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NEWSLETTER

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Center will be named in Hall's honor

Newly-developed facilities to house programs for outstanding undergraduate students at Marshall University will be named in honor of Ashland Oil, Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John R. Hall, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

The John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence will be formally dedicated in ceremonies scheduled Thursday, Oct. 1, Gilley said.

The announcement was the highlight of a reception held Sunday, Aug. 16, at Gilley's residence, University Place, honoring Hall and other volunteer leaders of the successful, recently-completed Campaign for Marshall. Hall served as chairman of the campaign, which was completed four months ahead of schedule and which exceeded its \$10 million goal by \$1.3 million.

Marshall Plant Operations personnel have been

working the past several weeks expanding the former Yeager Suite on the second floor of the university's Old Main to house not only the Society of Yeager Scholars but also the Honors Program and the John Marshall Scholars. The three programs, all designed for outstanding undergraduate students, form the new Center for Academic Excellence while retaining their separate identities. Martha Woodward, a former president of the Cabell County Board of Education, has been named director.

In announcing the naming of the center in honor of Hall, Gilley cited his commitment to improving educational opportunities, both as an individual and a corporate leader, and his outstanding support of Marshall University.

"John Hall has been unstinting in his efforts in behalf of Marshall University and we're pleased to have this opportunity to recognize him as a good friend, a valued advisor and an outstanding supporter," Gilley said.

Program connects students with scientists worldwide

An innovative program spearheaded by a Marshall University research scientist, Dr. Susan DeMesquita, is laying the groundwork for a future in which West Virginians don't have to leave their home state to get good jobs.

It's also grooming young rural students for productive careers in science, engineering and medicine.

In addition to Dr. DeMesquita, four Marshall scientists are participating in the program: Jan Fox, chair of academic computing; Dr. Monica Valentovic of the Department of Pharmacology and Drs. Elsa Mangiarua and Todd Green of the Department of Physiology. The Marshall Computer Center also is providing major support.

"With help from the Benedum Foundation and people all across the region, we've set up a system that allows rural students in places like Matewan and Welch to do experiments with West Virginia scientists and tap into educational resources not just in our state but all over the world," said Dr. DeMesquita, who is program director for the project.

The program is an extension of the national Science-by-Mail program of the Boston Museum of Science. Nationally, this program matches 23,000 students with 2,400 scientist "pen pals" to conduct experiments and exchange information. Through the West Virginia program, rural students will be the first in the nation to be able to communicate with their scientists through computerized electronic mail.

"We're trying to grab these kids and say, 'We want you to be the physicians, the scientists, the engineers of the next century,'" Dr. DeMesquita said. "For the first time,

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Outstanding teacher nominations sought

The selection committee for the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award is accepting nominations from students, faculty and alumni, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Nominations are due by Friday, Sept. 18.

Eligible faculty members must be engaged in teaching and be on a full-time appointment at or above the rank of assistant professor, with at least three years of service at Marshall.

Nominations for the award, which includes a \$3,000 cash prize, can be made in a short, dated letter stating the nominee's name and department, along with reasons for making the nomination.

Legible signatures should be included on the nomination letters. The committee cannot accept anonymous nominations.

Nominations should be sent by Sept. 18 to: The Reynolds Committee, c/o Sarah Denman, Academic Affairs Office, Old Main Room 110.

Newsletter deadline set

Items for the Marshall University Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday. Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to ensure publication.

Program connects students/scientists

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these kids will have access to the state higher education network, which will allow them to communicate with their assigned West Virginia scientist or any scientist they want anywhere in the world. A student in Japan or Spain can send a message directly to a student in Matewan."

The program is expected to reach more than 150 students at Matewan Junior High School, Welch Vocational Center, Athens High School, Wayne County High School and Harts High School. The students are being sponsored by organizations in their home communities.

Jan Fox, chair of Marshall's Department of Academic Computing, said the program begins to prepare students for an expected nationwide shift in where people work.

TQM workshop planned

A national videoconference on "Total Quality Management in Health Care" will be presented at Marshall University on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

The program has been designed to provide health care managers with specific strategies for improving the quality of health care, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

Hensley said participants will learn new competitive standards and principles of quality leadership and learn how people and systems can work together to bring about dramatic changes in health care delivery.

Joseph P. O'Brien, associate chair for management services at the George Washington University Medical Center, will lead the program. O'Brien has designed, developed and implemented several programs to significantly improve health care and has taught graduate courses in total quality leadership in health care.

The afternoon sessions will be followed by an interactive question and answer session with O'Brien.

There will be a \$60 registration fee for the program which includes lunch. Marshall employees will receive a 15 percent discount on the registration fee.

The program is being sponsored locally by the Division of Continuing Education and the Division of Education and Training in Marshall University's Institute for Regional Development.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Continuing Education, 696-3113.

Support groups forming

Marshall University's Student Development Center will sponsor a series of 10-week support groups for adult survivors of child sexual abuse, survivors of sexual violence and gays and lesbians during the fall semester, according to Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall.

