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Two structures will be dedicated Saturday

Dedication ceremonies will be held Saturday afternoon for two Marshall University structures.

"We're celebrating the old and the new at Marshall University in the same day," Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said. "First, we will pay tribute to the heritage of the one-room schoolhouse and its role in American education. Then, we will dedicate our new Welcome Center -- a welcome addition to campus in providing services to prospective students and anyone interested in the university."

The first ceremony is the dedication of the Union School, a one-room schoolhouse, circa 1889, recently relocated to the Marshall campus from Guyan Creek Road near the Cabell-Mason county line.

Commonly known as "Punkin Center," the structure was donated to the university by Tina F. Bryan of Glenwood in memory

of her husband, James M. "Bill" Bryan. It will house the Ovie and Jesse Cline One-Room School Museum.

The dedication ceremony for the school and the museum will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the school's new location on the northeast corner of 5th Avenue and 17th Street, near the College of Education.

Dr. Paul F. Lutz, Marshall associate professor of history, spearheaded the acquisition of a one-room schoolhouse to celebrate West Virginia's rural education history as well as Marshall's heritage as an early leader in teacher education.

The project began in 1990 with grant assistance from the Cabell County Commission, the City of Huntington and The Marshall University Foundation Inc. Marshall alumnus Phil Cline, who attended a one-room school in Martin County, Ky., funded renovations to the Union School building as a memorial to his parents who attended and later taught in one-room schools.

Dedication ceremonies for the Welcome Center, located across 5th Avenue from the Union School, will begin at 3:15 p.m.

The Welcome Center will house some admissions and registration activities, as well as the university's Department of Public Safety. Prospective students may watch a videotape about the university at the Welcome Center prior to being taken on a campus tour by a member of the admissions staff.

Printed materials are available at all hours as the center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Karen Mitchell receives Professor of Year award

Karen Mitchell, assistant professor of mathematics at Marshall University, has been chosen by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as the 1995 West Virginia Professor of the Year, according to an announcement made by Marshall President J. Wade Gilley.

A native of Huntington, Mitchell received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and English education from Marshall in 1971 and received her master's degree from the university in 1979. She currently is working on her doctoral dissertation at West Virginia University.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1979, Mitchell taught mathematics and served as chair of the Mathematics Department at Milton High School. She also served as a graduate assistant at Marshall and West Virginia University.

Mitchell, the recipient of Marshall's 1995 Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teaching Award, has been involved in numerous activities at the university. She has served as the Mathematics Department liaison to the College of Education, program director and adviser to mathematics majors in the College of Education, placement director, director of the MU Mathematics Competition and served on the Institutional Hearing Panel and the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee. She also conducts various inservice workshops for public school teachers, gives workshops for public school students and makes presentations on mathematics and mathematics education for community organizations and groups.

She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Mathematics Association of America, the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



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MU History Department holding lecture series

A film and lecture series titled "Arab Americans and Peace in the Middle East" will be presented by Marshall University's Department of History and Office of Multicultural and International Programs, according to Garay Menicucci, assistant professor of Middle East history at Marshall.

A premiere of the film, "Tales from Arab Detroit," by Joan Mandell will open the series Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in Corby Hall Room 105.

The film looks at what happens when a traditional Egyptian poet from a village in the Nile Delta goes to Detroit, Mich. It features third generation Arab Americans, recent immigrants, storytellers, rappers, hip-hop artists and a girls' basketball team from the largest Arab community in North America.

Mandell will be available to answer questions and discuss the film.

Researcher, writer and political activist Bashar Tarabieh, a Syrian resident of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, will make a presentation titled "Prospects for Peace Between Israel and Syria" on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in Corby Hall Room 105.

Sandra Samaan, AMIDEAST program officer for the Democratic Development Unit, a project advising the Palestinian Autonomous Authority in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, will make

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Committee discusses class dropping policy

(The following report on the Oct. 4 meeting of the Marshall University Budget and Academic Policy Committee was submitted by Dwight Jensen, secretary.)

