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Marshall University program combats alcohol abuse

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--A Marshall University volunteer program designed to combat campus-based alcohol abuse has been included in "Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies," a publication which recognizes exemplary programs developed by colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Submitted by Carla Lapelle, coordinator of the Student Health Education Program at MU, the program encourages groups to participate in community service activities as an alternative to alcohol and drug use.

"Examples of our volunteers' community activities include building a playground for a day care center, painting a youth residential facility and helping an organization's fundraising," Lapelle said. "There is a good core of students participating in the program, mostly from the Greek community and various university classes.

"Community interest has been high as well," she said. "Our volunteers usually have two or three projects every weekend."

In addition to providing a drug-free environment, the project has helped MU students and community members gain a better understanding of one another, according to Lapelle.

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“This project is helping to break the stereotype of college students as party animals,” Lapelle said. “Community members are seeing these volunteers as they are – caring, responsible and civic-minded.”

Students also benefit from the project, as they are removed from high-risk environments involving alcohol and drugs. “Through this process, students have the opportunity to form a community without the presence of alcohol or drugs,” she said. “It is a viable and important alternative.”

The Student Health Education Program also recognizes volunteers for their efforts. A plaque hung in the Memorial Student Center lobby expresses appreciation for service projects and individually lists students and the community organization for which they volunteered.

“That helps to promote pride in the students’ accomplishments,” Lapelle said. “Thus far over 70 students have volunteered for the various projects. Student interest is exceptionally high, but sometimes it is hard to coordinate everyone’s schedule. Hopefully there will be even more volunteers to join the groups before our grant expires in December.”

The Student Health Education Volunteer Project is funded by a grant from The Century Council. The council also publishes “Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies,” which is sent to every college president, grant applicant and state education agency in the nation.

For more information about the publication or the Marshall University project, contact Carla Lapelle, 696-4800.

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Best scholarships guide names Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University is one of just 93 colleges and universities included in a new national publication, "America's Best College Scholarships 1998-99." The book is published by John Culler & Sons of Camden, S.C. The firm also publishes "America's Best 100 College Buys" which also included Marshall.

The new publication includes two pages about Marshall and describes the university's two top merit-based scholarship programs -- the Yeager Scholarships, valued at more than \$10,000 annually, and the John Marshall Scholarships, worth \$7,500 annually.

In a letter to Marshall President J. Wade Gilley, Publisher John Culler said more than 1,650 four-year institutions were surveyed but only 93 qualified for inclusion in the book. He said the programs included had to be based on merit rather than financial need.

Marshall has expanded its academic scholarships program dramatically during the past few years and now has some 1,200 available each year. Most are renewable, based on academic performance. They

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range in value from the Yeager Scholarships to the \$500 A. Michael Perry Scholarships available to all qualifying incoming freshmen.

“John Culler & Sons is providing a very useful publication for the serious-minded students of this country,” Gilley said. “We are very pleased that Marshall University and its scholarship programs were qualified to be included. We believe this is still another example of Marshall’s focus on high quality and accessibility in the academic area.”

“America’s Best College Scholarships 1998-99” may be obtained at bookstores as well as from the publisher: John Culler and Sons, Post Office Box 1227, Camden, SC 29020.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium Jan. 19-21

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Events for the community's Fifth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium are set for Jan. 19-21 and will feature a candlelight march and memorial service, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, Marshall University vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs.

"We have scheduled a variety of events and activities to appeal to a wide number of groups," Cleckley said. "The symposium is an effort to broaden knowledge and perspectives about the ideals that Dr. King set forth."

The following is a list of events scheduled for the Martin Luther King Symposium.

Monday, Jan. 19

10 a.m. to noon – An "Investment in Youth Leadership Forum" coordinated by the Rev. Samuel Moore. The program will provide a platform for open discussion between youth and community leaders and will be held at Simms School Apartments, 1680 11th Ave.

5 p.m. – A traditional candlelight march will begin from the First Baptist Church, 801 Sixth Ave. "The march is an opportune time to remember Dr. King and reflect on his accomplishments," Cleckley said.

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6:30 p.m. – A memorial service for Dr. King will be held at the 16th Street Missionary Baptist Church, 1647 Ninth Ave.

Winners of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Awards Essay Competition will also be presented after the service. “The purpose of the King scholar awards program is to promote research, writing and understanding about the life and times of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.,” Cleckley said.

