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# MU NEWSLETTER

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## University will open center in Mason County

Marshall University will establish a Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant to make higher education opportunities more accessible to people in that area, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Expected to be operational for the next academic year, the new Mid-Ohio Valley Center is a cooperative effort between Marshall's Adult and Extended Education Program and education, business and industry leaders in the Point Pleasant area.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim dean for adult and extended education at Marshall, said a comprehensive schedule of courses has been developed for fall 1994.

"We are committed to bringing a full schedule of general education requirements," said Spears. "We know a significant number of potential students who live in the Point Pleasant and Gallipolis, Ohio, areas feel higher education programs are beyond their reach. This will no longer be the case. We intend to bring as many courses as possible to our Mid-Ohio Valley Center."

Spears said 22 hours of credit will be available this fall. He said a two-year schedule of general education courses at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center will allow a student to pick up nearly half of the requirements needed for a bachelor's degree.

The Mason County Board of Education will initially provide classroom space for the evening-oriented schedule.

"We have been wanting a program of this type for some time,"  
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## Celebration of Women set

The Marshall University Office of Women's Programs will sponsor its fifth annual Celebration of Women on Wednesday, March 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Susan L. Taylor, editor-in-chief of Essence magazine and vice president of Essence Communication Inc., will be the featured speaker for the event designed to recognize the achievements of women in the Tri-State area and at Marshall University.



Susan L. Taylor

Frances Fanning-Greller, interim coordinator of women's programs at Marshall, said scholarships will be awarded to at least four women on the basis of outstanding community/university service, academic achievement and contributions to interracial understanding and gender equity.

Women from 17 area high schools also will be honored during the program for their accomplishments in academics, leadership and extracurricular activities. The honorees were nominated by their high school principals.

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## MU SURPASSES UNITED WAY GOAL

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley receives a trophy presented to the university on behalf of the United Way of the River Cities from Dr. Nell C. Bailey, Marshall's campaign coordinator. The trophy was presented to MU for surpassing its goal of \$62,500 and finishing in fourth place for per capita giving to the River Cities United Way for all businesses and organizations with more than 300 employees. Gilley, who also was recognized as a platinum pacesetter for his contribution to the campaign, presented Bailey with a plaque in recognition of her service as campaign chair. During a victory celebration held Monday, March 14, Bailey recognized all of Marshall's pacesetters, campaign captains and others who worked on the campaign. She presented plaques to the School of Medicine for having the most pacesetters and the College of Business for having the next highest number of pacesetters. The College of Science was recognized as the first division to reach its goal. The Research and Economic Development Center received a plaque for being the only MU unit with 100 percent participation. Special recognition also was given to the Emeritus Club. The following units were recognized for meeting their goals: Academic Affairs, Administration, College of Fine Arts, College of Liberal Arts, Community and Technical College, Emeritus Club, Finance Division, Multicultural and International Programs, President's Staff, School of Nursing and Student Government Association.

## General to visit campus

Major General James M. Lyle, commanding general, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Monroe, Va., will visit Huntington on Monday and Tuesday, March 21-22, to chair a four-state commander's conference on the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Professors of military science and their senior noncommissioned officers from 20 colleges and universities from West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Maryland will attend the conference.

During his visit, Lyle will meet with Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and attend a luncheon with several of the  
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# Taylor will be featured speaker for event

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Taylor, known for her inspirational "In the Spirit" essays, will discuss her unique views on women in the workplace and the power of positive thinking in building self-confidence while precipitating change.

Taylor joined the Essence magazine staff in 1970 as a freelance beauty writer.

Since she was named Essence editor-in-chief in 1981, the magazine's readership has grown to approximately 5.1 million people. She was named vice president of Essence Communication Inc. in 1986.

## MU to open new center

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said Michael Whalen, superintendent for Mason County schools. "We have worked with Marshall in the past and intermittently sponsored courses with the university so we feel very comfortable with this new initiative. We welcome this new center and will assist in whatever way we can to make it successful."

Homer Preece, a Mason County teacher and part-time instructor for Marshall, will be the local coordinator for the center. Preece will assist interested students in university admittance, scheduling of courses and registration.

