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‘Campus Conversations’ resume today

The series of campus conversations is set to resume this spring with a session today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center.

Another session will take place Thursday, April 21, from 3:30-5 p.m. in Drinko 402 and room 134 GC on the South Charleston campus with a simultaneous video link that will enable people from both campuses to participate.

Sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, today’s meeting will offer the Marshall community the opportunity to receive updates and information on topics that include:

- FY 2016 and FY 2017 budget updates
- Shared services
- Faculty and staff compensation planning
- Academic Portfolio review results
- Intercollegiate athletics

The topic of the April 21 meetings will be FY 2017 Budget Update and Planning.

Light refreshments will be provided. For additional information or for any questions, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at academicaffairs@marshall.edu.
Marshall 20/20 Updates: Shared Services and Academic Portfolio Review

A more detailed timeline for the Shared Services project, in a draft form, is now available at www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/files/SharedServicesTimeline_4-7-16.pdf. Note that this timeline shows certain items with an earlier date than the last update which anticipated July 1 changes; this has been done based on discussions and feedback with the Shared Services Team and Academic/Administrative Units.

Also, the Academic Portfolio Review group has issued the deans’ college-specific updates on the final results of this two-year-plus process. Throughout the portfolio review process the deans, department chairs, and faculty have discussed in detail the ramifications of the reviews on the future of Marshall’s academic programming, and arrived at significant decisions regarding degree program/major structure and continuation. These efforts have lead to an improved understanding of our academic portfolio and have re-positioned the university regarding its long-
term planning discussions and actions. The deans’ final portfolio review updates are available here.

A summary of results from the program viability review, with background information as context, is available here.

Drinko Academy honors Gary White

Former interim president Gary White was presented with the 2016 John Deaver Drinko Academy Distinguished Service Award by President Jerome Gilbert in a luncheon last Friday in the Shawkey Room in the Memorial Student Center.

“Gary White, true to his word and at a great personal sacrifice, did his duty to stand until relieved as interim president,” said Dr. Alan Gould, director of the Drinko Academy.

Gilbert thanked White and his wife, Jo Ann, for helping to put him at ease while Gilbert was making the transition from provost at Mississippi State University to president of Marshall, and while he was a candidate for the job.

“I’ve come to know Gary quite well in the past six months, interacting with him and Jo Ann,” Gilbert said. “And I’ve found them to be real people. Real, salt of the earth people. Gary is a true son of Marshall. He is the best of what this university represents. He was the right person at the right time in a difficult situation. He rose to the occasion, he stood up and he did it. It has been a great honor to work with him.”

Gilbert described White as “a renaissance man.”

“He knows a lot about everything,” Gilbert said. “He’s also a preacher’s kid and I think that defines a lot of his personality. He is a brilliant man, he has keen judgment and exceptional intellect.”

White, who was presented by Gilbert with a medallion and a plaque, recalled being “humbled” when the calls started to come asking him to consider being the interim president at Marshall.

“I appreciate the opportunity to have served Marshall University,” he said.

*Photo:* President Gilbert, right, gets ready to place the Drinko Medallion around the neck of Gary White.
National Poetry Month continues with events Thursday

MUReads and the English Department are celebrating National Poetry Month with several events this week. This year’s theme is “Libraries Transform.”

National Poetry Month, established in 1996, is a massive literary celebration spanning millions of readers, teachers, librarians, bloggers and writers. National Poetry Month is a celebration of the important work of libraries and library workers.

Tomorrow, Meghan Homma, the Japanese Outreach Initiative Coordinator for West Virginia, will give a presentation on haiku at noon in Drinko 402. Participants will learn about the history of haiku, and will be invited to write their own haikus at the end of her presentation.

Also tomorrow, the English department is holding the inaugural Poetry Matters reading event from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Drinko Library’s third floor atrium. Everyone is invited to stop by and listen to members of the Marshall community read original works of poetry or poetry written by other published authors. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, see the MUReads page at http://libguides.marshall.edu/mureads or “like” the MU Library Page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MarshallULibraries.

