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We're charting a new course for our website and you are an important part of the crew!

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Read complete story.

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The next issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed Oct. 10, 2012. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by noon, Oct. 8.
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Thursday, Oct. 4

11 a.m. - Office decoration judging begins.

Friday, Oct. 5

Green and White Day

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Free picnic on the Memorial Student Center Plaza with music, prizes, games and lunch. This is the first official alumni event of homecoming weekend.

Noon to 3:30 p.m. - Family check-in for Parents and Family Weekend, Office of Student Affairs in Memorial Student Center

3 to 6 p.m. - Black Alumni Association registration in the Memorial Student Center lobby

4 to 6 p.m. - Deans' reception which gives students' families a chance to meet with the deans and leadership from other Marshall University offices, third-floor atrium of the Drinko Library.

6 p.m. - Marshall women's volleyball game with East Carolina University, Cam Henderson Center. Admission is free to all Parents and Family Weekend visitors.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Champagne Welcome Reception. The MU Alumni Association and the Black Alumni Association will be co-hosting the reception at the Marshall University Foundation Hall. The cost is $25 per person. For information or to make a reservation, contact Fran Jackson at ext. 6-6705 or jacksonf@marshall.edu.

10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - Black Alumni Association's Laid Back Friday after party (an evening of music, fun and games) in the Memorial Student Center basement

Saturday, Oct. 6
9 a.m. - 5K Alum Run. The course starts on Third Avenue between 19th and 20th streets and will end near the front of Cam Henderson Center. The entry fee is $20 for early registration and $25 for late registration. The event is sponsored by the Marshall Recreation Center. To register, contact Michele Muth at palace11@marshall.edu.

9:30 a.m. - Breakfast with the President, for those attending Parents and Family Weekend, will take place in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. Breakfast will begin after a brief greeting and comments by President Stephen J. Kopp.

10 a.m. - Black Alumni Association business meeting/registration, Marshall University Foundation Hall conference room

11:30 a.m. - Homecoming parade, starting in downtown Huntington and ending at Joan C. Edwards Stadium

1 to 3 p.m. - Tailgate Blast. The MU Alumni Association, Black Alumni Association and Parents and Family Weekend are celebrating at 18th Street and 5th Avenue with a tailgate party. Cost is $25 person. In addition, the College of Liberal Arts is sponsoring a tailgate party during the Tailgate Blast, hosted by Dean David Pittenger and his wife, Denise. Call Betty Cook at ext. 6-2835 for information and to RSVP.

3:30 p.m. - The Thundering Herd plays the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes in the homecoming football game at Joan C. Edwards Stadium

8 p.m. - NPHC Stepshow in the Big Sandy Superstore Arena

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. - A Red Carpet Affair. Black Alumni dance sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The Epsilon Delta chapter at Marshall will be celebrating 50 years on MU’s campus.

Sunday, Oct. 7

9 a.m. - Black Alumni Association Prayer/Memorial Service at Pullman Plaza Hotel

For more information on homecoming or to make a reservation, call the alumni office at ext. 6-2901 or 6-3134.
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The tailgate will be located beside the Tailgate Blast, which is sponsored by the Marshall University Alumni Association, Black Alumni Association and Parents and Family Weekend.

Dr. David J. Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and his wife, Denise, are hosting the COLA tailgate. David Pittenger said the menu includes homemade gumbo, bread and other treats, and "a good time for all." He plans to do the cooking.

Cost to attend the COLA tailgate is $15.

For more information or to RSVP, call Pittenger at ext. 6-2731.

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The Alum Run 5k will take participants from Marshall’s campus into downtown Huntington and back to the campus to finish the 3.1-mile course. The course, which was used last year and in past runs, is nearly 100 percent flat and straight.

There are several ways to register. Forms are available at the Marshall Recreation Center and at the Rec Center’s website (www.marshallcampusrec.com) or through www.tristateracer.com.

The pre-race registration price is $20, which is good through Oct. 5. The cost is $25 if registration is submitted on the day of the race. Cash or check (payable to MU Campus Rec Club) is accepted. Credit Cards are also accepted through the online registration portal on www.tristateracer.com.

Race packet pick-up will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, in the lobby of the Recreation Center. Late packet pick-up and race-day registration will be from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. in front of Cam Henderson Center.