Spears recently met with the Point Pleasant Rotary Club and received a strong commitment from local business people and educators. He said several members expressed interest in serving on an advisory board that is being established for the center.

"We are very excited about the opportunities the Mid-Ohio Valley Center will provide citizens in the Mason County and Gallipolis areas," Spears said. "I also want to stress that the center will serve adults as well as high school students and recent high school graduates."

To obtain further details about the Mid-Ohio Valley Center contact Spears at Marshall University's Office of Adult and Extended Education, 696-4723.

## General visiting campus

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university's key administrators. Major General Joseph J. Skaff, adjutant general of West Virginia and secretary of public safety, also will attend the luncheon.

Lyle is responsible for officer production throughout the United States Army including ROTC programs, West Point and Officer Candidate School. He is responsible for Junior ROTC programs throughout the world and is the oldest serving Junior ROTC cadet on active duty.

He also will visit the Junior ROTC unit at Paul Blazer High School, Ashland, Ky., and West Virginia State College, Institute.

Lyle will be accompanied by Brigadier General Gregory A. Rountree, the new commanding general of the 12-state Second ROTC Region headquartered at Fort Knox, Ky.

This is the first visit to Marshall University by a cadet command general in the ROTC program's 43-year history, according to Lt. Col. John F. Smith, chair of Marshall's Military Science Division, who will host the conference.

Taylor hosts the annual Essence awards program that recognizes achievements by African Americans and served as co-host of "Essence, The Television Program" which was broadcast four seasons and reached 70 percent of the African American marketplace. She has interviewed many famous people including Winnie Mandela and Diana Ross.

Her first book, also titled "In the Spirit," was published in 1993 and features a collection of her essays and new commentary.

Taylor received a bachelor's degree in social science and economics from Fordham University and received honorary doctorates from Lincoln University and Delaware State University.

She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, the Society of Professional Journalists, the American Society of Magazine Editors, the Alliance Directors Resource Council for the National Women's Economic Alliance Foundation and Women in Communications.

Taylor's essays placed Essence among the first magazines to raise issues concerning drug use, incest, rape and other controversial subjects. She also advocates working with teenage mothers, women in prison and the poor in an effort to help them take charge of their lives.

"Susan Taylor embodies many qualities that make her perfect for our Celebration of Women," said Fanning-Greller. "She is a person who hopes to affect women's lives and empower them to recognize they can break all the barriers and reach beyond the 'glass ceiling.'"

"Everyone who attends will get something out of the program. This is a great opportunity for men and women to learn and affirm the achievements of women in the Tri-State area and at Marshall University."

Taylor's presentation is being sponsored by Marshall's Office of Women's Programs, the Office of Multicultural and International Programs, the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, MU Faculty Women and the Special Events Committee of Campus Entertainment Unlimited.

The program and a reception afterward will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Women's Programs, 696-3112.

## MU faculty/staff needed to serve as fair judges

Marshall University faculty and staff members are needed to serve as judges for the West Virginia State Social Studies Fair which will be held Friday, May 20, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Huntington Civic Center.

Dr. Mahlon Brown, retired MU faculty member and coordinator of the fair, said winners from county social studies fairs throughout the state will be participating in the event.

"This is an enjoyable and challenging program that gives us an opportunity to interact with bright students from throughout the state," said Brown. "Participation by our faculty and staff in past fairs has left many students with favorable impressions of the university."

Persons interested in serving as judges should contact Barbara Lanham, 696-6610, or Brown, 525-8255.

# Bellson to perform with Marshall ensembles

Renowned jazz drummer Louie Bellson will perform as a guest soloist with the Marshall University Jazz and Percussion ensembles on Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m. in the Jean C. Stephenson Auditorium in Huntington City Hall.

He will perform the "Concerto for Drum Set and Percussion Ensemble" with the MU Percussion Ensemble and several of his own compositions including "East Side Suite," "Blow Your Horn" and "The Louie Shuffle" with the MU Jazz Ensemble.

Bellson has been expressing himself on drums since the age of three. When he was 15 he pioneered the double bass drum set-up and when he was just 17 years old he triumphed over 40,000 drummers to win the Slingerland National Gene Krupa Competition.