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Local youth to operate lemonade stands on Marshall’s Huntington campus for ‘Lemonade Day’ April 14

Children ages 3 to 5 will sell lemonade to the Marshall community from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 14, on the Student Center plaza,

“Lemonade Day” is a free, annual community-wide event dedicated to teaching children how to start, own and operate their own business through the simple and time-honored act of running a lemonade stand, according to Claire McCoy, studio educator for the Early Education STEM Center.

“Teaching the youth about the ‘ins and outs’ of business allows for more hands-on opportunities and a deeper engagement,” McCoy said. “For the children in our program, allowing them to be part of the learning experience – choosing their product, coming up with their own recipe, advertisement and research – we have seen such a growth in their mindset and capabilities. They provide reasoning and purpose behind their ideas shared.”
McCoy said not only will the event introduce these children to entrepreneurship through real-world experience, but it would provide an opportunity for each child to interact with college students.

Dr. Nancy Lankton, associate professor of accounting in the Lewis College of Business, said graduate students from the college helped the children complete their advertisement by fostering their creativity.

All proceeds from Lemonade Day will benefit the Early Education STEM Center and state-wide Lemonade Day activities April 30.

Photos: Children ages 3-5 from the Early Education STEM Center have been working for weeks to prepare for “Lemonade Day” tomorrow. They will sell lemonade from 10-11:30 a.m. by the fountain in the Memorial Student Center to raise money for the center.

Marshall to host second open house for prospective undergraduate students on South Charleston campus

Marshall University will host the second of two open houses this month to introduce Kanawha Valley residents to the university’s new undergraduate course offerings on its South Charleston campus.

The open house will take place Tuesday, April 19, from 6 to 7 p.m. in GC 319 on the South Charleston campus.

Marshall’s new program will allow students interested in selected majors—including athletic training, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering and nursing—to complete courses in their first two years toward an undergraduate degree in South Charleston and then transition to the Huntington campus to finish their studies.

Dr. Beth Wolfe, Marshall’s director of recruitment, said prospective students and parents at the event will be able to meet with faculty members, deans and financial aid counselors. They also will receive information about applying to Marshall, the courses that will be offered in South Charleston and how students will be able to transition seamlessly to the Huntington campus after two years to complete their degrees.

Prospective students planning to attend the open house should make reservations by calling the Office of Recruitment at 304-696-3646 or 1-877-GO-HERD-1 or by e-mailing recruitment@marshall.edu.
“We’re using the tagline ‘Closer Than You Think’ for this new program in South Charleston because we think future college students in the Kanawha Valley will find it very attractive that we are now offering Marshall’s quality undergraduate courses convenient to where they live and work,” Wolfe said. “For more than 20 years, Marshall has had great success with offering graduate courses in South Charleston. We are excited to see what the next 20 hold as we continue to enhance our undergraduate presence in the capital city.”

Wolfe added that students on the South Charleston campus will have access to a number of amenities and benefits, including free parking, a library and a study lounge. Merit-based and need-based financial aid is available for qualified students. She said students must be fully admitted to Marshall University without conditions to take courses in South Charleston.

Marshall’s South Charleston campus is located at 100 Angus E. Peyton Dr., just minutes from the State Capitol. The campus is easily accessible from I-64 using Exit 56 (Montrose Dr.) from the east and Exit 54 (MacCorkle Ave./Jefferson Rd.) from the west.

For more information and a full list of available courses, visit www.marshall.edu/closer or call 1-877-GO-HERD-1.

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Donors, scholarship recipients honored Saturday

Marshall University donors and current recipients of privately funded scholarships were honored Saturday at the Scholarship Honor Brunch in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room.

Jacob Comer, an attorney and Marshall graduate who is now the senior legal and chief compliance officer at Starr Investment Holdings, was the featured speaker.

Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation, which sponsored the event, served as master of ceremonies.

