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Many activities planned for MU Homecoming

Banquets, dinners, competitions and reunions will be part of the Marshall University alumni Homecoming celebration Thursday, Oct. 27, to Saturday, Oct. 29.

The annual induction dinner for the Athletic Department Hall of Fame will be Friday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. This year's inductees are Mike Barber, football, 1985-88; Jack Cook, baseball coach, 1954-55 and 1967-89; Jack Mahone, football, 1962-64; Tony Petersen, football, 1986-87; Dr. Bob Saunders, swimming coach, 1967-88; Jim Ward, golf, 1960-62, and Andy Zulauf, soccer, 1981-85. For reservations or more information call Jim Woodrum, director of compliance and special projects, 696-4372.

The Journalism Alumni Association annual awards banquet will be Friday, Oct. 28, at the Radisson Hotel in Huntington. A re-

ception will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call James E. Casto, association president, 526-2796. Deadline for ordering tickets is Oct. 21.

The Marshall University Alumni Association's "An Evening With Friends" reception will be Friday, Oct. 28, from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 5th Ave. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Cost is \$5 per person. Lunch-Under-the-Tent will be Saturday, Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Alumni Association's tent in "Tent City" inside Marshall's track. Barbecues, baked beans, beer, and soft drinks will be served for \$5. WTCR Radio will broadcast live and "Bottoms Up" band will perform.

The association also is co-sponsoring a Homecoming Dance with Oldies 93 RVC Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Holiday Inn Gateway from 8 p.m. to midnight. VIP passes, which include reserved seats, hors d'oeuvres and drink tickets, are \$50 per couple. The price per couple with lodging is \$80. For tickets call the Office of Alumni Affairs, 696-2523.

Herd baseball alumni and families will reunite for a social gathering Friday, Oct. 28, at 9 p.m. at Casz's Sports Tavern, 819 3rd Ave. A pre-game tailgate party will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Tent City inside the Lefty Rollins Track. Batting practice will be Sunday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m. at the St. Cloud Commons. The alumni versus alumni baseball game will begin at noon, followed by the alumni versus the 1994-95 Marshall team coached by Howard McCann. For more information call Greg Rowsey at 697-7532 or McCann, 696-5277.

Former Marshall swimmers will join alumni baseball players
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Harless presented award

Marshall University has awarded its prestigious John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility to James H. "Buck" Harless of Gilbert, W. Va.

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley made the presentation Friday, Oct. 14, during a celebration in observance of Harless' 75th birthday held at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston.

As dignitaries and guests in attendance from throughout the state looked on, Gilley said, "Something is amiss in America and Marshall University is concerned. That something is the continuing decline in commitment to the common good, the lack of unity of purpose, a division of America against itself.

"We are experiencing a fragmentation of American culture and a growing sense that values which promote social stability are being lost. We at Marshall see a need for the university to articulate broad societal interests, as opposed to the specialized interests of various groups--as important as those specialized concerns may seem from time to time.

"We believe there is a critical need in our society for public understanding of American institutions and of the responsibilities of citizens to their society.

"Following these beliefs and to focus the attention of faculty and students and, ultimately, to focus the public's attention on the commonweal, the common good, Marshall recently has taken several steps. One of the most exciting has been the establishment of the John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility to recognize those individuals who have devoted their lives to the common good in this country. Tonight we have with us such a man."

Awarding the medal for just the second time, Gilley said Harless has honored and earned tremendous success.

"Buck Harless could have chosen many years ago to reside in a fancy resort community, anywhere in the world," said Gilley.

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Harless

United Way campaign underway

Marshall University's 1995 United Way campaign got underway Friday, Oct. 14, during a breakfast meeting in Memorial Student Center.

During the meeting, Dr. Nell C. Bailey, this year's campaign chairperson, announced that \$12,686 already had been raised. Since the kickoff meeting, contributions amounting to \$1,004 have been added to the campaign making the total to date \$14,190.

"This is a great start toward meeting our \$62,500 goal," said Bailey.

Jack Deakin, production manager at WSAZ-TV, is serving as the general campaign chair for the United Way campaign this year. Deakin, a Marshall graduate, attended Friday's meeting. He talked about Marshall's unique place in the Tri-State community and how much the university means to him. He urged the campaign team to encourage their constituents to give their fair share.

Bailey also presented Pacesetter pins to contributors during the meeting.