Appearing immediately following the presentation will be the Rev. James A. Forbes, Jr., a featured speaker from The Riverside Church in New York City. Dr. Forbes is the first African American to serve as senior minister in one of the nation’s largest multicultural congregations and was recognized by Newsweek magazine as “one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English speaking world” in its March, 1996 issue.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

10 a.m. – The Wheeling YWCA will make a video presentation entitled “A Week Without Violence” in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, 1658 Fifth Ave.

Immediately following the video presentation will be “Biff, Bang, Kapowie,” a performance by the Saltworks Theatre Company designed for elementary school children.

5:30 p.m. – Greek Lighting Ceremony presented by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and held in the Marshall University Memorial Student Center.

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6:15 p.m. – The Marshall University Chamber Orchestra will present “Quiet Music” and “Elegy – In Memoriam: Martin Luther King Jr.” Written and conducted by Dr. Paul Whear, the performance will be held at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, 1658 Fifth Ave.

Following the orchestra in the Performing Arts Center will be a roundtable discussion entitled “Why We Can’t Wait.” Composed of local business, education, religious and media figures, the roundtable will focus on the climate of today’s society and the impact that Dr. King made during his lifetime.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

7 p.m. – Dr. Gregory H. Williams, dean and professor of law and political science at The Ohio State University, will be the featured speaker in the Don Morris Room of the MU Memorial Student Center. He is the author of “Life on the Color Line: The True Story of a White Boy Who Discovered He Was Black.”

“One of the symposium’s objectives is to promote understanding and social justice,” Cleckley said. “I believe these events will help us reach that goal.”

The theme for the fifth annual symposium is “Replenishing the Dream: Continuing the Legacy Now and Into the Year 2000 and Beyond.” It is sponsored by Marshall University, Mayor Jean Dean, City of Huntington, the Cabell County Public Library, the Herald-Dispatch and the Huntington/Cabell County NAACP.

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MUGC spring classes offered at Huntington campus

The Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston will offer four environmental science and engineering courses at the MU campus in Huntington during the spring semester, according to Dr. James W. Hooper, director of the MU Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences.

The following are MUGC courses that will be offered at the Huntington campus during the spring semester:

Environmental Regulations I (EnvE 561): Mondays at 4 p.m. in the Science Building Room 166. It will also be video linked to the South Charleston campus.

Public Policy (PA 600): Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Science Building Room 166. It will also be video linked to the South Charleston campus.

Environmental Chemistry (EnvE 615): Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Science Building Room 374.

Environmental Engineering Designs (EnvE 681): Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Gullickson Hall Room 119.

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The MUGC was formed July 1, 1997 when Marshall University merged with the former West Virginia Graduate College.

Marshall University's spring semester begins Monday, Jan. 12. For more details or to register for the classes, contact Cammy Holley in the MU Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences, (304) 696-5453, or Dr. Bill Kroesser at the MUGC, 1-800-642-9842.

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MU offers OSHA construction training course Feb. 23-26

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.-- Marshall University will offer an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) trainer course Feb. 23-26 entitled "Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry," according to Dr. Larry Kyle, director of the MU Institute for Business Development.

The course will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Robert C. Byrd Institute Building, 1050 Fourth Ave. Designated OSHA 500, it is developed for persons in the construction industry who are interested in developing safety and health programs in the private sector.

"Using OSHA standards as a guide, special emphasis is placed on becoming knowledgeable about the most hazardous areas of the construction industry," Kyle said. "In addition, participants will also learn effective safety training techniques."

Successful course completion qualifies participants to teach both a 10 and 30 hour construction safety training course. A prerequisite for attendance is completion of the OSHA 510 course or five years of relevant experience in the safety and health field.

Cost of the course is \$595 per person. Contact Annette Blake in the MU Institute for Business Development for more information, 696-6797 or fax 696-4876.



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Marshall-WVGC merger saves \$1,167,517 in first year

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The merger of Marshall University and the West Virginia Graduate College last summer has yielded savings of \$1,167,517 for the current fiscal year, MU President J. Wade Gilley reported today.

Projected over four years -- fiscal 1998-2001 -- the savings will total more than \$2.4 million, Gilley said in a report submitted to Governor Cecil H. Underwood, Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin and House Speaker Robert S. Kiss.

Legislation approving the merger, creating the Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston, was approved by the 1997 Legislature and signed into law by Underwood on April 9. It became effective July 1, 1997.

