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Letters of Thanks

Letter of thanks to the University Functions Committee:

The meet and cheese platter you sent helped to lighten the burdens of my sister’s death. This kind expression of sympathy and concern is greatly appreciated.

Regards from Edward Woods

To All My Co-workers:

I would like to thank everyone for sending me cards while I was off with my fractured ankle. A special Thanks to my Library Pals for sending me cards, flowers and the phone calls. Also I would like to send my deepest appreciation to my Library Buddies for assisting me when I needed it upon returning to work.

Sincerely,

Penny Greuler
Drinks Library/Order Department

Jane Vickers
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“I love Drinko. It’s a beautiful building and the resources are so much more sophisticated. It’s not just books or microfilm you can use as a resource but there are electronic sources that will take you anywhere. It’s a whole new world.”

Three of the Vickers offspring, Julia, Valerie and Ralph, are nurses, having graduated from MU. Daughter Janie, also a graduate, is a recreational therapist who splits her time between Florida and Huntington, and another daughter, Eleanor Anders, is currently back taking classes and working at the library, her proud mother says.

“I have a fantastic family,” she says fondly. “I’m proud of all my children. They all chose service-oriented professions, in jobs taking care of people.”

“And now all my grandchildren are planning to attend Marshall. We wouldn’t have it any other way.”

Faculty and Staff Achievements

Dr. Fran Simone, Professor of Elementary and Secondary Education and Director of the West Virginia Writing Project, and Dr. Barbara O’Byrne, Assistant Professor of Reading Education, will help coordinate efforts on two Education First Grants from the West Virginia Department of Education. The grants, for $66,000 each, were awarded to Zelia and Mt. Nebo elementary schools in Nicholas County for 1999-2000.

Vienna Chamber Orchestra To Perform

The Marshall Arts Series will present the Vienna Chamber Orchestra, featuring guest conductor and piano soloist Philippe Entremont. Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999 at the Keith-Albee Theatre at 8 p.m. Music by Mozart and Brahms will be performed.

The Vienna Chamber Orchestra recently celebrated its 50th season and is recognized as one of the premier interpreters of the chamber ensemble repertoire. The orchestra’s collaboration with conductor and piano soloist Philippe Entremont began in 1976 and has led to worldwide recognition.

Under the direction of Entremont, who is now the ensemble’s Chief Laureate, the Vienna Chamber Orchestra has performed in the major music capitals throughout Europe and North America. The orchestra has also made several tours of Japan. The orchestra toured North America in 1991 as part of a worldwide celebration of the 200th anniversary of Mozart’s death.

The 1999-2000 season will mark the 50th anniversary of French conductor and pianist Philippe Entremont’s introduction to the concert stage. Dividing his career between conducting and solo performances, he has won acclaim throughout the world.

During this anniversary season, Entremont will appear in more than thirty cities across the United States, highlighted by a tour with the Vienna Chamber Orchestra and appearances with the San Francisco Symphony, New Jersey Symphony and Philadelphia Orchestra.

The orchestra will tour Spain with the Israel Chamber Orchestra and he leads the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra in performances throughout Japan.

Tickets went on sale Thursday, Oct. 7 at 10:00 a.m. Prices are $32, $34, and $32 plus tax. Tickets may be obtained by calling (304) 696-6656 or by coming to room 160 in Smith Hall on the Huntington campus.

The Vienna Chamber Orchestra performance is being sponsored by WOWK-TV, Sunny 92.7, and the Marshall Arts Series.

Excused Absences

Absences have been excused by the university for these students on the dates noted.

October 17 through October 31 — Todd McCormick, Christopher W. Roberts, April Vitello, and Nicole S. Walters.

“Reaching for the Stars, Breaking Barriers” is the theme for the 1999 Marshall University Yeager Symposium. The symposium is designed to focus on people from West Virginia who were inspired to reach beyond the commonplace, according to Martha Woodward, executive director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence at Marshall University.

Homer Hickam, Jr.

Homer Hickam, Jr., author of the best-seller Rocket Boys on which the film October Sky was based, will kick off the symposium Monday, October 13th, at 7 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. The symposium will extend through Thursday, October 14.

“The people we have invited to speak at the symposium and they broke their barriers,” said Woodward. “It is a good example to show people.”

Hickam’s presentation Monday night will focus on his adventures as a boy in Coalwood, West Virginia, where he and five of his friends were supported by a teacher to build and launch rockets. His childhood experiences helped him fulfill his dreams of exploring further rocketry and becoming a NASA engineer. A book signing will follow his presentation.

The “Rocket Girls,” from Big Creek High School in McDowell County, along with members of the local chapter of the National Rocketry Association, will fire rockets from the field behind the Morrow Library at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, October 12.

Also on Tuesday, the “Rocket Boys” will come together for a panel discussion in the Booth Experimental Theatre at 3:30 p.m. Roy Lee Cooke, Quentin Wilson, Willie Rose, and Jim O’Dell Carroll will present their accomplishments and interact with the audience. Iva Gray Dean, sister of the teacher of the “Boys,” Freida Riley, will also be present.

Wednesday, October 13th at 7:30 p.m. in Manro’s, located in the basement of the Marshall University Memoir Student Center, the film October Sky will be shown and discussed.

Wrapping up the symposium on Thursday, October 14th at 3:30 p.m. in the Booth Experimental Theatre will be Selby Wellman, senior vice president of Cisco Systems. Wellman also grew up in West Virginia and is a Marshall

Steve Morehouse

Steve Morehouse of Huntington, Assistant Director of Residence Services, has been selected as Employee of the Month for September, according to Bill Bundette, chairman of the selection committee.

Morehouse has been a member of the Marshall staff for almost two years. He was nominated by Molly McClennen, Assistant Director of Residence Services; Shae Powers, Resident Director/Conference Manager; Lola Stratton, Business Manager; and Jo Ann Wetherall, Assignment Supervisor.

Stratton and Wetherall say they nominated Morehouse in part because of his willingness to go the extra mile for the Department of Residence Services.

“We feel he is a very loyal, dedicated, trustworthy employee. When there is work to be accomplished in the maintenance or housekeeping area, Steve always makes certain that the work is completed and in a timely manner.”

September Employee of the Month Recognized

Steve Morehouse

Hickam to Appear in Huntington

1999 Yeager Symposium to “Break Barriers” with the Rocket Boys

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Computer Seminars to be Offered in South Charleston, Huntington

A variety of computer seminars will be offered in October by the Marshall University Graduate College Computer Learning Center. Classes will be held in the administration building on the South Charleston campus. Free parking is provided.

Classes scheduled include Introduction to Computers, October 6; Access Introduction, October 13; Microsoft Excel Windows Introduction, Oct. 7; Microsoft PowerPoint Introduction, October 12; Microsoft PowerPoint Advanced, October 19; Microsoft Word Windows Introduction, October 15; PageMaker 6.5 Introduction, a two day seminar, October 20-21; and Learn to Use the World Wide Web (Introduction to the Internet), October 18.

For additional information, or to register, contact Martha Pierson at ext. 3062 or e-mail her at mpierson@marshall.edu.

On the Huntington campus, the Center for Instructional Technology (CIT) will present the following seminars:

Seminar on Introduction to the Internet, October 14; Electronic Library Resources, October 19; Total Considerations in Publishing, October 26; and Publishing to the Official Marshall Web Site, October 30.

Information delivery services: October 12 and 27; Introduction to Windows, October 15; PageMaker 6.5 Introduction, a two day seminar, October 20-21; and Learn to Use the World Wide Web (Introduction to the Internet), October 18.

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