President Jerome Gilbert addressed the crowd with a speech titled “Envisioning the Future.” He talked about some of the aspirational qualities that define the scholars and donors at Marshall. In part, Gilbert said:
“We are seekers of truth, not people who tolerate lies and injustice. We are lifetime learners, not complacent graduates. We are readers and thinkers, not blind followers of rhetoric. We embrace the light, we are not ones who hide in the darkness. We turn the cheek, we don’t return violence. We surround ourselves with diversity, we don’t shut out people because they are different. We find solutions, we don’t contribute to the problem. We love knowledge, we are not afraid of new ideas. We are destined for greatness.”

“We are the sons and daughters of Marshall.”

New audiologist joins Marshall Health


Arey has more than 15 years of experience in audiology. Prior to joining Marshall Health, she practiced at The Hearing Clinic at Lewis-Gale Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia; George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.; Blue Ridge Hearing and Balance Clinic, Princeton, West Virginia; and most recently at Abraham Allergy Ear, Nose and Throat in Huntington.

Arey has a Master of Arts in Audiology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Disorders from Marshall University. She has an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Certificate of Clinical Competence and a West Virginia Board of Examiners Professional Licensure in Audiology. Arey is a member of ASHA and the West Virginia Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Arey is accepting new pediatric and adult patients and referrals at Marshall Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists, a division of Marshall Surgery, at 6007 US 60 E., Suite 203, in Barboursville. To schedule a hearing test or receive hearing aid assistance, contact Arey at Marshall Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists at 304-691-8690.

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Marshall to host Earth Day Celebration April 20

Marshall University’s Department of Sustainability will sponsor an Earth Day Celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, on Marshall’s Huntington campus.

A variety of workshops will be featured with green and sustainable learning opportunities, according to Capri Billings, event coordinator and education outreach assistant for the department.

“Visitors both young and old will be entertained and engaged. Come celebrate the splendor, beauty and diversity of our planet, and help spread the environmental message of Earth Day,” Billings said. “We invite local organizations, groups and businesses to join us. We want everyone to share their commitment to our planet, and promote real action that will create a stronger, healthier and happier community.”

Events on the Memorial Student Center plaza will include:

- Yoga on the Green by Gina Hart-Smith
- The MU Garden Club will have terracotta pots for kids to paint and a marigold flower to take home with them
- The Fourpole Creek Watershed Association will have information about their upcoming stream clean-ups, Adopt-a-Spot and tree-planting activities.
- Herpetologist Larry Cartmill will have a West Virginia snake display, with several snakes and tortoises with him
- The MU Native American Student Organization will have singing and dancing demonstrations to honor the Earth
- The MU PROS (Parks and Recreations Organization for Students) will have a “camp site” along with environmental education information
- The MU Unitarian Universalists will offer tarot card readings and runic divination with opportunities to make an herbal sleep pillow
- Help For Animals will provide information about their low-cost services as well as the importance of spaying and neutering animals
- Career Services will provide information about green job opportunities
- Travis Bailey with Environmental Health and Safety will be giving guided tours of the new “Green Roof” on the Engineering complex, every hour starting at 10 a.m.
- Viewing of the documentary “TRASHED” at Drinko Library, room 138, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Participation is free and the Huntington community is encouraged to attend. To learn more about Marshall’s Earth Day Celebration, contact Billings at holderby7@marshall.edu or by calling 304-690-5611.

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Marshall Health buys Patriot Coal building; expansion allows additional opportunities for Marshall School of Medicine

Marshall Health has purchased the former Patriot Coal corporate headquarters building in Scott Depot with plans to begin offering expanded services in Putnam County by early 2017.

Marshall Health, the faculty practice plan of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, expects to begin the process of converting the 51,000-square-foot, three-story office building located at 300 Corporate Center Dr. into medical offices this summer.

The purchase will allow Marshall Health to merge its existing Hurricane offices under one roof and begin offering more specialty services in the Teays Valley area, while also increasing the medical school’s capacity for medical students and residents to train in an outpatient setting.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for the School of Medicine and our faculty practice plan to broaden the clinical experiences our students and residents receive,” said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine. “We also look forward to working collaboratively with our fellow health care providers, including a number of alumni, in Putnam County to help meet the needs of the region.”