The Budget and Academic Policy Committee met Oct. 4 and discussed problems created by students who drop some courses and then try to sign up for the courses at later pre-registrations, thus creating backlogs and filling some courses before new students have a chance to register for them. English 101 and the sophomore Spanish courses are among the courses with large backlogs and frustrated seekers.

Mitchell receives award

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"Karen Mitchell is the perfect example of what makes a good teacher," said Gilley. "She puts the needs of her students first. She has developed innovative teaching strategies and takes the time to make sure her students understand the class material in a subject that often seems difficult. To her students and colleagues, Karen Mitchell is an inspiration and a very special educator and person. She is very deserving of this prestigious honor."

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) established the Professor of the Year program in 1981 and works in cooperation with The Carnegie Foundation and other higher education associations in its administration. The purpose of the program is to salute the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country--those who excel as teachers and influence the lives and careers of their students.

This year, The Carnegie Foundation announced winners in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Two preliminary panels of judges were assembled by CASE to select most of the state winners and the national finalists. The Carnegie Foundation then convened a special panel that selected the remaining state winners and four national winners.

Mitchell is the first professor from Marshall to be honored by CASE and The Carnegie Foundation since the inception of the awards program in 1981.

Lecture series scheduled

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a presentation titled "Palestinian Elections in the West Bank and Gaza" on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105.

All of the programs are open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Menicucci in Marshall University's Department of History, 696-2725.

Lunchbag seminar slated

A lunchbag seminar titled "Co-dependent Relationships: Warning Signs, Symptoms and Recovery" will be presented Wednesday, Oct. 25, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.

The seminar is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Office of Women's and Returning Student Programs, 696-3112.

To remedy the problem, the committee recommended two steps:

(1) That students be permitted to pre-register for no more than 15 hours. That would reduce the number of courses that are filled during pre-registration; some students now register for as many as 18 credits, intending to drop some of them later.

(2) That any student who drops a class not be permitted to pre-register after that. That would give new students the inside track on popular classes and require those students who create the backlog by dropping classes to wait in line before signing up for the classes again.

The committee also decided against recommending a change to a plus-minus grading system. There were two reasons: Faculty opinion on campus is divided, and if Marshall was to go to a plus-minus system it could only be as part of a move by the entire state university system to plus-minus grading, due to a policy already in place.

MAS production focuses on life of Patsy Cline

"Always.....Patsy Cline" will be presented by the Marshall Artists Series, the Twentieth Street Bank and WTCR Radio Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Jessica Welch stars as the legendary country singer in this two-act musical by the Arkansas Repertory Theatre.

The play portrays Patsy Cline's life through the eyes of one of her biggest fans. Candyce Hinkle plays Louise Seger, the fan who became fascinated with Cline after seeing her on the Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts television show in 1957. Cline signed all of her letters to Seger "Love, Always.....Patsy Cline."

Cline's career spanned five short years before she was killed in a plane crash in 1963. She was posthumously inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1973.

The play features several of Cline's hits including "Walking After Midnight," "He's Not You," "Your Cheatin' Heart," "I Fall to Pieces" and "Crazy."

Tickets are \$28, \$24 and \$20. Full-time Marshall students are admitted free with valid identification. Tickets are half-price for Marshall faculty and staff, part-time MU students and youth 17 and under.

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

MU Theatre has 'Dry Rot'

"Dry Rot," a comedy by John Chapman, will be presented by the Marshall University Theatre Nov. 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Marshall students with valid identification cards will be admitted free. Tickets will be \$8 for the general public and \$6 for senior citizens. Discounts will be given to part-time Marshall students, MU retirees and high school groups. To obtain tickets contact the Marshall University Theatre Box Office, 696-2787.

To obtain further details about the production contact Dr. N. Bennett East in Marshall University's Department of Theatre/Dance, 696-2511.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. SUSAN C. POWER, associate professor of art, has been named West Virginia's 1995 Outstanding Art Educator. This is the highest honor the West Virginia Art Education Association bestows on an art educator. POWER received the award at the 16th annual WVAEA conference held Oct. 5-7 at Marshall. She will be honored at the upcoming National Art Education Conference scheduled this spring in San Francisco, Calif. POWER has served as 1995 WVAEA president, conference coordinator and director of the Southeastern Region Dream Makers Program that was part of the recent WVAEA conference.

