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# Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. C. ROBERT BARNETT, chairman of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, presented a paper titled "The African Experience as Seen Through Three Popular Film Biographies of Boxers" at the North American Society for Sport History annual meeting held recently at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada.

Dr. WENDELL DOBBS of the Marshall University Department of Music recently was a guest artist for two concerts with the Varna (Bulgaria) Philharmonic and also performed in a recital in Varna. He was prominently mentioned in a review of one of

## MU Classified Staff Council elects officers

Jonathan Brown, manager of the Learning Resources Center in the School of Nursing, has been elected president of the Marshall University Classified Staff Council.

Other newly elected officers are: David Cremeans, senior offset press operator in Graphic Services, vice president; Stephanie Neal, administrative aide in the Faculty Senate Office, secretary, and Shirley Dyer, acting director of printing services, parliamentarian. Nina Barrett, audit clerk in the Controller's Office, was appointed historian. The historian is appointed by the council president.

Members recently elected or re-elected to the Classified Staff Council include: Donald Adkins, Administration Division/Service Maintenance, Plant Operations; Jill Chapman, Academic Affairs Division/Professional, Admissions Office; David Cremeans, President's Division/Technical Para-professional, Graphic Services; Chris McGuffin, School of Medicine Division/Professional, Family and Community Health; Marsha Napier, Academic Affairs Division/Office Personnel, College of Science; Sherri Noble, Academic Affairs Division/Professional, Academic Affairs; Selah Wilson, Finance Division/Professional, Controller's Office; Joe Wortham, Administration Division/Professional, Athletic Department; Connie Zirkle, Academic Affairs Division/Office Personnel, Psychology Department; Melody Murphy, Academic Affairs Division/Office Personnel, Registrar's Office, and Ted Misner, Administration Division/Service Maintenance.

## Center needs envelopes

The Marshall University Computer Center needs large campus envelopes.

If your office or department has a surplus of large campus envelopes contact Virginia Keeney at the Computer Center, 696-3222, to arrange to have the envelopes picked up.

## HS Library hours set

Marshall University's Health Science Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, July 3-4, according to Randy Price, head of circulation at the library.

The Health Science Library will resume regular hours on Tuesday, July 5. The library's regular hours are: Monday through Thursday--8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday--8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday--noon to 4 p.m.; Sunday--5 to 9 p.m.

the concerts in the April 21 issue of The People's Labor published in Varna. Conducted by JOSEPH LINE, a former member of the MU Music Department, the concert was dedicated to American music of the 20th century. Among other things, the reviewer said, "For the 'Poem' by Charles Griffes, Joseph Line could not have brought a more lyrical, expressive and pleasant flutist than Wendell Dobbs who also played piccolo solo in the march by Sousa ('Stars and Stripes Forever') showing that he also possesses a lighter sense of humor." LINE is now music director of a company called Arts Development that promotes international artistic exchange. DOBBS' appearance was supported by the university's Quinlan Endowment Fund for Faculty Travel.

Dr. CHONG W. KIM, professor and chairman of the Management Department, presented a paper titled "Sales Representatives and Their Expanding Role in Total Quality Management" on June 2 at the Pan-Pacific Conference XI held in Bangkok, Thailand. He also chaired a paper session on "Issues in Quality Management" during the conference.

Dr. JOHN L. SZAREK, associate professor of pharmacology, presented a paper titled "Relation between airway hyperresponsiveness and smooth muscle area in isolated rat bronchi after hyperoxia" during a poster discussion session at the American Lung Association/American Thoracic Society International Conference held May 21-25 in Boston. As a member of the committee, he attended a meeting of the Program Committee for the Respiratory Structure and Function Assembly. He also presided over a thematic poster session on airway pharmacology. A portion of his travel expenses were covered by a grant from the Quinlan Endowment Fund for Faculty Travel.

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN of the Department of Pharmacology had a paper titled "Acute N-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)succinimide nephrotoxicity in female Fischer 344 rats" published in Toxicology (No. 88, 1994, 151-164). Co-authors were KELLY W. BEERS, VONDA J. TEETS, and DIANNE K. ANESTIS of the Department of Pharmacology, PATRICK I. BROWN and RUU-TONG WANG of the Department of Anatomy and Derek W. Nicoll.

Dr. DEBRA TEACHMAN, assistant professor of English, participated in a four-day seminar titled "Victorians and the Social Body" held recently at West Virginia University. The seminar was led by Victorian literary and cultural critic Dr. Mary Poovey of Johns Hopkins University.

BARBARA J. KOSTER, an MU graduate and faculty member in the School of Nursing, and JANICE SMITH, a graduate of the MU School of Nursing, along with two other nurses, represented West Virginia at a breakfast reception held recently in Washington, D.C., during National Nurses Week. President Bill Clinton addressed the more than 400 guests which included nurses from throughout the country, members of Congress, Clinton administration officials and national nursing leaders. During the reception Virginia Trotter Betts, president of the American Nurses Foundation, announced the creation of a \$40,000 endowed research fund dedicated in the memory of Virginia Kelly, the president's mother, who was a certified registered nurse.