Marshall Health first began offering medical services in Putnam County in the early 1990s. Currently, more than a dozen Marshall Health physicians see patients exclusively or on a rotating basis in one of its Hurricane offices.

“We have been looking for the right opportunity to invest and grow in Putnam County,” said Beth L. Hammers, executive director of Marshall Health. “The former Patriot Coal building offered the amount of space we needed to merge our current practices and bring new specializations to the region.”

Preliminary plans for the new facility call for expanded primary care and specialty services under one roof, including general internal medicine, pediatrics, women’s health, gastroenterology, cardiology, orthopaedics and more.

The facility, which is on a 2.48-acre lot, was built in 2006 as the headquarters for International Coal Group Inc. and most recently served as the headquarters for Patriot Coal. It is conveniently located adjacent to Interstate 64, between the Teays Valley and Crooked Creek exits, and offers ample parking.
Faculty Achievement: Dr. Laura Michele Diener

Dr. Laura Michele Diener, associate professor of history and director of women’s studies, has an article published in the current online edition of Yes Magazine. It’s about the involvement of a group of Kentucky nuns who campaigned to stop the Bluegrass Pipeline, a joint venture between two energy companies which would have transported natural gas liquids from Ohio and Pennsylvania across Kentucky to connect to a pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico.

A documentary film, “End of the Line,” was made about the pipeline and the opposition to it. The filmmaker, Sellus Wilder, said the sisters were the glue that held the diverse group of protesters together and kept them focused.

Titled “the Jeans-Wearing, Nature-Loving Nuns who helped Stop a Kentucky Pipeline,” the article also examines the reality of, as fewer women are entering convents, what will become of Kentucky’s tradition of socially and environmentally engaged religious women.

The article can be found at http://www.yesmagazine.org/people-power/meet-the-jeans-wearing-nature-loving-nuns-who-helped-stop-a-kentucky-pipeline-20160407.

Alumni Weekend set to start April 22

Marshall University and the Marshall University Alumni Association will host the annual Alumni Weekend, April 22-23, with a variety of events held throughout the weekend, all leading up to the 79th annual Alumni Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23.

“Marshall University’s Alumni Weekend is a unique opportunity to bring alumni and friends of Marshall University together for a weekend of fellowship and celebration of the many memories made right here in Huntington,” said Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations. “This is our opportunity to recognize and honor the achievements of our notable alumni, while giving them an opportunity to reflect on their time here at Marshall and to see the great strides the university has made over the past few years. We look forward to welcoming alumni of all ages to Alumni Weekend 2016.”

This year’s edition of Alumni Weekend will include a number of events held on and around the Huntington campus, including a dinner theatre, a special reunion breakfast, a campus trolley tour and the annual Alumni Awards Banquet.

Among the many special honorees in attendance at this year’s event will be Lester Hicks, an Environmental Safety Engineer and former member of the Young Thundering Herd, who has
been named recipient of the Marshall University Distinguished Alumnus Award, MUAA’s highest honor.

Other award recipients include Michael Sellards, recipient of the Distinguished Service to Marshall Award, Lea Ann Parsley, recipient of the Community Achievement Award, and a number of additional honorees including MUAA Club of the Year, scholarship awards and awards from many of Marshall University’s colleges.

The Alumni Weekend will kick off on Friday, April 22, with a dinner theatre in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre inside the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by Marshall Theatre’s production of “Romeo and Juliet.”

Alumni Weekend will continue on Saturday, April 23, with a Reunion Breakfast honoring the 50-year and 25-year reunion classes, plus those who graduated prior to 1965 as members of the Grand Class. Breakfast and a special presentation will begin at 9 a.m. in John Marshall Room inside the Memorial Student Center.

Immediately following the breakfast, the MUAA will conduct a trolley tour of the new buildings and facilities around campus, including the Marshall Athletic Hall of Fame, Sports Medicine Institute, Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Complex and Visual Arts Center.