Dr. T.E. WILSON of the Department of Physics and Physical Science presented a paper titled "Single Mode Operation of an Unstable-Resonator Hybrid TEA CO₂ Laser" at the fall meeting of the American Physical Society's Ohio Region held Oct. 6-7 at the University of Dayton.

Dr. SAM DAMERON, professor and chair of the Criminal Justice Department, and WENDY TEEL, a graduate assistant in

the department, have had an article titled "High Tech, Low Tech, No Tech: Technology in Crime Prevention" accepted for publication in the December issue of the LAE Journal of the American Criminal Justice Association.

Dr. JOHN SINGLEY, associate professor in the Safety Technology Program, presented an instructional program covering Safety Management, Industrial Hygiene Management and Security to the Tri-State chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management on Oct. 9 on the Marshall campus. This was the second program he presented for the Tri-State chapter. The programs enable the participants to qualify, upon examination, as certified human resource managers.

Dr. AHMAD KHALILI, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, was elected president of the West Virginia Sociological Association during the association's annual meeting held Oct. 5-6 at Fairmont State College. Dr. LYNDIA ANN EWEN of the Department of Sociology/Anthropology was elected president elect. EWEN presented a paper titled "Sustaining the Myth of the Black Underclass: Ignoring West Virginia" during the meeting. Other Marshall faculty and students from the Sociology/Anthropology Department attending the meeting were Dr. KENNETH AMBROSE, RICHARD BUTLER, CHRIS MARSH and ROBERT WEBB.

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of recreational sports and fitness activities, hosted the fifth annual state workshop of the West Virginia Intramural-Recreational Sports Association held Oct. 6. The workshop brought recreational sports professionals and students from across West Virginia to the Marshall campus.

Statewide council formed

Dr. Ken Williams, professor of communication studies at Marshall, and Dr. Jim McCroskey, professor and chair of communications studies at West Virginia University, recently founded the West Virginia Collegiate Communication Council, the newest professional organization in the communication field.

The purpose of the council is to provide communication professionals at West Virginia colleges and universities with the means for establishing virtual community via the Internet, supporting professional development and adding value to the state's future through the enhanced communication competencies of its citizens.

At the council's inaugural convocation held last spring in Morgantown, Bob Edmunds, associate professor of communication studies at Marshall, served as a principal speaker on the topic of program assessment. Bill Denman, chair of the MU Communication Studies Department, was named convener of the council.

Marshall's Department of Communication Studies recently sponsored a workshop for the council on the use of Internet resources to support education. Denman served as host for the program. Cam Brammer, associate professor of communication studies at Marshall, was in charge of the hospitality arrangements.

Williams, who serves as the council's Worldwide Web master, developed the workshop program. Williams also serves as owner of the council's Internet discussion list--WVCE-L.

The council's next meeting will be held this spring in Huntington.

MU authors sought by bookstore

Faculty and staff who have recently released books or have books that are currently available should contact the Marshall University Bookstore, according to Joe Vance, merchandise manager at the bookstore.

The bookstore will use the information to update the Faculty Authors book section and provide resource materials to interested individuals.

Information can be sent to Debbie Dorsey at the Marshall University Bookstore, 696-2460.

Office has grant details

The National Science Foundation's division of undergraduate education offers grant opportunities in the following areas: Course and Curriculum Development, Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement, Faculty Enhancement, Collaboratives for Excellence in Teacher Preparation and Advanced Technological Education.

Program announcements and application guidelines are available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

'Who's Who' nominations wanted

The Office of Student Activities and Organizations is accepting nominations for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

"Who's Who" is a national honor program that recognizes upperclass and graduate students for outstanding scholarship and leadership.

A campus selection committee will screen nominees on the following areas: scholarship, leadership, volunteer service, achievement and special considerations.

Students with the highest scores will be selected for induction into "Who's Who" and will be honored at a leadership banquet during the spring semester.