To obtain further details contact the Student Development Center, 696-2324.

"The whole job market is shifting to a more electronic base," she said. "There are going to be jobs we've never heard of, things we've never dreamed of. With this program, we're not just giving students a computer sitting on a desk. We're giving them a direct line to anywhere in the world they want to go. They're going to be doing thought-provoking, skill-producing activities using real-world tools."

Beverly Walter, grants program director for the Benedum Foundation, said the plan to link rural children with scientists throughout the world "will provide an unimaginable educational opportunity for these teachers, students and families."

Amy Horak of Sunrise Museums echoed those sentiments. "We're doing everything we can to encourage scientific literacy," she said. "Even if these students don't decide to become scientists, they need to know what questions to ask their physicians." The program also offers valuable professional development opportunities for teachers, she added.

The statewide effort to "go electronic" with the program is a cooperative venture of Sunrise Museum, more than a dozen schools and businesses in the region, and scientists from Marshall, West Virginia University, West Virginia Institute of Technology, Davis and Elkins College, the U.S. Forest Service and NASA.

"The groundswell of support for this program has been tremendous," said Dr. DeMesquita, an associate professor of physiology at the Marshall University School of Medicine. "We raised \$22,800 in grassroots support from West Virginia communities and the Ashland Oil Foundation, and we are getting \$15,000 from the West Virginia NASA Space Grant Consortium. The Benedum Foundation was extremely generous, matching those funds with a \$35,000 grant that is really the core of our project."

Disease policy adopted

In accordance with federal regulations, Marshall University has adopted policies concerning workplace exposure to diseases transmitted by blood, particularly the AIDS virus and the hepatitis B virus.

The Marshall policy applies to students, staff and faculty members who may be exposed to blood-borne and body-borne infections. It says that all at-risk students and employees will be informed of potential infectious hazards, that they will be given safety instructions, and that all must be vaccinated for hepatitis B or sign a consent form waiving immunization.

The six-page policy statement also includes guidelines on program policy for testing, guidelines for prevention of transmission and management of the AIDS virus, and specific procedures for carrying out the Marshall policy.

Persons with additional questions should contact their dean or unit head. Employees who are not sure whether they are at risk should contact a physician at the MU School of Medicine.

Computer classes scheduled on campus

The Division of Continuing Education at Marshall University's Community and Technical College will offer a series of introductory, intermediate and advanced computer courses beginning Sept. 11, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education.

Hensley said the Division of Continuing Education has limited funds available for faculty/staff training and development which can be used for the computer skills classes.

"So that we may offer the classes to as many faculty and staff as possible, we will limit each employee's use of grant money," said Hensley. "The funds will be used to pay for one entire class for employees and half the tuition of a second course."

The courses and registration fees are:

- **Introduction to Computers**, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thurs-

days from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22, Northcott Hall Room 101, \$54.

- **Introduction to Computers**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays from Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, Northcott Hall Room 101, \$54.

- **Intermediate Computers**, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays from Oct. 29 through Dec. 10, Northcott Hall Room 101, \$54.

- **Intermediate Computers**, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays from Nov. 10 through Dec. 15, Northcott Hall Room 101, \$54.

- **Introduction to WordPerfect**, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., Fridays from Sept. 11 through Oct. 16, Corbly Hall Room 437, \$60.

- **Introduction to WordPerfect**, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays from Sept. 16 through Oct. 21, Corbly Hall Room 437, \$60.

- **Intermediate WordPerfect**, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., Fridays from Oct. 23 through Dec. 4, Corbly Hall Room 437, \$60.

- **Intermediate WordPerfect**, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays from Oct. 28 through Dec. 9, Corbly Hall Room 437, \$60.

- **Desktop Publishing II (Advanced)**, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., Fridays from Sept. 11 through Oct. 2, Corbly Hall Room 438, \$40.

- **Desktop Publishing I**, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., Fridays from Oct. 16 through Nov. 20, Corbly Hall Room 438, \$60.

- **DOS (Disk Operating System)**, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., Wednesdays from Sept. 16 through Oct. 21, Northcott Hall Room 101, \$54.

- **Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3**, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fridays from Sept. 11 through Oct. 16, Corbly Hall Room 438, \$60.

- **Intermediate Lotus 1-2-3**, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fridays from Oct. 23 through Dec. 4, Corbly Hall Room 438, \$60.

Classes will not meet Nov. 23-27.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Continuing Education, 696-3113.

SOM ceremony held

Fourteen medical students and three faculty members were honored during opening exercises of the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The Year One Achievement Award was presented to Eric R. Heinz of Proctorville, who had a 4.0 grade point average through the first year of medical school. Tying for runner-up with averages of 3.95 were Kevin S. McCann of Chapmanville and Mark R. Ziegler of Huntington.

Three students tied for the Year Two Achievement Award. Caroline E. Miller of Hurricane, Tammy L. Nagy of Hurricane and Alicia D. Pauley of Huntington all had 4.0 averages in their second year.