The weekend will conclude with the banquet honoring distinguished alumni and friends on Saturday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. Music will be provided by DJ Bravo LIVE.

Tickets are available online at www.HerdAlum.com or by calling ext.6-3134. For more information, visit the MUAA website at www.HerdAlum.com or e-mail alumni@marshall.edu.

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Gilbert, other university presidents participate in College Decision Day

President Jerome Gilbert joined other university presidents from across the state yesterday to celebrate “College Decision Day” at Mingo Central High School in Delbarton.

The event honored Mingo Central students who plan to pursue education or training beyond high school. The program is sponsored by the College Foundation of West Virginia, a West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission initiative to help students go to college and succeed.
Gilbert said earning a high school diploma is an achievement, but working toward a college degree or post-secondary training is necessary in today’s economy.

“I always quote the U.S. Census Bureau when asked how much higher education is worth in dollars and cents,” Gilbert said. “The bureau issued a 2015 study that said a college master’s degree is worth $1.3 million more in lifetime earnings than a high school diploma. So, when West Virginia students choose to pursue an education after high school, they are making a decision that will pay real dividends throughout their lives. I applaud the students we will be recognizing next week at Mingo Central, as well as all Mountain State students who choose to further their educations after high school.”

Gilbert joined Dr. Paul Hill, chancellor of West Virginia’s four-year public colleges and universities; Dr. E. Gordon Gee, president of West Virginia University; and Dr. Robert Gunter, president of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, at the ceremony.

Inspired by the NCAA’s National Signing Day, College Decision Day is intended to reinforce that excellence in the classroom should be given as much pomp and circumstance as excellence on the playing field.

Any student who had committed to enter a certificate program, a career and technical program, a two-year degree program, a four-year degree program or military service was honored during Tuesday’s event.

West Virginia will host College Decision Day activities across the state throughout the months of April and May.

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Appalachian Studies Association seeks interns

The Appalachian Studies Association has internship opportunities available to qualified graduate and undergraduate students for the summer and fall 2016 terms. Please share this with any interested students.

Appalachian Studies Association Internship:

Students who work with the ASA will develop a broad skillset through hands-on professional experience. Interns for the fall term will work with ASA staff to plan and organize the ASA’s annual Loving Appalachia event—held each fall on Marshall’s main campus to connect the Huntington and Marshall communities with the field of Appalachian studies and the Appalachian Studies Association. Responsibilities will vary dependent upon students’ field of study and interests. Interns will receive three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit.
Clio Internship:

ASA interns will create walking tours that guide visitors and residents to historic and cultural sites throughout our region. Interns may work from any location and will enjoy the freedom to choose the places and topics that most interest them. Students will write concise summaries of each historic and cultural site and share them via Clio (www.theclio.com), a website and mobile app built by Marshall faculty that is free for everyone and being used throughout the country. Interns will receive three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit while building their professional network and resume. This internship is open to students throughout the summer and fall 2016 terms.

Please direct all inquiries to Christopher Leadingham, ASA office manager, at 304-696-2904 or leadingham6@marshall.edu.

Marshall School of Medicine and Cabell Huntington Hospital announce dental residency program

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Cabell Huntington Hospital have been approved to begin a one-year, general practice dental residency.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation approved the new program in February with an official launch date of July 1 for up to three residents.

“Approval of a dental residency and creation of a new department for the school of medicine is a pivotal step in our continued growth,” said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the school of medicine. “This residency, sponsored by Cabell Huntington Hospital, allows us to bring academically strong dental care to our region, an area historically plagued with oral health disparities.”

Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education, said development of the new program means better health care for the area.

“We are fortunate to be able to work with Cabell Huntington Hospital on this new residency,” Wehner said. “The addition of dentists to perform comprehensive oral services is an excellent complement to our existing medical education residency programs. An increase in the availability of important dental services is imperative in order to provide more comprehensive care to our patients.”