Nomination forms have been sent to student organization officers, faculty and staff. Completed forms should be returned to the Student Activities Office, Memorial Student Center Room 2W38, by Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Internet regulation topic of PRSSA panel

Advocates of the First Amendment, opponents of pornography and an authority on computer technology will discuss proposals to regulate the Internet during a program at Marshall University Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

"Censoring Cyberspace: Directing Traffic on the Information Highway" is being sponsored by Marshall's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Randy Bobbitt, assistant professor in Marshall's School of Journalism and Mass Communications, said the rapid growth of the Internet, the ease with which it can distribute words and pictures and its appeal to children and teenagers has created controversial proposals to regulate the system in an attempt to protect young audiences from objectionable material. He said many of

the proposals, including those currently being discussed in Congress, have raised possible First Amendment conflicts.

Scheduled to take part in the panel are:

--Hillary Chiz, West Virginia Civil Liberties Union (philosophical perspective);

--Dr. Robert Behrman, Marshall University Political Science Department (First Amendment perspective);

--David Wiley, Internet consultant and trainer (technological perspective);

--Karen Salters, Tri-State Citizens Against Pornography (anti-pornography perspective);

--Rev. Rex Bartholomew, Cabell County School Board (family, religious and educational perspective).

The program will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Bobbitt in Marshall's School of Journalism and Mass Communications, 696-2728; E-mail bobbitt@marshall.edu.

Photographer to discuss works in Birke Gallery

Photographs by Charlee Brodsky, associate professor of photography at Carnegie Mellon University, are being exhibited in Marshall University's Birke Art Gallery through Nov. 2.

Brodsky is a documentary photographer who uses a series of photographs to explore a subject in greater depth than is possible through a single picture.

Her work has been exhibited in galleries in New York, Delaware, Texas, Oregon, Pennsylvania and the former Soviet Union. She currently is involved in two book projects: "A History of Photography in Pittsburgh" with Linda Benedict-Jones, and "An Anthropological and Photographic Book on Homestead, Pennsylvania" with Judith Modell.

Three series of works are on display in Birke Art Gallery: "Gillian," a series on Brodsky's daughter that made her realize the photograph almost always falls short of containing the fullness of the subject; "Homestead," a study of the Pennsylvania town of that name, and "Stephanie's Story--A Human Document," a series through which the photographer and her subject tried to personalize cancer statistics by creating a visual and verbal human document.

"Stephanie's Story" emphasizes life after a mastectomy and tries to demystify the experience of breast cancer.

Brodsky, who received a bachelor's degree from Sarah Lawrence College and a master's degree from Yale University, will discuss her work and the relationship between photographer and subject during a presentation Monday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. in Birke Art Gallery located in Smith Hall.

The exhibition and presentation are open to the public free of charge.

Birke Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Art, 304-696-6760.

Bookstore establishes food drop

The Marshall University Bookstore, in cooperation with Information Referral of Huntington, has located food drop containers at the bookstore's main floor entrance and textbook store entrance.

Non-perishable food items collected in the containers will be distributed by the Food Bank of Huntington.

WVU waivers available

Application forms for West Virginia University tuition waivers for the 1996 spring term are available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

Full-time faculty and staff members are eligible for waivers, with a maximum award of six credit hours.

Completed applications are due in the MU Graduate School Office by Tuesday, Oct. 31.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, 696-2816.

Dissertation defense set

Penny Summers Fisher, a candidate for the Marshall University-West Virginia University doctor of education in public school administration degree, will defend her dissertation Thursday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. in Jenkins Hall Room 219 (Dean's Conference Room).

Observers are welcome but seating will be limited, according to Dr. Robert Bickel, chair of the Dissertation Committee.

MU Faculty Senate to meet

Marshall University's Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m. in the Patio Dining Area on the second floor of Memorial Student Center.

The agenda will include: approval of minutes of 9/28/95, announcements, report of the university president, ACF report, five standing committee recommendations (one recommendation concerns modification of the forms used to add, change or delete a course, four recommendations concern the changing, deleting and adding of courses), standing committee reports from the following committees: Academic Planning, Athletic, Budget and Academic Policy, and Faculty Personnel, and agenda requests for future meetings.