The savings projections are conservative, Gilley noted. "We anticipate additional substantial savings over the next few years as turnover and vacancies provide additional opportunities for consolidation of administrative positions." He said there have been no layoffs to achieve the cost savings.

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The report shows savings to date based on elimination of five and one-half positions, elimination of duplicate dues to various educational associations, conversion to a single telephone system serving both the Huntington and South Charleston campuses, elimination of duplicate journal subscriptions and lowering of staff costs through a shared library system.

Purchases of information systems capable of serving both campuses resulted in major savings through cost avoidance, the report indicates.

For the current fiscal year (Fiscal 1998) actual cost savings total \$520,517 while cost avoidance amounts to \$647,000.

“The most specific promise that we made...was that this action (the merger) would result in at least \$500,000 in actual savings in administrative expenses per year,” the report says. These savings, it adds, “would be used in the completion of the five-year Senate Bill 547 strategic plan and the improvement of both quality of and access to graduate education over the next several years. We are pleased to report that those savings have been achieved and that more will follow in the years ahead.”

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Fidler named Marshall University Employee of the Month

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Josephine Fidler of Huntington, director of university libraries, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for January, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Fidler has worked at Marshall for 35 years. She was nominated for the award by Monica Brooks, associate director of libraries for technology services and planning, and Mary Caserta, library accountant.

“Throughout her career Ms. Fidler has demonstrated a true commitment to the university and has dedicated her efforts to providing an academic unit of outstanding quality,” Brooks said. “She delegates and empowers her employees while encouraging personal and professional growth at all levels.”

Dedication, integrity and professionalism are three aspects that make Fidler an outstanding employee, according to Caserta. “During her 35 years at MU she has worked in many facets of the library with an exceptional level of performance.

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“The rapport that she has developed within the university community, the library staff and the many professional and humanitarian organizations she deals with is unsurpassed by anyone I know,” Caserta said.

Fidler will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

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MU Artists Series offers Foreign Film Festival

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The Marshall University Artists Series will present its annual Foreign Film Festival Jan. 30 through Feb. 5 at the Cinema Theatre in downtown Huntington, according to Angela Grant, marketing director with the series.

“The film festival is always a highly anticipated event among MU students, staff and members of the community,” Grant said. “It allows them to experience many different cultures, all from their own hometown.”

The following is a list of the six international films to be shown during the festival:

Crows: A Polish film about an alienated and adventurous nine-year-old girl.

Hotel de Love: A quirky Australian film about twin brothers who fall in love with the same girl.

I am Cuba: An exploration of the seductive, decadent world of Batista's Cuba.

Kolya: A Czechoslovakian film about an aging bachelor and his obligation to care for a six-year-old boy.

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Maborosi: A Japanese film which follows a young woman and her recovery from her husband's inexplicable suicide.

Microcosmos: Developed in the U.S. and France, this look into the world of the insect required specially designed cameras, three years of filming and six months of editing. Void of narration, it contains a musical score by Bruno Coulais.

"The Foreign Film Festival is a great way to kick off the MU Artists Series' second half of its season," Grant said. "We are very pleased with the variety of films that will be offered."

Each film will be shown at least three times during the six day festival and general admission tickets are \$6.

Full-time Marshall students are admitted free while part-time MU students, faculty and staff tickets are \$3. Call Angela Grant in the MU Artists Series, (304) 696-6656, for film times or for more information.

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Marshall University offers spring ACT, SAT prep courses

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Community and Technical College will offer preparatory courses this spring for the ACT and SAT college entrance examinations, according to Pam Hamilton, director of the Continuing Education program at MU.

"The purpose of these courses is to give area high school students as much information and guidance as possible for these important tests," Hamilton said.

Two ACT preparatory courses will be offered, one on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 17, 19, 24, 26 and 31. Another course will be offered on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon on April 18, 25, May 2 and 9.

The SAT course will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 17, 19, 24, 26 and March 3.

Cost for the ACT course is \$115, while the SAT course is \$125. Textbooks and materials are included in the cost of each course.

"The classroom lessons are a combination of lecture and review," Hamilton said. "Lectures give students a detailed review of the concepts found in the tests and also discuss test taking strategies."

Contact the Continuing Education Department, 696-3113, for more information or to register for the courses.



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Marshall's university relations director retiring

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--C.T. Mitchell, director of university relations at Marshall University for 25 years, is retiring at the end of this month. He also has served as executive assistant to the president since 1990.