Participants will be treated to a post-race celebration and an awards ceremony, starting at about 9:15 a.m. at the Recreation Center. Refreshments and beverages will be available, and participants may use the center’s shower and locker facilities.

For additional information concerning the race, visit www.marshallcampusrec.com, or contact the race Director, Kayla Dodd, by phone at 304-542-7490, or by e-mail at dodd18@marshall.edu.
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The Violauta Duo, made up of Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute, and Dr. Julio Alves, guitar, will be joined on the concert by their wives, violinist Kristen Alves and soprano Linda Dobbs, with all proceeds going to McKinney to assist with mounting medical costs.

Julio Alves said after getting past the shock of McKinney's diagnosis, he wanted to do something to help.

"This concert is our way to support Beverly and to honor her for all she has done for each one of us at our department," Alves said. "We invite everybody from our community to attend the recital and to help us raise funds for Beverly."

The concert will begin with the Violauta Duo playing "Gran duetto concertante, Op. 52" by Mauro Giuliani, "Pavane" by Gabriel Fauré and two movements from "Suite Buenos Aires" by Maximo Diego Pujol. After a short intermission, the second part will feature the four performers in different chamber music combinations. First, Linda Dobbs and Kristen Alves will perform music by Howard Boatwright ("Soldier, Soldier" from Two Folk Song Settings), followed by Julio and Kristen Alves playing an arrangement of Massenet's "Meditation" from Thais. Two trios will conclude the program: Linda Dobbs and the Violauta Duo performing Saint-Saëns' "Une flute invisible," and Kristen Alves and the Violauta Duo interpreting the second divertimento by G. Kummer and Libertango by A. Piazzolla.

"Making music with colleagues is always a pleasure and the pleasure is doubled when it's helping a dear friend," Wendell Dobbs said.

Julio Alves emphasized how beloved McKinney is to his family.

"Beverly is loved very much by our family," he said. "Our girls love her and always look for her when they go to Marshall, or to the ballet studio where she taught piano, and especially at church. This sudden change in her life has taken us all by surprise ... Since music is such an important part of her life as well as ours, we decided to honor her by performing this recital. Although the recital will help with some medical expenses, my primary reason for performing it is to bless her and lift her up in this challenging time. I want to give her some extra happiness in return for all the joy and love she has given our family."

Donations may also be sent to the Marshall University School of Music and Theatre, c/o Ruby Dean, One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, W.Va. 25755.

For more information, contact Jaye Ike by phone at 304-696-3296 or by e-mail at jaye.de@marshall.edu. Fellowship Baptist Church is located at 3661 U.S. 60, Barboursville, W.Va. 25504. For directions, persons may phone 304-736-8006.
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Photo: Julio Alves, Kristen Alves, Linda Dobbs and Wendell Dobbs will give a benefit concert Oct. 14 to assist music staff member Beverly McKinney with medical expenses.

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We Are...Marshall Newsletter

The Office of University Communications publishes the e-newsletter, "We Are...Marshall" for the university community.

To suggest a story idea, please contact the editor, Pat Dickson, on the South Charleston campus. The current issue contains the deadline date for the next issue.

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Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Banned Books Week by reading your favorite banned books September 30th - Oct. 6th!
Readings and presentations will be held at the Drinko Atrium Thursday, October 4th at 7 p.m.

Banned Books Week

Thursday, October 04
7 p.m. Drinko Atrium

Popular Banned Books include:

Sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, MU Libraries, and the English Department.
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In addition, the only screening of Skateistan’s “Four Wheels and a Board in Kabul” can be seen on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Keith-Albee. This documentary uses skateboarding as a means to improve young lives in Afghanistan and will be followed by Huntington native and skateboard industry icon, Bryan Ridgway, who will speak about the Skateistan project. In addition, one of the rarest collections of skateboards, spanning six decades, will be on display in the Keith-Albee lobby.

The international films include:

A Separation - Iran. This Oscar-winning film documents the dissolution of a marriage when wife Simin wants to leave Iran, but her husband Nader refuses to leave his Alzheimer’s-suffering father. When their daughter, Termeh, elects to stay with her father, Simin files for divorce and Nader hires a young woman to assist him, finding that there is more on the line than just his marriage.

