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# Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. JOHN L. SZAREK, associate professor in the School of Medicine's Department of Pharmacology, attended the annual International Conference of the American Lung Association/American Thoracic Society held May 21-24 in Seattle, Wash. He presented a paper titled "Desensitization of sensory nerves by capsaicin increases electrical field stimulation-induced contraction of isolated rat bronchi." BEVERLY SPURLOCK of the Department of Pharmacology was co-author. SZAREK was elected to the Nominating Committee of the Assembly on Respiratory Structure and Function and appointed chair of the committee by the president of the assembly. SZAREK, SPURLOCK, CARLA SCHNEIDER of the Department of Pharmacology and NANCY L. STEWART of the Department of Biochemistry in the School of Medicine are co-authors of a paper titled "Sensory nerve- and neuropeptide-mediated relaxation response in airways of Sprague-Dawley rats" that was published in the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* (95:2150-2160, 1995). SZAREK also attended the annual meeting of the American Lung Association of West Virginia held June 10-11 in Parkersburg where he was presented a plaque recognizing him for "Outstanding Service" during the past year. A member of the board of directors, SZAREK was elected secretary of the association's Executive Committee.

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management, attended a seminar on "Breaking Into Major South American Markets" sponsored by the West Virginia Export Council May 25 in Charleston. Export awards for West Virginia companies were presented during the seminar luncheon by Governor Gaston Caperton. ALEXANDER served as a reviewer and judge on the awards committee.

Dr. MARY ETTA HIGHT, professor of biological sciences, at-

## Career Camp sponsored by MU Placement Center

Marshall University's Placement Services Center will hold "Career Camp '95" for high school and middle school students July 24-27 from 9 a.m. to noon on the Marshall campus, according to Sue Edmonds Wright, assistant director of placement services.

Wright said the focus of the camp, designed for middle school students (including students entering sixth grade this year), high school students and recent high school graduates, will be career exploration and making decisions. Different sessions will be held for students in specific age groups.

"Creative exercises will focus on identifying potential career fields, evaluating appropriate training programs and developing an individual career plan," said Wright.

Campers will participate in hands-on activities that will help them match their interests and skills to actual occupations and take part in vocational testing, using the test results to link career and educational planning.

Students also will review college and various training programs suited to their individual career goals.

Guest speakers representing various occupations will make presentations.

There will be a registration fee of \$35 per student. To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Placement Services Center, 304-696-2370.

tended the 75th annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists held June 20-24 at the University of Vermont at Burlington. The following posters were presented by HIGHT and graduate students from the Department of Biological Sciences: "The shrews of East River Mountain, Mercer County, West Virginia" by JEFFREY J. HAJENGA and HIGHT; "Morphologic variation of the *Sorex cinereus* group in West Virginia" by LISA J. GATENS and HIGHT; "An analysis of geographic variation in *Microtus pennsylvanicus* (meadow vole) in West Virginia" by TINA M. SAVAGE and HIGHT. BART PAXTON, biology graduate student, attended the meeting and assisted with the poster presentations.

CELESTE WINTERS, director of the Marshall Artists Series, participated in the City of Huntington's recent All-America City competition. She was a member of the application committee and a delegate to the finalists' presentation in Cleveland. MARK DIRKSEN, MAS program assistant, gathered extensive information on local philanthropic and volunteer activities for the application. JIM McDERMOTT and JOHN CORIELL, MAS student assistants, took photographs and assisted in the production of a display for the Civic Fair which featured booths from the 30 finalist cities participating in the All-America City competition sponsored by the National Civic League. WINTERS said, "While Huntington did not make the top-10 All-America Cities list for 1995, the 13-member group feel the close ties formed within the delegation and the lessons learned by observing other cities will be useful for future applications. We'll work hard on new projects and emphasize the positive aspects of Huntington."

Dr. NEIL ARNESON, director of Marshall University's Center for Economic Education and executive director of the West Virginia Council on Economic Education, and JODI FEAGANES, assistant director of the Center for Economic Education, attended the Stock Market Game National Symposium held June 1-4 in Atlanta, Ga. The Stock Market Game is a 10-week simulation in which student teams invest a mythical \$100,000 in stocks traded on the New York, American and NASDAQ exchanges. The symposium, sponsored by the Securities Industry Foundation for Economic Education and the Securities Industry Association, provided information on how to expand the game and how to involve local businesses and newspapers.