Mitchell, 65, said his years at Marshall have been exciting and rewarding.

"I've been fortunate to work with some outstanding people, including six presidents, all of whom contributed to the amazing progress Marshall has achieved since 1972," Mitchell said. "Right now, I believe Marshall is better, stronger and of greater importance to West Virginia than ever and I've enjoyed having a small role in what has been a fantastic era."

"C.T. Mitchell is an 'institution' at Marshall," MU President J. Wade Gilley said. "He will be sorely missed for his know-how, his wit and his institutional memory and all of us at Marshall University wish him the very best as he moves to a new phase of his life. At the same time, we are pleased that he has agreed to stay on long enough to help with the transition to a new university administrative organization."

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Mitchell said his retirement plans include "some 'fun' writing, trying to catch up on a lot of books I haven't had time to read and learning more about computers."

Initially, however, he said he has accepted a temporary assignment as a Marshall presidential assistant. "Dr. Gilley is looking at some reorganization ideas and I'll work with him during a transitional period," he said.

A native of Williamson, W.Va., Mitchell earned his bachelor's degree in journalism at Marshall in 1953 and his master's degree there in 1970.

He began his professional career as sports editor of the Williamson Daily News in 1953 and soon was promoted to city editor. He worked in several editing positions with the Huntington Advertiser and Sunday Herald-Advertiser from 1960 to 1972, including executive city editor and news editor.

A member of the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, he served primarily with the Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany.

He has been active with Green Acres Center for the developmentally disabled for more than 30 years.

Mitchell is the father of three grown children, Richard K. Mitchell of Huntington, Sharon E. Norris of Nashville, Tenn. and Matthew K. Garrett, a student at Marshall. His mother, Edith Mitchell, also lives in Huntington.

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Sixty-one MU students included in "Who's Who"

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Sixty-one students from Marshall University will be included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," according to Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities at MU.

"It is an honor for each of these students who have been selected for this prestigious publication," Hermansdorfer said. "I am proud of all of them because they are making the most out of their education at Marshall University."

These students join an elite group of students from more than 1,900 higher education institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

"The Office of Student Activities nominated these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success," Hermansdorfer said. "They are outstanding people as well as students."

The following is a list of MU students who are included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

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Elizabeth Laura Appell, graduate history major; **Harvey J. Austin**, senior graphic design major; **Jeremy Baisden**, senior economics major; **Catherine M. Captain**, junior elementary education major; **Heather R. Carver**, graduate nursing major; **Kathleen Mary Kneafsey**, fine arts major; **Tamara S. Nimmo**, senior management health care administration major; **Lois A. Ratanamalaya**, junior board of regents major; **Bryan Luke Styer**, junior english major; **James Rodney Watts**, athletic training major, and **Kelley Wells**, senior classical studies major.

CHARLESTON

Laura E. Abernathy, junior biology major; **Cristalle Britton**, junior chemistry major; **Parween Loynab**, professional medical student; **Patricia A. White**, senior broadcast journalism major, and **Kristy Wilburn**, senior finance major.

PROCTORVILLE, OHIO

Kara Anderson, senior nursing major; **James Graley**, senior political science major; **Tamela R. King**, graduate nursing major, and **Amory K. Wilson**, junior marketing/management major.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

Cynthia L. Dawson, senior accounting major; **Bryon Hoskins**, senior criminal justice and psychology major; **Nakia Watkins**, graduate safety education major.

GRANTSVILLE

Heather Trippett, junior mathematics major and **Courtney A. Ostaff**, senior history major.

WHEELING

Jeremy Richter, junior acting/directing major, and **Wendy Smoulder**, international economics major.

ASHLAND, Ky.

Billy Pence, junior biology major.

BECKLEY

Sephra Leigh Snyder, junior psychology major.

BELMONT

Brian Wesley Guthrie, senior radio/television broadcasting major.

BETHEL, OHIO

Farrah Jacquez, junior psychology major.

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BRANCHLAND

Conrae Lucas, graduate clinical psychology major.

BUCKHANNON

Aimee Hildreth, senior biology major.

BRIDGEPORT

Kristi James, senior elementary education major.

CHESTER

Linda M. Oliver, junior marketing/business administration major.

GRAFTON

Melissa Ann Kuhl, graduate mathematics major.

GRANTTOWN

Michael Warren, senior international economics major.