The Kid With The Bike - Belgium. After being abandoned by his father, Cyril obsessively tries to find his bicycle and then almost by accident becomes the ward of a kind hairdresser. This film is about a child, abandoned to the elements, learning to become good.

Applause. After critically acclaimed actress Thea Barfoed ends her rehab, she tries to prove herself to her ex-husband and gain custody of her two boys. However, her hard-living past comes knocking on her door, forcing her to give in to her faith and make a choice.

Beasts of the Southern Wild - U.S. In a forgotten bayou community cut off from the rest of the world by a sprawling levee, a six-year-old girl exists on the brink of orphanhood. When a fierce storm unbalances her world, she desperately tries to restore structure to it by saving her ailing father and their sinking home, learning to survive catastrophes of epic proportion.

Footnote - Israel. Uriel and his father, Eliezer, are professors at Jerusalem Hebrew University. Uriel is recognized for his broad approach to teaching, while Eliezer is chiefly known only for a footnote hidden somewhere within the pages of an old, obscure tome. When Eliezer wins a prestigious prize, Uriel struggles to decide if he will stand by his father’s success or sabotage him for his own advancement.

Headhunters - Norway. Roger is Norway’s most accomplished “headhunter” and a charming scoundrel who subsidizes his luxurious lifestyle by stealing art. When he decides to risk it all to get his hands on an extremely valuable painting, he uncovers something that makes him a hunted man.

International Film Festival tickets are $7.50 per film and can be purchased at the event. Film Festival series tickets are also available for $90, which includes passes to both the fall and spring festivals plus the special Skateistan screening. Individual tickets to the Skateistan screening are $10 and may also be purchased at the door. To order season passes in advance call ext. 6-3326. Each festival film will be shown multiple times and to view trailers or download the schedule, visit www.marshallartistseries.org.
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The League of Women Voters will register eligible voters and representatives from the Republican, Democrat, Mountain and Libertarian parties will sponsor tables with candidate information, party platforms and suggestions for how to get involved this election year.

The open forum will allow candidates to introduce themselves to members of the audience, and after introductions, candidates will be on hand to chat directly with students and members of the community. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kim White at ext.6-4115.

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Upward Bound to benefit from spaghetti dinner

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the Upward Bound Scholarship Fund at Marshall University will take place Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Community of Grace Church at 225 28th Street in Huntington.

Carry-out-only will run from noon to 3 p.m., with dine in or carryout scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets for the meal, which will include salad, bread and dessert in addition to spaghetti, are $8 for adults and $5 for children age 12 and under. Those ordering for carryout are asked to allow 15-20 minutes before pickup.

All money raised will go toward the Upward Bound Scholarship Fund for graduating high school seniors and for cultural enrichment. The event is being sponsored by Marshall’s Upward Bound parent group.

Upward Bound is part of the TRIO programs which are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide opportunities for underrepresented students. TRIO offers programs that help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to obtain higher education. Upward Bound assists students with academic preparation, college search and admissions and financial aid processes.
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- EEO 10 · Tanya Ramsey, Finance
- EEO 40 · Amanda Dalley, Controller's Office
- EEO 50 · Nancy Tresch-Reneau, Psychology
- BOG Rep · Miriah Young, Housing
- ACCE Rep · Carol Hurula, Academic Affairs

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Travis Salisbury, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology presented two abstracts at two meetings over the summer. The first, "Adipocyte secreted factors regulate aryl hydrocarbon receptor pathways in human breast cancer cells," was presented at Xenobiotic Receptors: Physiological Regulators of Toxicity, at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pa., in July. Co-authors included G. Z. Morris, A. Chaudhry, R. C. Cook and N. Santanam. Salisbury also presented the following abstract, which included co-authors and Marshall colleagues Donald Primerano, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, and James Denvir, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology. "Defining the Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor Cistrome In Human MCF-7 Breast Cancer Cells" was presented at the National iDeA Symposium of Biomedical Research Excellence meeting in Washington, D.C. in June.

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Yousef R. Shweihat, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, has co-authored a recently published article with Nutan Bhaskar and Thaddeus Bartter. “The Intubated Patient with Mediastinal Disease-A Role for Esophageal Access Using the Endobronchial Ultrasound Bronchoscope,” was published in August online in the Journal of Intensive Care Medicine.

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