrhythmia following a faculty meeting.

She began teaching cello and bass at the university in 1993 and performed with several musical ensembles. She had earned her master's degree at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and taught at Miami University of Ohio as a graduate assistant.

"In a very short time, she had made herself a most valuable member of the Department of Music faculty," said Williams. "We appreciate the thoughtfulness displayed by Judi's parents and former fiancé in making this presentation to the university."

MU receives 11 grants

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general studies in the Community and Technical College, $35,000.


"I believe the number of awards presented to Marshall is indicative of the high priority we have placed on developing and utilizing new technologies in our classrooms and educational programs," said Gilley. "We have upgraded our curriculum to benefit students who are entering the highly competitive job market and placed an emphasis on using new technologies not only in our classrooms but at sites throughout the state.

Marshall excused absences ...

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

Nov. 8-12 - Kimberly Burgess, Kurtiz Schneid.

Nov. 7-10 - Richard Burgess, Kurtiz Schneid.

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

Oct. 16-20 - Daniel White, Alison Fisher, Jessica Scott.

Nov. 7-10 - Richard Burgess, Kurtiz Schneid.

Nov. 11-16 - Shaun Hones, Robert Allara, Jennifer Samples, Tommy Lester, Amy Shelton, Mary Ballard, Ashley Fiorilli, Mike Staub.

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