## Host families needed by students

Marshall University's Center for International Programs is seeking local families who would like to host students from the Middle East on weekends.

Host families provide students a way to enhance their study abroad experience through cultural exchange, according to Eric K. Spears, coordinator for international student services at Marshall.

"This is an exciting opportunity for people in the community and our international students to share experiences," Spears said.

Host families should be able to provide a student's room and board for two days and nights.

Spears said the center also needs families to participate in the university's Homestay Program to provide room and board for international students on a semester basis. The Homestay Program provides monthly compensation for host families.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Center for International Programs, 304-696-6265.

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## Clinical Practice Center receives approval

Cabell Huntington Hospital has received final approval to build a Clinical Practice Center for the Marshall University School of Medicine, according to W. Don Smith II, hospital president and chief executive officer.

The decision from the West Virginia Health Care Cost Review Authority clears the way for construction to begin, he said. The \$24 million facility will bring together at least 10 single-specialty university practices now scattered throughout Huntington.

"This decision will result in better health care for the Huntington region," Smith said. "I am also pleased because this project firmly establishes the Marshall Medical School as a permanent

part of our community. It cements the Cabell Huntington/Marshall University partnership and allows us to go forward in developing the best health care delivery system at the lowest possible cost."

Linda Wichman-Hager, chair of the hospital's board of directors, said the center will have a profound impact on Huntington's economy. "The large-scale construction project will be an immediate benefit, while the completed facility is the critical step which makes a reality out of everyone's desire for Huntington to become an even greater regional medical center," she said.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley noted that the center will further strengthen health care services, which already put more than a billion dollars a year into the region's economy. "Medical care already is an anchor for our economy and clearly shows potential for further growth," he said. "The Marshall

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## Ryan appointed interim dean of Marshall's CTC

Dr. Maurice E. Ryan, associate dean of Marshall University's Community and Technical College, has been appointed interim dean of the college effective July 1, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Gilley said a search will be initiated soon to select a permanent dean for the Community and Technical College to replace Dr. F. David Wilkin who recently resigned to accept the presidency of Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon, Va.

Ryan received his bachelor's degree in vocational education from California State University at Long Beach and his doctoral and master's degrees in administration and supervision of vocational education, business and educational administration from Colorado State University.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall in 1993, Ryan served as associate dean of academic affairs at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vt., and worked in several capacities at Santa Barbara (Calif.) City College including coordinator of trade and industrial education, chairman of the Division of Applied Science and Technology and professor and chairman in the Department of Electronic and Computer Technologies. He also served as an adjunct instructor for the University of California, Los Angeles, and the Brooks Institute of Photography.

Ryan has been instrumental in the establishment of the Western West Virginia Tech Prep Consortium and has prepared proposals for grants from the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation and other public and private organizations. He also developed curricula for programs in engineering technology, X-ray and biomedical equipment, marine diving and electronic/computer technology.

"I am very confident in Dr. Ryan's ability to lead our Community and Technical College until a permanent dean is selected," said Gilley. "He has done an excellent job as associate dean and has extensive experience in the development and administration of innovative community college programs."



Ryan

## Baker elected president

Dr. Elaine Baker, professor of psychology, has been elected president of the Marshall University Faculty Senate for the 1995-97 term.

A native of Bluffton, Ohio, Baker has been a member of the Marshall faculty since 1972. She has served on numerous university committees and organizations and received the university's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award in 1988. She was a finalist for the West Virginia Professor of the Year Award in 1986.

Baker received her bachelor's degree in 1967 from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, and received her master's degree in 1969 and her doctoral degree in 1972 from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall, Baker taught at Wilmington (Ohio) College and served as a graduate instructor and graduate fellow at Miami University. She has written articles for various publications and journals and has been involved in several professional and community organizations.

Dr. Susan Jackson, assistant professor of art, was elected Faculty Senate vice president. Kay Wildman, professor and music librarian, was elected secretary.

The following were elected to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee: Dr. Joseph M. Stone Jr., professor in the Division of Accountancy and Legal Environment; Diana R. Stotts, professor of nursing; Dr. Evelyn M. Pupplo-Cody, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Bryan Larsen, professor in the School of Medicine; Maudie Karickhoff, associate professor and director of clinical services in the Division of Teacher Education, and Carol A. Perry, assistant professor in the Community and Technical College.