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley was presented a Platinum Pacesetter pin. Gold Pacesetter pins were presented to Dr. Ned Boehm, senior vice president for institutional advancement, and

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for their Friday social and Saturday tailgate party. On Sunday, Oct. 30, the swimmers will have a brunch prior to a competition at Henderson Center. For more information contact John Blasic, (301) 924-0960.

The College of Liberal Arts will have a complimentary alumni brunch Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. until noon on the lawn between Old Main and the Memorial Student Center. Alumni and friends are invited to stop by and greet the new dean, Dr. Joan

Film Festival to start Oct. 21

The Marshall Artists Series' International Film Festival will begin Oct. 21 at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Movies scheduled the week of Oct. 21-27 include "The Scent of Green Papaya," a reflection of the Vietnam War from a servant girl's perspective; "Blue," a Polish tale of a woman's self-inflicted solitude; "Farewell My Concubine" an epic from Peking; "Belle Epoque," an Oscar-winning film from Spain; the controversial British dark comedy, "Naked," and "The Accompanist," a French film about the Paris of 1942.

The movies will be rotated during the week, with each film playing a minimum of three times. The International Film Festival will continue with six different movies the week of March 17-23.

Tickets for the entire series of 12 films will be \$26. There will be a \$6 charge for individual movies. A detailed schedule is available in the Artists Series Office. To order tickets or obtain further details call 696-6656.

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"He could have forgotten the mountains from which he came, his many years of hard work, the people who labored beside him. That was not and is not Buck's way.

"He continues to live in the community of Gilbert and he's still 'Buck' to all who know him. Through his enterprise, he provides work--and good incomes--for the people in his corner of West Virginia and many other places. Through his generosity, he provides the means to a good education for many, many students with gifts directly to the schools, through the scholarships he quietly distributes and, in the case of Marshall, through a well-endowed scholarship fund.

"If every community had someone like Buck Harless to provide leadership, encouragement and, yes, financial assistance, this would be a far better nation than it is today."

In concluding his presentation, Gilley said, "Because he has done so much for southern West Virginia, because he inspires the rest of us with his achievements, his concern, his leadership and his benevolence, and because he is the type of individual who built this country and made it great, I am privileged on behalf of Marshall University to present to James H. Harless the John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility."

Harless is a former chairman of Marshall's Institutional Board of Advisors and has been a substantial benefactor to higher education in West Virginia.

Although he did not go to college, Harless has helped many students by donating his time, money and expertise. He has been awarded five honorary doctoral degrees including an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Marshall in 1979. He also is a member of the MU College of Business Hall of Fame.

Tyler Mead, and visit with faculty.

Health, Physical Education and Recreation alumni will have a tailgate party next to the Alumni Association tent at Lefty Rollins Track beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. For information call Olive Hager, 696-2930.

Marshall's Thundering Herd will meet The Citadel for the Homecoming game at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, in the Marshall University Stadium. For game tickets call 696-HERD.

Black United Student's Organization (B.U.S.) will celebrate Homecoming by sponsoring a dinner/dance at the Holiday Inn University after the game. A post-game Step Show will be held at the former Douglass School. For additional information contact Fran Jackson, program coordinator in the African American Students Programs Office, 696-6705.

The College of Business will have its second annual "Lunch with the Dean" Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Corby Hall. The dean, Dr. Calvin A. Kent, will share news of developments within the college and future plans and will unveil the Wall of Fame. Cost of tickets is \$9.25. Tickets can be purchased through Adrienne Nelson, 696-2612.

Marshall's Office of Student Activities and Organization's will sponsor the following activities for students:

Monday, Oct. 24--illusionist Craig Karges will perform at 9:15 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 25--Line dancing featuring a DJ from Roper's from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

Wednesday, Oct. 26--Homecoming court reception featuring the MU Jazz Band from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza; Comedian "Hammerhead" will perform at 9:15 p.m. in Marco's in Memorial Student Center.

Thursday, Oct. 27--Has been designated as "Spirit Day." House decorations will be judged.

Friday, Oct. 28--Homecoming block party from 6 to 9 p.m. in front of the residence halls near 18th Street, featuring a DJ and laser karaoke.

Saturday, Oct. 29--Post-game party with musical entertainment by "Tomorrow's Party" from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tent City.

To obtain further details contact Heidi McCormick or Jenifer Treloar at the Office of Student Activities and Organizations, 696-6770.

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Dr. Lynne Welch, dean of the School of Nursing.