The Year Three Achievement Award was presented to James B. Becker of Ceredo and Mary Beth Harler of Glen Dale, both of whom had 4.0 averages.

The American Society of Clinical Pathologists Award went to Cheryl M. Kirk of Chillicothe, Ohio, and the G. G. Hunter Pathology Award to Patricia J. Wilson of Huntington.

Students newly elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the international medical honorary, were Harler; Brian Francis of Williamson; Paul S. Holley of Gerry, N.Y.; Stephen M. Ross of Dover, Del., and Rebecca B. Young of Roanoke, Va. They will be inducted during a ceremony next spring.

Dr. Terry Fenger, associate professor of biology, was named professor of the year by the outgoing second-year class, which also honored the Department of Pharmacology.

Dr. James Fix, professor of anatomy and cell biology, and Dr. Susan DeMesquita, associate professor of physiology, were named the outstanding professors of the year by the outgoing first-year class.

Center needs envelopes

The Marshall University Computer Center needs large campus envelopes, according to Virginia Keeney, data entry operator.

Offices and departments that have surplus large campus envelopes that can be given to the Computer Center can contact Keeney, 696-3222.

Mark Russell to perform

Political satirist and humorist Mark Russell will perform for the Marshall Artists Series on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

A syndicated columnist, Russell is perhaps best known for his special programs on the PBS television network.

Celeste Winters Nunley, MAS director, said the university was particularly fortunate to be able to book Russell this close to the presidential election.

To obtain ticket information or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

Library schedule announced

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed Sept. 5, 6 and 7 for the Labor Day holiday, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

During the fall semester the library will be open the following hours: Mondays through Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Fridays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 10 p.m.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

ROBERT KRIEBEL, assistant professor of business education and office administration in the College of Business through the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology in the Adult and Technical Education Program, gave a presentation titled "Delivery Systems for Continuing Education in the United States--Tech Prep" at the 64th annual International Society for Business Education/Societe Internationale pour l'Enseignement Commercial Conference held July 29 in Aachen, Germany. The presentation has been accepted for publication in the ISBE Journal. For the past six years, KRIE-

Skills workshops planned for non-traditional students

Marshall University's Office of Women's and Returning Students' Programs will sponsor a series of study skills and empowerment workshops for non-traditional students during September in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Workshops will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 1, 8 and 15.

To obtain further details contact the Office of Women's and Returning Students' Programs, 696-3112.

Foreign film scheduled

The Marshall Artists Series will present the film "Europa, Europa" as the first program of its Foreign Film Series on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 3 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

A true story, the film is based on the memoirs of Solomon Perel. Perel, a Jew in Nazi Germany, spent most of World War II posing as an Aryan in a Hitler Youth Academy.

To obtain ticket information or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Your kind expressions of sympathy when my father died were appreciated more than words can say.

Thank you,
Charlene R. Hawkins

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Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you so very much for the many ways you showed your concern and support following Ross' death.

The flowers, visits, cards and extra work you did on my behalf demonstrate once more that Marshall University faculty and staff are like extended family.

Our families also appreciate your generosity and friendship.

Sincerely,
Carole Vickers

BEL has conducted a Marshall University program for the regular international interchange of students and graduates in Business Education and Office Administration.

MICHAEL JOHNSTON JR., warehouse attendant in Central Receiving, has been selected by the Marshall University Classified Staff Council to serve on the council's Personnel Committee. In addition to working full-time, JOHNSTON is completing degree requirements in elementary education.

BARBARA SMENTKOWSKI, assistant to the director of purchasing and materials management, coordinated the logistic needs of the recent construction purchasing workshop hosted by Marshall. MIKE MEADOWS, director of facilities planning and management, gave instructions on the various requirements for purchasing construction services at state colleges and universities to approximately 30 workshop participants.

WILLIAM J. SHONDEL, director of purchasing and materials management, was reappointed to the National Association of Educational Buyers' Professional Development Committee for 1992-93. As a member of the committee, he is responsible for conducting surveys, reviews and other tasks levied on the committee by the president and executive board of the NAEB.

VIRGINIA CAMPBELL-TURNER, purchasing assistant, attended the higher education construction purchasing workshop hosted Aug. 11-12 by Marshall's Purchasing and Materials Management Department. She received instruction about all aspects of purchasing construction and architectural services for higher education institutions.

Dr. MAURICE A. MUFSON, chairman of the Department of Medicine, has been elected to the governing council of the Association of Professors of Medicine. He was elected to the office of councilor, one of six leadership positions. The association, made up of the chairs of departments of medicine at all 126 medical schools in the United States, provides the primary leadership and direction to academic internal medicine, including education, research and patient care.

Personnel personal...

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I want to take the opportunity to thank all the many, many members of the university family who have been so helpful to me during my six years with the Yeager Scholars program.

As I return to full-time teaching, I take with me memories of the help and assistance people from all across the campus have given as we got the Yeager program organized and operating.

It could not have been done without the work of so many administrators, staff members, student assistants and faculty members. You have my deepest thanks.

Sincerely,
Bill Denman