Baker

## Committee presents thesis research grants

Marshall University's Graduate Student Council Student Research Committee awarded 12 thesis research grants this summer, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Graduate School.

Eric Ewing of Huntington (biological sciences) received the A. Mervin Tyson Award (\$600) for his thesis project, "A Systematic Study of the *Scutellaria ovata* Hill Lamiaceae Complex in West Virginia." Ewing's adviser is Dr. Dan Evans.

Michael Chambers of Huntington (communication studies) received the Rachel and Paul Stewart Award (\$550) for his thesis proposal, "The Progeny of 'Roe v. Wade': The Judicial Rhetoric of Justice Blackmun." Dr. Bert Gross serves as adviser for Chambers.

Rebecca Kniceley of Huntington (art) received the Chuck Crow Award (\$550) for "Pre-Columbian Art and Culture: Implications for Art Education." Her adviser is Dr. Susan Power.

Awards of \$500 were presented to: Tracy Bell of Huntington (journalism/adviser, Hal Shaver), "Determination and Analysis of the Level of Anxiety and Creativity Present in Corporate Public Relations Practitioners"; Kevin Brittingham of Huntington (biological sciences/adviser, Dr. Donald Tarter), "Effects of Vegetation Management on Benthos of Weir Ponds Draining Watersheds of the Fernow Experimental Forest";

Lisa Gates of Alum Creek (biological sciences/adviser, Dr. Mary Etta Hight), "Geographic Variation of the Masked Shrew, *Sorex cinereus*, in West Virginia"; Jeffrey Hajenga of Huntington (biological sciences/adviser, Dr. Mary Etta Hight), "Distribution and Natural History of Shrews (soricidae: *Sorex*, *Blarina*, *Cryptotis*) in Southern West Virginia"; Jesse Hingson of Huntington (history/adviser, Dr. Frances Hensley), "No Longer Treated as Slaves: Cherokee Women and the White Progress, Jackson County, North Carolina, 1846-1866";

Calisa Pierce of Logan (English/adviser, Dr. Edmund Taft), "Henry IV, Part Two: A Modern Stage History"; Heather Reed of Huntington (psychology/adviser, Dr. Marc Lindberg), "The Relationship Between Patterns of Adolescent Attachment, Dating and Sexual Behavior"; Tina Savage of Huntington (biological sciences/adviser, Dr. Mary Etta Hight), "Geographic and nongeographic variation in the genus *Microtus* (Mammalia: Rodentia) of West Virginia," and Trent True of Ashland, Ky., (history/adviser, Dr. Robert Sawrey), "Forgotten Rebels: Kentucky Slaves and Antebellum Litigation."

The ad hoc Student Research Committee includes Deutsch; students, Kim Lucas of Huntington and David Lucas of Huntington, and professors, Dr. Dan Evans and Heather Fredeking.

## Summer technology institute begins July 17

Marshall University's Summer Institute of Technology for elementary and middle school students will be held this year in two one-week sessions, July 17-21 and July 24-28, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education for the university's Community and Technical College.

Classes will meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon on the Marshall campus.

During the first session, students entering the second and third grades will study "Aeronautics." The class will cover the properties of air and principles of flight. Students will design, build and test a variety of flying machines, prove that hot air rises by build-

ing a lighter than air vehicle and test helium filled craft and balsa gliders.

Students entering grades four and five will take two classes. The first class, "Simple Machines," will show students how simple machines can reduce and make work easier for people. The second class, "Structures," will teach students the principles of structural design. Students will build and test different structural units and build a model girder and panel skyscraper.

Students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades will take classes in "Space Transportation Technology" and "Production Line Manufacturing." "Space Transportation Technology" will focus on the past, present and future of space flight. Students will construct and test rockets powered by compressed air and water and discuss Newton's laws of motion. The manufacturing course will investigate different production line systems. Students will design and build an entertainment product that requires modern production line methods and drill, sand, assemble and finish the product.

During the second session, July 24-28, students in the second and third grades will take "Simple Machines" and "Structures."

Students in the fourth and fifth grades will take "Aeronautics" and "Manufacturing Technology." In the "Manufacturing Technology" class, students will use Lego kits to assemble different production line machines, build working models of conveyor belts and learn why rolling and stamping machines are important.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders will take "Structures" and "Communication." In the communication course, students will capture an image and store it on a computer and then transfer the image to a T-shirt.