Huntington attorney WILLIAM L. REDD, associate professor in the legal assistant program of Marshall University's Community and Technical College, received the Mountain State Bar Association's Harry Capehart Award during the organization's annual meeting in Bluefield. The award, presented only once every 10 years, is based on outstanding leadership to the community and the Mountain State Bar Association.

## Midkiff receives Employee of the Month Award

Elinor Midkiff, campus telephone operator, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Midkiff has worked for the university for 18 years.

She was nominated for the award by Sheila Wiley of the Marshall University Computer Center.

In making the nomination, Wiley said, "For the past 18 years, Elinor has proven herself to be a faithful, dedicated employee. Having worked with her in her capacity as campus operator, I have seen how she goes out of her way to accommodate the caller in every way possible. As rude as some callers can be and as crazy as some of the questions can get, she treats all callers,

whether student, staff, faculty or outside caller, with the same courtesy and willingness to help.

"She is a wealth of information and serves the university well as the real 'voice of Marshall' since she is the first person callers come in contact with when calling MU. She is most deserving to be recognized for her continued service to Marshall as campus operator."

Midkiff 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.



Midkiff

## Marshall classes can be sent via phone lines

Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community College took a giant step into 21st century communications Thursday, June 16, as MU President J. Wade Gilley and SWVCC President Harry J. Boyer "shook hands" at a distance of more than 60 miles via video and audio signals transmitted by telephone lines. Gilley was in Huntington, Boyer in Logan.

"We're using technology that permits us to send real time video and audio over phone lines. This will allow us in the immediate future to teach classes through Marshall University via telephone line at SWVCC and perhaps next year at our Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant," said Instructional Television Services General Manager Adrian Lawson. "This was a conjunctive effort between the university, SWVCC, Seneca Communications, Inc., British Telecom and Bell Atlantic of West Virginia. We appreciate everyone's efforts in making this endeavor possible."

The modern technology will provide Marshall opportunities to reach more potential students who do not have access to a higher educational institution. These students will be able to interact with professors all over the state, bringing a new aspect to the term "distance learning."

"Marshall University has been teaching classes by instructional television for some time, but thanks to Dr. William S. Deel, director of campus technology and his staff, SWVCC, and our three business supporters, we now have an ideal mix between educational institutions and the private sector," said H. Keith Spears, interim dean of Adult and Extended Education. "A new level of technology is now at our disposal and we plan to use it to its fullest."

Seneca Communications, Inc. has established a system at SWVCC and played a major role in packaging the technology for use at Marshall, Spears said. "Through their equipment and

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# MU Alumni Center rental rates established

New campus rental rates for facilities in the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 Fifth Ave., have been established, according to Linda Holmes, director of alumni affairs.

"The Erickson Alumni Center Committee feels strongly that the campus should have the opportunity to utilize the center at reduced rates," said Holmes.

She said since the center is not a state facility, it is necessary

## Classes on phone lines

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expertise this demonstration was made a reality."

"We set up our first system about two years ago," commented George Sizemore, Seneca Communications secretary/treasurer. "We have a statewide telemedicine system in place to allow rural hospitals and health care centers access to specialists at a larger medical center. It is important to see education coming on board like this."

"Our role was to provide state-of-the-art video conferencing technology which makes it possible for voice video and graphics to be digitized small enough to be carried over phone lines," explained Lyle Thomlinson of British Telecom, a \$25 billion company which prides itself as a leader in the telecommunications industry.

Bell Atlantic of West Virginia provided the Intralata network, personnel, manpower and access to lines.

The service which allowed the two schools to be connected is ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network). This is the first all digital dial-up service offered by the public switched telephone industry. The service is similar to a modem using a common telephone line where analog pulses are converted to digital at the switch. Unlike modems, which have a low bandwidth and high cost for the time required to move large amounts of data, ISDN circuits are truly digital with end-to-end pulse code modulation and greater bandwidth.

## Letters of Appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you so much for your kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and gifts during my family's recent loss.

Your concern and support for me and my family is deeply appreciated and will always be gratefully remembered.

Sincerely,  
Bill Burdette

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Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

On behalf of my children and myself, I want to thank the members of the Marshall faculty and staff for the flowers, cards and other expressions of sympathy following the death of my husband, John Miller.

Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Maria Teresa Miller

to charge rental for all costs associated with operating the facility and renting it for special events.

The following rental rates apply only to campus events for a member of the faculty, staff or a department. Campus rates do not apply for outside groups or individuals sponsored by faculty, staff or members of departments although the center is available for rental for private functions and events.

Campus rental rates are:

Room	Day Campus Rates (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)	Evening Campus Rates (6 p.m. to midnight)
Reception Room	\$50	\$100
Board Room	\$25	\$50
Entire Center	\$100	\$150

To obtain further details or make room reservations contact the Marshall University Alumni Affairs Office, 696-3134.

## Fulbrights available

Fulbright opportunities are available for university lecturing or advanced research in nearly 140 countries, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, associate vice president for institutional advancement.

Scholars in all academic ranks are eligible to apply, from junior faculty to professor emeriti. Applications also are encouraged from professionals outside academe, as well as from faculty at all types of institutions.