As an internationally acclaimed artist, he has performed in

## Surplus equipment to be sold week of April 18

The spring sale of surplus university equipment and supplies will be held the week of April 18, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management.

Departments that have equipment and supplies to sell should contact Carol Skaggs, manager of central receiving, 696-6678, to coordinate tagging and pick up by Plant Operations.

All material will be on display for faculty, staff, students and the general public on Monday and Tuesday, April 18-19, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Sorrell Maintenance Building at 20th Street and Third Avenue.

All items are "as is-where is" with no guarantee as to condition.

Written bids will be accepted from interested individuals until 8 a.m. on April 20 when the bids will be sorted and tabulated in the Purchasing Office.

Individuals with the highest bids will be contacted by telephone and expected to pay for and pick up their purchases by 4 p.m. Friday, April 22.

There will be a special preview of the available equipment and supplies for **university departments only** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12. At that time equipment and supplies that can be utilized in university departments can be selected and removed at no cost.

## Jaki will give lecture

Stanley Jaki of Seton Hall University will make a presentation titled "From Flying Buttresses to Flying Monks (The Technology of the Middle Ages)" at Marshall University on Thursday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

The presentation, open to the public free of charge, is part of the "History of Science" lecture series being sponsored by the College of Science and the Office of Multicultural and International Programs.

To obtain further details contact Dr. James Moloney, 696-3045.

most of the major capitals of the world and has appeared at the White House more than any other performer, except for his wife, Pearl Bailey, and comedian Bob Hope.

He has performed on and/or recorded approximately 200 albums as a leader, co-leader or sideman and performed with a "Who's Who" list of the country's most famous big band and jazz musicians.

In 1966 Bellson toured briefly with Count Basie and his ex-boss Harry James. A few years later, Buddy Rich asked Bellson to lead Rich's band on a tour he couldn't make because of health problems.

Bellson's compositions and arrangements embrace jazz, jazz/rock/fusion, romantic orchestral suites, symphonic works and a ballet, according to Dr. Ben Miller of Marshall's Department of Music. "Little-known to many of his listeners, the versatile Mr. Bellson is a poet and a lyricist, too," said Miller.

As an author, Bellson has published more than a dozen books on drums and percussion and currently is working with his biographer on a book chronicling his remarkable career. The book will bear the same title as one of Bellson's compositions, "Skin Deep."

Bellson has received numerous awards and honors from many prestigious organizations and an honorary doctoral degree from Northern Illinois University. He has been nominated for four Grammy awards.

His most recent honor came in January when he was selected as an "American Jazz Master" by the National Endowment for the Arts. The NEA has bestowed this honor on only 28 other musicians.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To purchase tickets contact Dr. Richard Lemke at Marshall University's Department of Music, 696-2482.

## Guitar concert scheduled

Leo Welch, assistant professor of guitar and coordinator of music theory at Marshall University, will present a classical guitar concert on Sunday, March 20, at 4 p.m. at Huntington's St. John's Episcopal Church, 3000 Washington Blvd.

Marshall's first full-time professor of guitar, Welch will perform works spanning 400 years including his own transcriptions of J.S. Bach's "G Minor Violin Sonata" and Simone Molinaro's lute music. The program also will feature "The Dark and Delicate Figures That Sing," a piece written for Welch by Steve Hicken, and a tarantella composed by Hungarian guitar virtuoso Johann Mertz.

Welch has performed throughout the eastern United States and Europe and has published numerous articles in leading guitar journals.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Crane School of Music and Florida State University. He also has completed extensive study of Bach transcriptions at the Eastman School of Music.

The concert will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

# Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Drs. GARY O. RANKIN, MONICA A. VALETOVIC and JOHN L. SZAREK of the Marshall University Department of Pharmacology attended a workshop on Teaching Pharmacology to Medical Students held Feb. 2-3 at The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga. Sponsored by the Association of Medical School Pharmacology, the program included topics on Knowledge Objectives and the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination, Problem Based Learning, Small Group Teaching and Computer Based Teaching Aids.