Pacesetter pins were awarded to Dr. Alan B. Gould, Dr. Calvin Kent, Dr. Tom Storch, Dr. Joan Mead, Dr. Paul Balshaw, Dr. David Wilkin, Dr. Dallas Brozik and Dr. Allen Wilkins. Pacesetters who could not attend the meeting included Rebecca Hamsher Gold Pacesetter, Dr. Edward Grose, Frank Justice, Dr. Keith Spears, Dr. Carole Vickers, and Dr. Robert Hayes.

Platinum Pacesetter awards are presented to persons who contribute \$2,000 or more. Gold Pacesetter awards go to people who contribute \$1,000 to \$1,999. Pacesetter pins are awarded to people who make contributions from \$500 to \$999.

Bailey stressed the importance of campaign captains getting the United Way message out to their constituents as soon as possible.

The campaign is scheduled to conclude Dec. 1. "I have every confidence we will meet our goal and perhaps even exceed it," said Bailey.

Library group to host Chautauqua scholar

Chautauqua scholar Ann Saville will portray Eleanor Roosevelt during the meeting of the Marshall University Library Associates on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The meeting will be open to the public free of charge, according to Dr. Kenneth Slack, executive secretary of the MU Library Associates.

Saville, a native of London, England, emigrated to the United States with her husband and first child in 1958 and lived in New York City and Omaha, Neb. They moved to West Virginia in 1974.

She graduated summa cum laude from Morris Harvey College (the University of Charleston) and did graduate work at Ohio University. She has been active in the Kanawha Players

Conference will focus on Ohio River ecology

Wetlands, permits and regulations and economic development will be the principal topics of the 10th annual symposium of the Ohio River Basin Consortium for Research and Education (ORBCRE) which will be held at Marshall University Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1 in Memorial Student Center.

The consortium is a group of scientists and other interested people who share a common goal of increasing our knowledge about the Ohio River, according to Dr. Ralph Taylor, associate dean of Marshall's College of Science and program chair.

The organization's membership includes private citizens as well as representatives from universities and colleges and federal, state and local agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, departments of Natural Resources and departments of Environmental Protection.

Topics will include "Regulations, Permits and Economic Development," "Wetlands," "The Zebra Mussel Problem" and two sessions devoted to a variety of subjects concerning the biology and ecology of the Ohio River and its tributaries.

Field trips will be taken to the wetlands at Greenbottom in Mason County and the Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam.

Individual programs will be open to the public free of charge. There will be a \$75 registration fee for the entire conference which includes meals and the conference banquet. There will be a \$40 registration fee for a single day.

Taylor said a program of events will be available at the beginning of the conference or can be obtained in advance by contacting Leo Weaver, ORBCRE executive director, in Cincinnati, (513) 232-3511.

To register or obtain further details contact Taylor at Marshall University, 696-2338.

Cooking demonstrations slated

Project Well/Fit is co-sponsoring the American Heart Association's Heart Fest Week, according to Rick Robinson, project director.

Daily cooking demonstrations will be held Oct. 24-28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center cafeteria. All faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend.

and other community theatre groups.

Saville began researching the life of Eleanor Roosevelt in 1991 and has spent many hours at the Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, N.Y. Her presentation at Marshall will give a historical perspective on Mrs. Roosevelt's influence on West Virginia.

Her characterizations are unscripted, extemporaneous interpretations of Roosevelt's widely varied ideas and experiences.

Slack said the first part of the performance usually is a monologue delivered by Saville in character. During the second part of the program, the audience is allowed to ask questions of the character. For the conclusion of the program, the scholar steps out of character and comments briefly on the presentation.

The Marshall University Library Associates organization was formed to provide support for Marshall's libraries, enhance the prestige and service of the institution and, in so doing, advance the cultural and economic status of the Tri-State region.

Anyone interested in the development of the library is welcome to join the organization. The current membership includes community leaders and residents and Marshall faculty and staff.

To obtain further details about Saville's presentation or the Marshall University Library Associates contact Slack at Marshall University, 696-3097.

Task force will hold meetings

The Marshall University task force charged with redesigning the baccalaureate degree will hold meetings on Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 to discuss the proposed curricular reforms. All faculty members are invited to attend, according to Dr. Carolyn Karr, chair of the 12-member task force.

The Oct. 24 meeting will be held at 2:15 p.m. in the John Spotts Room in Memorial Student Center. The Nov. 7 meeting will be held at 2:15 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

Employee achievement

Dr. JOHN SZAREK of the Department of Pharmacology made a presentation titled "Environmental Tobacco Smoke: What You Can Do About It" to the Better Breathing Club of Huntington. The meeting was held July 26 at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Portfolios to be topic of meeting for faculty

Marshall University faculty members are invited to attend an open discussion on portfolios Friday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 403, according to Charles Lloyd, chair of Marshall's Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Committee.