Shapiro and Wehner went on to congratulate Raj K. Khanna, D.M.D., M.D., and his team for the program’s successful application. Khanna, who is a professor of surgery and has been with the
school of medicine since 2002, will lead the program and Jumana Abboud will serve as program administrator.

“I am thankful for our local dental colleagues for their overwhelming support and commitment to volunteer their time and expertise to educate our residents,” Khanna said. “I’m looking forward to this endeavor, which will not only bring much-needed oral health care to our area, but will also give the school of medicine the opportunity to forge new relationships.”

Dental residents will experience an intensive 12-month program designed to train general dentists in the management of medically complex situations and special needs patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

They will gain experience in all aspects of general dentistry. The residency will be completed after graduation from an accredited dental school.

“We are pleased to partner with Marshall to bring a dental residency to our region,” said Kevin N. Fowler, president and CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital. “More than an attractive smile, good dental health can help prevent serious health problems of the entire body, including heart disease, stroke and certain cancers. Through the new dental program, we hope to increase awareness of dental health, enhance access to preventive services and help address the clinical challenges of the region.”

The new dental clinic will be housed in the Fairfield Building, located at 1616 13th Ave. in Huntington, which recently underwent an approximate $1.5 million renovation to accommodate the new program.

Baseball in Beckley for FAU Series

Thundering Herd Baseball takes on Florida Atlantic University Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at Noon at Epling Stadium in Beckley. Tennis faces Old Dominion this Saturday at 11 a.m. For more information and updates on players, teams and stats, stay locked on HerdZone.com.
Marshall recognized as gold-level campus for Exercise is Medicine program; only university in state to earn EIM recognition

Marshall is setting the standard for promoting physical activity on college campuses in West Virginia. The university has earned gold-level recognition in the Exercise is Medicine on Campus program, a U.S.-based health initiative through the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).

In 2016, the ACSM will recognize over 50 colleges and universities around the world for participating in the program, with only a small percentage of schools receiving gold status.

Jennifer Pesarchick, program coordinator for Exercise is Medicine (EIM), said Marshall will be recognized for this achievement June 1 during the World Congress on Exercise is Medicine and the American College of Sports Medicine’s annual meeting in Boston.

“Marshall has achieved gold-level recognition from Exercise is Medicine because of their outstanding efforts to make physical activity a standard on their campus,” Pesarchick said. “No matter what level of recognition is received, we are excited to see campuses promoting physical activity and the vision of EIM.”

Dr. Robert Powell, coordinator for Marshall’s Exercise is Medicine program, said there are many opportunities for departmental collaboration among the College of Health Professions, the School of Medicine, the Marshall Campus Recreation Center and other campus affiliates that seek to advocate for healthy living.

“We have already seen the impact of Exercise is Medicine on both students and our university community when it comes to emphasizing opportunities for physical activity on our campus,” Powell said. “I am very proud of our exercise science students for their volunteer efforts and enthusiasm regarding the EIM mission. I look forward to seeing more involvement from various faculty, staff and students throughout Marshall.”

Some of the programs and events that helped Marshall achieve this status included the campus community health fair, group fitness classes, activities sponsored through “Exercise is Medicine Week” and the services provided through Marshall’s physician referral-based diabetes and cardiopulmonary rehab clinic.

Heather Smith, senior assistant director of fitness programs and services at the Recreation Center, served as an organizer for the 2015 Exercise is Medicine program. Smith said earning
recognition from a premier organization like the American College of Sports Medicine is a testament to how far the campus community has come in regard to living healthier lifestyles.

“We will continue to provide a wide range of programming opportunities to the campus community on an ongoing basis,” Smith said. “Some of these include the Marshall Health fitness program, wellness workshops, personal training, the PEIA weight management program, our fitness challenge, the bike loan program, intramural sports and group fitness classes.”

Photos: (Above) Exercise science student Joe Maiolo conducted fitness assessments with campus community members during the 2015 Exercise is Medicine Week. Students Patrick Arnold (left) and Travis Donahoe led a community bike ride during the 2015 Exercise is Medicine Week. Photos by Lori Wolfe, The Herald-Dispatch.

