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Note of Thanks

To All My Campus Family, Friends and Co-Workers,

Mom, Nona Mae Kirk, is in a much better place and not suffering anymore and went to be with The Lord at 12:07 AM November 26, 2010.

We had to take her off the ventilator on Thanksgiving Day, it was the hardest thing I have ever had to endure in my life; I hope and pray that not one of you ever has to.

I wish to express our deepest gratitude for all the inquiries, prayers, well wishes and gifts for my mother, my family and myself.

May God Bless you all!

Leonard Lovely
Supervisor Mail Services

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Yingling begins his new duties immediately. He will lead the university’s new pharmacy school, which was approved by the Marshall University Board of Governors in December 2009. The timeline for acceptance of the first class of pharmacy students will be determined in consultation with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, the pharmacy profession’s educational credentialing agency.

“This is an exceptional opportunity and I am pleased to be able to play a role in establishing the Marshall University School of Pharmacy,” said Yingling. “This is my opportunity to grow something for an Institution that has been a part of my life for more than 40 years, beginning when I moved to Huntington as a youngster, when my father accepted a job at the university.

“Marshall University gave me a solid foundation that has allowed me to accomplish a great deal professionally, and I look forward to helping shape the future of pharmacist training in our state and region.”

Yingling received his B.S. in Pharmacy from West Virginia University and his M.D. from Marshall. He completed his residency and fellowship at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. He has served as an honorary visiting academic fellow in clinical pharmacology at the University of Southampton in Southampton, England.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a fellow of the American College of Physicians. In October 2010, Yingling was honored with the Laureate Award from the West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Physicians, recognizing excellence in medical care, education or research.

Since 1992, Yingling has served on the board of directors of Doctors Care of Cabell County, a voluntary physician organization that provides free services to underserved patients. He has also served on faith-based medical missions to Russia, Bolivia and Haiti.

“I am delighted Dr. Yingling has agreed to serve as founding dean of our school of pharmacy,” Kopp said. “His experience and commitment to interdisciplinary education and team-based practice is precisely what will be needed to successfully lead the development of this program. His long-standing association with Marshall, as well as his dedication to our institution and community, make him the perfect choice as we take this important step forward.”

Kopp said the Marshall University School of Pharmacy will help to reverse the significant shortage of pharmacists in West Virginia, which ranks among the top 10 percent of states in unmet pharmacist demand. This shortage is likely to become greater as West Virginia’s population ages and more pharmacists are needed as their practice role evolves in outpatient care centers, large specialty practices (oncology), nursing care facilities, and rural health clinics and care centers.

In addition to providing needed healthcare options for West Virginia and the entire Appalachian region, based on recent
studies of the economic impact of higher education institutions in West Virginia, the Marshall University School of Pharmacy is expected to generate more than $150 million in regional economic impact. Additionally, Marshall’s pedigree in bioscience research will present new opportunities for funding and powerful private-sector partnerships with pharmaceutical and therapeutics companies, which will add to this impact, Kopp said.
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In his nomination Dickerson wrote, "We needed help setting up a network connection and other technology in a room in our office...Ryan was very helpful and informative. We likely would not have followed through with adding the technology in the room without his helpful advice. He has also proved himself to be very patient and helpful in past situations."

Henry writes that Adkins consistently answers many of her computer questions and has solved numerous PC problems or glitches that she has experienced. "He has always responded to me in a professional manner with a pleasant and patient attitude...He goes beyond the call for repair and explains to me exactly what happened and how he chose to enable it once again."

She notes that "Ryan has offered computer instruction classes (after working hours) which have been beneficial to me. His idea for these classes sprang from general problems employees have experienced with their computers and his giving-back attitude to supply employees with basic computer information."

And she continues, "Ryan is an employee of excellence because of his knowledge of computers...He goes another step further by offering online instructions which he has created for us. Ryan completes all necessary and helpful work in a timely manner as well. He has assisted several employees in our Honors College and we continually appreciate his work!"

Adkins was presented with a plaque and a check for $100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

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The most recent gifts and pledges to the campaign include:

- J.H. Fletcher Faculty Summer Research Fellowship in Mechanical Engineering - $125,000
- Chico's (in honor of Verna Gibson) for the Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research - $200,000
- Anonymous (Details about this gift will be released at a later date.) - $1 million

Private gifts combined with the state's match will bring Marshall's current total for the trust fund program to just over $5.1 million to be used for investments in research at the university.