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management, attended the Academy of Business Administration national meeting held Feb. 22-27 in Las Vegas. ALEXANDER presented a refereed paper, served as a general session chair and participated in two panel discussions. In addition, he attended eight presentations.

Dr. HOWARD R.D. GORDON, associate professor in the Adult and Technical Education Program, recently was appointed to the West Virginia Commission on National and Community Service by Governor Gaston Caperton. The commission was cre-

ated to implement the provisions of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The purpose of the commission is to develop a plan to use resources to support community-based initiatives across the state that are addressing local educational, economic, health, environmental and other social needs.

SUSAN WEAVER of the Sociology Department and ROBERT BICKEL and LINDA LANGE of the Department of Educational Foundations are co-authors of a paper titled "Opportunity, Community and Teen Pregnancy in an Appalachian State." The paper has been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems which will be held Aug. 4-6 in Los Angeles.

Dr. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, dean of the Graduate School, has contributed the Ralph Ellison entry to "Essential Bibliography of American Fiction," published by Facts on File, New York, 1994, pages 19-31. The foreword was written by Keneth Kinnamon. The book was edited by Matthew J. Bruccoli and Judith S. Baughman. DEUTSCH has been notified that an essay on Ernest Gaines' novella, "The Sky Is Gray," is scheduled for publication in the Reference Guide to American Literature, St. James Press, in late 1994 or 1995.

## Dingman to receive award

Dr. Robert L. Dingman, professor in Marshall University's Counseling and Rehabilitation Department, has been selected as the 1994 recipient of the "Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Award for a Humanitarian and Caring Person" by the American Counseling Association (ACA).

The award will be presented at the banquet of the ACA annual convention on Monday, April 25, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Funds for the award were initially provided by the Wrenns as personal witness to their love and admiration for those who care for the welfare of others and care about social issues and problems. The award seeks to honor a person who gives to others without fanfare or expectation of reward other than personal satisfaction in seeing other persons made happier or the social milieu given more integrity.

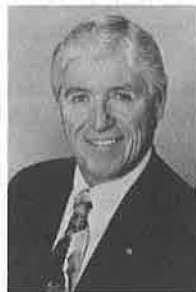
One of the reasons Dingman was selected to receive the award is related to his involvement with the American Red Cross. Dingman has participated in ARC disaster services since 1981.

He has served the local ARC chapter (Western West Virginia chapter) in many capacities and currently serves as a Disaster Action Team member and chairman of Mental Health Services for the Disaster Committee.

Nationally, Dingman has assisted in the development of the mental health training materials and served in more than 30 disasters including hurricanes Hugo and Andrew and the Mississippi floods. He also has taught disaster mental health services courses in many states from California and Oregon to Maine and Georgia.

The American Counseling Association is the national organization for counselors. It has approximately 60,000 members throughout the nation. Dingman has been active in the organization and its affiliates since 1960.

He has served on many committees and written many articles for ACA publications. He currently serves as an associate editor of the Journal of Mental Health Counseling, the journal of the affiliate American Mental Health Counseling Association.



**Robert Dingman**

## Well/Fit events planned

Project Well/Fit will sponsor three low-fat cooking demonstrations for Marshall University faculty and staff and others covered by the PEIA insurance, according to Rick Robinson, coordinator of the program.

The first demonstration on low-fat breakfast foods will be held Monday, March 21, at 11:45 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 270. The second session on low-fat dinner choices will be held Tuesday, March 22, at 4:50 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 270. The third session will be held Wednesday, March 23, at 11:45 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 270.

Robinson said Project Well/Fit will sponsor after work "Wallyball" recreational sessions for MU employees. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45 to 6 p.m. at the Henderson Center racquetball courts beginning April 5.

To register or obtain further details about the cooking and "Wallyball" programs contact Robinson at 696-2937.

A spring walking program also will be held in April at noon or 4:45 p.m. To register for the walking program contact the Marshall University Sports Science and Wellness Institute, 696-3668. If there is no answer leave your name and phone number and the time you would like to participate in the program.

### Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

We wish to thank the Marshall community for its expressions of sympathy and support regarding our loss. Your concern and understanding is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
The Mike and Karla Murphy Family