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Victor Fet

Dr. Victor Fet, professor of biological sciences, has published “Permian scorpions from the Petrified Forest of Chemnitz, Germany” in *BMC Evolutionary Biology* with fellow authors Jason Dunlop, David Legg, Paul Selden, Joerg Schneider and Ronny Rößler.

The article describes “the first complete scorpion fossils from the Permian. Two well-preserved specimens, together with several fragments, were discovered within the early Permian (ca. 291 Ma) Leukersdorf Formation, the upper part of which contains the Petrified Forest of Chemnitz (Saxony, Germany).”

The article may be viewed at [www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2148/16/72](http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2148/16/72).

Faculty Achievement: Bill Gardner

Bill Gardner, who teaches in the Digital Forensics and Information Assurance degree program and is an information security author and speaker, was a guest on “Gain Your Edge.” It is a twice-monthly podcast on all things related to information technology. The link to the podcast is: [https://business.frontier.com/blog/interview-with-a-hacker](https://business.frontier.com/blog/interview-with-a-hacker).
Faculty reception to take place during finals week

Faculty members can take a break during finals week with a faculty reception on Wednesday, May 4, in Old Main 109. The event is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning.

All faculty members are welcome to stop by from noon to 2 p.m. that day. Refreshments will be served.

Enterprise presents $20,000 award to Marshall Military and Veterans Affairs

Marshall’s Military and Veterans Affairs accepted the $20,000 The Jack Taylor Founding Values Award from Enterprise Holdings last week.

The award will go toward a newly constructed Veterans’ Lounge in Gullickson Hall, according to Kim White, director of Military and Veterans Affairs.

“Enterprise’s generous contribution is going to be used in part for the construction itself and for decorating the lounge so that it’s a comfortable, modern, usable space for our veterans,” White said.
White said the new Veterans’ Lounge will open this summer, while an official ribbon cutting is slated for the fall.

Sean Devlin, vice president and general manager for Enterprise Holdings, said the company has a “very strong military heritage” and saw an opportunity to help.

“Our founder Jack Taylor was a fighter pilot during World War II on the USS Enterprise,” said Devlin. “We also have quite a few veterans that work with Enterprise.”

Enterprise’s longstanding relationship with Marshall includes recruitment for the management trainee program and providing rental services for the university and athletics department.

Photo: Enterprise Holdings representatives presented Military and Veterans Affairs with a $20,000 award for a Veterans’ Lounge on the Huntington campus. Left to right: Enterprise’s Jim Withers, director; Nikki Gray, talent manager; and Raymond Washington, area rental manager; President Jerome Gilbert; Kim White, director of Military and Veteran’s Affairs; Travis Jones, a United States Marine and nursing student at Marshall; Carla Lapelle, interim dean of Student Affairs; Rosie Brydie, director of philanthropy with the Marshall University Foundation; and Sean Devlin, Enterprise Holdings vice president and general manager.

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Additional study rooms available on first floor of Drinko

Drinko Library has added two new study spaces for students in the Drinko Study Center. The two rooms, originally set aside for scanning and special equipment, are now available as student study rooms 24 hours a day from 1 p.m. Sunday until 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

All spaces can be reserved by students online at marshall.libcal.com. Students are able to reserve rooms up to four weeks in advance and can reserve up to three hours per day, for a total of up to 20 hours per month.

“One of the primary concerns we’ve heard from SGA is the ability for students to have quiet study space during off-peak hours,” said Jody Perry, Executive Director, Technology Services. “Now, students will have access to study spaces whenever the building is open.”

As a reminder – Drinko Library hours can be found at www.marshall.edu/library/hours/drinko.aspx.
Renovations are currently underway for the new MUOnline Design Center on the second floor of Drinko Library. The Drinko Library Collaboration Room (DL 234) will be converted into office space for the design center staff and no longer available to students. The staff lounge is also being renovated for the new design center.

The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed April 20, 2016. Please send items for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, April 18.

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