West Virginia created the trust fund in 2008 to stimulate world-class research at the state's leading universities. Marshall and West Virginia University can tap into the fund to double private gifts that support specific research initiatives linked to economic development, health care and job growth.

For more information, visit www.marshall.edu/4df or call the Marshall University Foundation at ext.6-5407.
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- Poets Kevin Higgins and Susan Millar DuMars appearing at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 in the Memorial Student Center’s Shawkey Room. A native of Ireland, Higgins is the author of three collections, most recently Frightening New Furniture from Salmon Poetry. He is co-organizer of Over The Edge literary events in Galway, Ireland and teaches at Galway Technical Institute. DuMars is the author of the new collection of poems Big Pink Umbrella. She also has received an Irish Arts Council Bursary for her fiction.

- Anthony “Tony” Grooms reading at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 in Room BE-5 in the basement of the student center. Grooms is the award-winning author of the well-known novel, Bomblingham, which is set during the civil rights movement in the 1960s. His stories and poems have been published in Callaloo, African American Review, Crab Orchard Review, George Washington Review, and other literary journals. He is the recipient of the Lillian Smith Prize for Fiction and has held a Lamar lectureship from Wesleyan College. He currently teaches creative writing and literature at Kennesaw State University outside of Atlanta.

- Writers Philip St. Clair and Andrea Fekete reading from their work at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 in the Shawkey Room. St. Clair is the author of four books, including Acid Creek. He has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Kentucky Arts Council, and he served for many years as Chair of the Humanities Division at Ashland Community College in Kentucky. Fekete, a poet and writer from Logan County, and a graduate of Marshall, is the author of a new novel, Waters Run Wild from Sweetgum Press.

- To mark the centennial of McNeill’s birth, poets and scholars from around the region including Devon McHamara, Mark DePoe, Chris Green, and Marianne Worthington will gather in the Shawkey Room at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 4 to read her work. A discussion of her work and its impact on Appalachian writing will take place at 3:30 p.m. Until her death in 1993, McNeill had served as West Virginia Poet Laureate for 16 years. Her work was widely published in national magazines such as Atlantic Monthly and Saturday Review during her lifetime. Hill Daughter, her selected poems, was published by the University of Pittsburgh Press in 1991, and her poems continue to be anthologized and to influence young writers.

All events are free and open to the public. The Visiting Writers Series is supported by the Marshall English Department, the College of Liberal Arts, the Office of the Provost, the Division of Multicultural Affairs, and the law firm of Jenkins-Fenstermaker.

For more information, contact Stringer at ext. 6-2403.

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“It is a joyful time to celebrate the spirit of love, while enjoying the company and conversation with family, friends, faculty, university students and others from throughout the community, enhanced by some of the most appetizing and traditional African-American dishes,” Cooley said.

The soulful buffet will include chitterlings (chittlins), crispy fried chicken, barbeque ribs, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, candied yams, potato salad, beverages and an assortment of tasty desserts. The cost is $6 for students and $12 for adults and tickets will be available at the door or in advance in the Center for African American Students’ Programs (Room 1W25 in the Memorial Student Center).

For more information, contact the Center for African American Students’ Programs by phone at ext.6-5430 or e-mail Cooley at cooley@marshall.edu. Cooley asks that those wanting to purchase tickets in advance call the office before they come.
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The story was part of a new series, “Mountain State Science,” intended to highlight science and research in West Virginia. The series is made possible with support from the West Virginia Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

On Feb. 25, “Mountain State Science” will focus on Marshall’s MU-ADVANCE Initiative to increase recruitment and retention of female science and engineering faculty.
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The manuscript, "In vitro galactation of human serum albumin: Analysis of the protein's galactation site," was supported by a research grant from the National Institutes of Health for which Cohenford served as the principal investigator.

Findings from this work will soon be presented at the PittCON conference in Atlanta, Ga. PittCON is a well-known national conference which is well attended by thought leaders in various areas of chemistry, biochemistry and spectroscopy.