Awards range from two months to a full academic year. Many of the assignments are flexible. Openings exist in almost every area of the humanities, social sciences, natural and applied sciences, the arts and professional fields such as business, journalism and law.

The basic eligibility requirements for a Fulbright award are U.S. citizenship and a Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications. For lecturing awards, university or college teaching experience is expected. Language skills are needed for some countries but most lecturing assignments are in English.

A single deadline of Aug. 1, 1994, exists for research and lecturing grants. Other deadlines are in place for special programs.

To obtain further details contact Denman, 696-3007.

## Comedy to be presented

The Marshall University Theatre will present "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 7-9, at 8 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Written by John Ford Noonan, the play is a comedy about two mentally abused and scarred women who eventually join forces against their errant and erring husbands.

Tickets are \$6 and are available at the Marshall University Box Office, 696-2787.

# Computer lab result of cooperative effort

A state-of-the-art computer laboratory dedicated to the needs of the criminal justice community in West Virginia has become a reality through the joint efforts of the West Virginia Statistical Analysis Center at Marshall University, the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice and Highway Safety, the West Virginia State Police and the West Virginia Department of Corrections.

An opening ceremony for the center, located at the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute, was held Thursday, June 23.

Members of the West Virginia Statistical Analysis Center Oversight Committee began discussing the need for such a facility more than a year ago, according to Dr. Girmay Berhie, asso-

## Elderhostel scheduled

Elderhostel, a nationally recognized program that offers diverse educational and recreational opportunities for adults 60 years of age and older, will be held Aug. 7-13 at Marshall University.

Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College, said the program has been designed for persons from throughout the country who want to visit the region and take courses while staying on the Marshall campus. He said area residents also can participate in the program at reduced cost by commuting.

"The people who attend Elderhostel are really a great group," said Hensley. "They have a lot of fun and take interesting courses in an atmosphere that promotes learning and camaraderie. Many people attend Elderhostel each year as a vacation because costs are low and many activities and field trips are planned for the participants. They also have free time to do things they want to do."

Commuters will pay reduced fees based on the number of classes and activities they want to attend. "We prefer that commuters register for more than just one class, participate in several group activities and take some meals with our visitors," Hensley said. "However, we do have several packages to offer them depending upon the number of meals they will have on campus and other factors."

Courses scheduled during Elderhostel at Marshall include: "A History of The Ohio River" which will include a field trip, "The Power of Movement: Wellness Activities" and "Lighten Up," a course that examines the place humor has in our lives.

Hensley said local residents can register for the full program and stay with the group or sign up for their choice of activities with some restrictions.

To register or obtain further details about Elderhostel contact the Office of Continuing Education at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 696-3113

## Morrow Library schedule

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, July 3-4, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The library will resume regular summer hours on Tuesday, July 5.

ciate professor of social work at Marshall and WVSAC director.

The WVSAC and an Oversight Committee were established by Governor Gaston Caperton in 1991 through a grant from the United States Department of Justice to the Marshall University Research Corporation. The Oversight Committee, composed of leaders in the field of criminal justice from throughout the state, sets policy for the WVSAC.

Berhie said the WVSAC collects and analyzes data concerning the criminal justice system and related issues. Current projects include research on the impact of crime on the elderly, analyzing narcotics arrests and surveying law enforcement promotion procedures. In the fall, WVSAC will analyze data pertaining to domestic violence.

Prior to the development of the computer laboratory dedicated to criminal justice, there was no basic and easily accessible computer educational facility for criminal justice personnel. Berhie said community colleges and other schools currently providing computer training could not address the specific criminal justice needs of the various municipalities and agencies throughout the state.

The new laboratory includes 14 IBM work stations and an IBM file server, all with 486 processors. The machines are networked utilizing Novell software and ether net adapter cards. Documents are printed on an IBM 4039 laser printer. The initial complement of application software includes WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3 and Teamup although the system provides ample capacity for instructors to add specialized software. Operating systems utilize both DOS and Windows.

In addition to the new equipment, the facility itself has been completely renovated, including the installation of a wheelchair ramp and a handicapped accessible work station.

While the laboratory's top priority will be training for law enforcement and criminal justice personnel, the facility will be available to other groups when not in use.

The WVSAC at Marshall provided more than \$15,000 for the new laboratory. A Drug Control and System Improvement Formula Grant provided more than \$12,000. The West Virginia Department of Public Safety provided approximately \$10,000 for facility renovations. The West Virginia State Police will be responsible for all additional costs including service, maintenance and upgrades.

"This lab will significantly expand and improve the computer literacy of the criminal justice community in West Virginia," said Berhie. "It will provide computer instruction for personnel from several agencies including corrections, probation, law enforcement and highway safety and will provide a uniform education to all trainees. State agencies will be able to exchange information without data compatibility problems and the system will allow the West Virginia criminal justice community to become more efficient and knowledgeable."

"The cooperation between Marshall University, the State Police and the various state agencies has been exceptional. The new laboratory would not be a reality without that cooperation and assistance from all of those involved."