Professors Lloyd, Marcia Harrison, Shirley Lumpkin and Nancy Lang will report on the recent National Council of Teachers of English conference on "Portfolios, WAC and Program Assessment."

The purpose of the discussion will be to identify the benefits of using portfolios in WAC classes and other classes. To obtain further details contact Heather L. Reed, WAC graduate assistant, 696-2703.

Play will examine issues facing black men

"Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care," an original musical play by James Chapman, will be presented at Marshall University on Monday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The play, which will be open to the public free of charge, is a series of vignettes addressing issues facing young African American men.

"This is much more than a play," said Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall. "It provides a platform to discuss issues facing contemporary American society. Chapman's message of hope and change is often missing

'Quality Forum' planned

"The Quality Forum," a national videoconference designed to facilitate continuous improvement and increase customer satisfaction by identifying, communicating and promoting the use of quality principles, concepts and technologies, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Marshall University's Research and Economic Development Center, 1050 Fourth Ave.

"Quality 2000: The Next Decade of Progress" will be the theme of the program which will feature national leaders of business, industry and academia who will discuss quality improvement issues and present the findings of the latest quality surveys.

Larry Kyle, director of Marshall's Business Development and Training Division, said the program will inform participants about quality practices at some of the country's largest companies.

Alex Trotman, chairman of Ford Motor Company, will be a featured speaker, along with Stu Arnold, publisher of Fortune magazine; David Luther, president of ASQC; John Pepper, president of the Proctor and Gamble Company; former race car driver Jackie Stewart and others.

There will be a \$25 registration fee for the videoconference which includes lunch. To register or obtain further details contact Marshall University's Business Development and Training Division, 696-6797.

Journalism seminar held

Fifty-one students from seven West Virginia high schools attended the second annual Hands-On Workshop presented this month by faculty members in Marshall University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"We were very happy with the turnout and enthusiasm from advisers and high school students," said Marilyn McClure, workshop coordinator. She said attendance almost doubled from the previous year.

Leading the workshops were professors George Arnold, Ralph Turner, Randy Bobbitt, Janet Dooley, Rebecca Johnson, and MU students Tillman Adkins of Wayne and Matt Turner of Huntington.

The workshop program was organized when high school journalism advisers asked the School of Journalism and Mass Communication to offer an evening of intensive instruction for their students at the beginning of the school year.

from current debate concerning young African American men today."

Chapman, the son of a Baptist minister and a school teacher, stood beside his parents on picket lines in the 1960s, watched his parents cry the day Martin Luther King Jr. was killed and walked several miles to his integrated school.

At the age of 23, Chapman found himself far from the safety of his home, living in the streets of Houston, Texas. "I was eating garbage, sleeping in vacant houses and washing in public restrooms. I was desperate, so desperate that I contemplated suicide," said Chapman.

Chapman said the last thing to do was write a note to his mother explaining why suicide was his only solution. "Thank God I was wrong," he said. "As I began to write I saw that I was not alone and felt some relief when my feelings were expressed on paper. I kept writing."

The result was "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care." Shortly after writing the play, Chapman moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he found a job as choir director at a small Methodist church. In 1988 he founded Living the Dream Inc., a non-profit organization that addressed the AIDS issue through the arts.

"This isn't just a play for black men," said Blue. "Everybody can benefit from the messages in this play."

The performance is being sponsored by Marshall University's Division of Multicultural and International Programs and the African American Students Program Office. To obtain further details contact the Office of African American Students Programs, 696-6705.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

In April 1994 you received a note requesting assistance for Mike Tilson, a custodian at Marshall's School of Medicine. Your assistance consisted of monetary donations as well as sick leave donations.

This drive was a big success in contributing to Mike and his family's needs; more than \$1,200 was collected along with sick leave donations. We sincerely appreciate your contributions in assisting Mike and his family.

As you are aware, Mike has leukemia and he is presently awaiting word from Columbus, Ohio, concerning his bone marrow transplant. In the meantime he has started the necessary paperwork towards his disability since he is physically unable to work.

However, due to an unexpected delay in the processing of this paperwork, Mike's income will expire before his disability checks commence.

Therefore, we are once again seeking your assistance. Mike needs a total of 41 sick days donated to our "Catastrophe Leave Program" in his name. This will insure coverage until his disability income starts. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,
Mack Gillenwater