Enrollment will be limited in each class. There will be a fee of \$85 per student per session which covers tuition and materials. Families registering two or more children will receive a 10 percent discount. Marshall employees also will receive a discount when registering children or grandchildren. To register or obtain further details contact the Office of Continuing Education in Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 696-3113.

## Sporny's art on exhibit

"The Water Series," a group of 12 landscape paintings by Stanley Sporny, associate professor of art at Marshall University, will be exhibited at the university's Birke Art Gallery July 15-30.

The paintings, commissioned through a \$20,000 grant from the federal Art in Architecture Project, were done for the new annex at the Huntington VA Medical Center.

Sporny combined centuries-old artistic techniques with modern computer technology to create the unique series.

He worked on the project for two years, using high-tech methods to research his subject and work out preliminary designs. He videotaped waterways in the area, digitized the footage and then manipulated black and white images via computer.

In this way, he was able to view dozens of design configurations in a short period of time and select the best composition.

When it was time to prepare his art surface and execute the color work, he drew on the same techniques and materials artists have been using for centuries.

Sporny, a talented artist with more than 40 group and solo exhibitions to his credit, has been a member of the Marshall faculty for seven years. A Fulbright Fellow, he has received several awards, grants and scholarships for his work.

A reception to view the works and meet the artist will be held Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gallery. The reception and exhibit are open to the public free of charge. The gallery is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Fruth Pharmacy endows employees' scholarship

Officers of Fruth Pharmacy recently presented a \$10,000 check to The Marshall University Foundation Inc. to endow a scholarship.

Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, Marshall associate vice president for institutional advancement, accepted the check presented by Don G. Pullin, president and chief operating officer of Fruth Pharmacy Inc., Jack E. Fruth, chairman and chief executive officer, and Jerry K. Kelley, director of human resources for the corporation.

Hunter said a corporate donation and proceeds from the corporation's annual benefit golf tournament are funding the scholarship that will be awarded annually to a Fruth employee or the spouse, child or grandchild of a Fruth employee. The first scholarship will be awarded this fall.

Pullin said proceeds from the golf tournament will be added to the fund each year. One award will be made annually to provide educational expenses for one academic year. The award is not renewable.

Fruth Pharmacy Inc. operates 18 stores in West Virginia and Ohio.

## Comedy to be performed

The Marshall University Theatre will present "6 RMS RIV VU" Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 27-29, at 8 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Tickets for the comedy will be \$6. Tickets for the dinner theatre will be \$20.

To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall University Box Office, 696-2787.



Past winners of the Carey Award attended a reception held recently at the MU president's house to present this year's award to Huntington attorney E. Henry Broh. Carey Award winners attending the reception were, left to right, Sally Carey, Janet Bromley, Henry Broh, Jim Tweel and James Carey.

## MU Department of Music presents award to Broh

Huntington attorney E. Henry Broh was presented this year's Carey Award by Marshall University's Department of Music during a reception held recently at University Place.

The award, named in honor of its first recipients, Dr. and Mrs. James Carey of Huntington, was established in 1990 to recognize members of the community who have made significant contributions to Marshall's music program, according to Dr. Donald A. Williams, chair of the Department of Music.

Williams said Broh was unanimously selected for the award by the Department of Music faculty.

"Mr. Broh was selected because of his tremendous support of Music Department activities as well as his support for community organizations such as the Huntington Chamber Orchestra and the Summer Pops Orchestra," said Williams. "He has quietly supported our programs for many years and we want to acknowledge that support and show him our appreciation. We also want to acknowledge the support Mr. Broh's late wife, Betsy, gave to area arts organizations."

Williams said the inscription on the Carey Award plaque will name both Mr. and Mrs. Broh as recipients. The plaque, located outside Marshall's Smith Recital Hall, lists all award winners.

The award includes a "passport" that entitles recipients to free lifetime admission to all functions of the MU Department of Music.

A 1935 graduate of Marshall, Broh was active in various theater productions during his undergraduate years. Williams said Broh was depicted on the frieze of the Old Main Theater in costume from his role in "Androcles and the Lion."

Broh has been active in community theater productions and served on the boards of directors of the Huntington Chamber Orchestra Association and the Marshall Artists Series.

He served as president of the Institute for the Arts in Marshall's College of Fine Arts and was active in the formation of the Huntington Chamber Orchestra's Summer Pops concerts.

Past Carey Award winners include: Jim and Sally Tweel, 1994; Janet Bromley, 1992, and Morris Kuntz, 1991.