GREEN SULPHUR SPRINGS

Mary Paige Gwinn, graduate sociology major.

HINTON

Cheryl Lynn Cooper, junior communication disorders major.

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IAEGER

Christopher Daniel, junior medical technology major.

KENOVA

Kara Dee Dixon, senior history and english major.

LEWISBURG

Donald Andrew Hudgins, junior graphic design major.

LEXINGTON, KY.

Lynn D. Black, graduate forensic science major.

MILFORD, De.

Donald Leonard Ott, senior park resources and leisure services major.

MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA

Jeff Howard, senior marketing major.

ONA

Traci Jewell, senior english major.

PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO

Jocelyn Eikenburg, senior environmental biology major.

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PINEVILLE

Ericka Blankenship, graduate communication disorders major.

POCA

J. Alex Wilson, senior photography major.

POINT PLEASANT

Jan M. Click, graduate secondary education/biology major.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio

Jacki Pick, senior history/political science major.

RUSSELL, KY.

Joshua James Epling, junior business/marketing major.

ST. ALBANS

Patricia Smith, graduate nursing major.

SCOTT DEPOT

Michele McKnight, senior broadcast journalism major.

SISSONVILLE

Maggie Bostic, junior adult fitness major.

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UNION

Michelle Moore, senior criminal justice major.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

Michelle Ellen Goodnight, graduate biology major.

WELLSBURG

Jarred B. Lazear, junior counseling psychology major, and
Rhonda Mizok, senior music performance piano major.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Scott Francis Lewis, senior exercise science major.

WINFIELD

Donald R. Richardson, junior political science/pre-med major.

These students will be recognized April 24 at the annual Marshall University Leadership Awards Banquet. For more information, contact Hermansdorfer in the Office of Student Activities, 696-2283.

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MU center appoints incubator manager

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. -- Marshall University's Center for Environmental, Geotechnical, and Applied Sciences (CEGAS) has named George Carico as environmental specialist and manager of its Environmental Management Incubator (EMI). The incubator serves regional business and industry by helping address environmental issues.

As a professional geologist, Carico has more than 10 years' experience in the environmental consulting industry. In his new position he is responsible for interaction with various business development groups and regional businesses to develop and provide environmental outreach assistance.

Dr. James W. Hooper, director of CEGAS, announced the appointment. "I expect George Carico to provide valuable assistance to small- and medium-sized companies in the region," Hooper said.

"In his previous employment as an environmental consultant and manager in this area, George has become very knowledgeable about environmental issues facing smaller companies, including potential legal issues, and diminished profitability.

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“He has already begun an active outreach program to help companies that do not have adequate personnel and financial resources to deal effectively with their environmental issues.”

Carico said he expects to use a “hands on” approach to help ensure the success of the EMI mission. “By helping local businesses, I stay on top of new developments in the environmental industry, and I enjoy being able to contribute to the local economy,” Carico said.

A Marshall University graduate, Carico has a B. S. in Geology and is a certified OSHA trainer as well as a certified AHERA Asbestos Inspector and Management Planner.

For more information contact Jennifer Moran, 696-3092, in the MU Center for Environmental, Geotechnical, and Applied Sciences.

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January 22, 1998
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MU names Technology Management Program director

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Dr. Bernard M. Gillespie has been appointed director of the Technology Management Program at Marshall University, as well as professor of engineering. The Technology Management Program is a two-campus master's degree program with classes offered at Marshall's main campus in Huntington and at the Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. James W. Hooper, director of Marshall's Environmental Center. "I am delighted that Dr. Gillespie has joined us as director of the Technology Management graduate program," Hooper said. "He brings a wealth of experience and success in managing complex technology-oriented research and development endeavors, which directly benefit participants in this innovative new graduate program.

"I expect Dr. Gillespie to make significant contributions as we expand our academic programs and services to meet the needs of employers and working professionals in the region."

Gillespie earned his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Notre Dame. He has extensive experience in energy, technology and business leadership.

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Prior to coming to Marshall, Gillespie served in a number of capacities during his 29 years at Mobil Corporation, including manager of the Research Service Division and president of Mobil Solar Energy Corporation. He has a strong record of strategic planning and implementation leading to turnarounds in manufacturing and service businesses.

“I’m delighted to join the Marshall University team,” Gillespie said. “The future leaders of the state face an increasingly complicated and technical society. The Technology Management Program will prepare them to deal effectively with this future. We are striving to expand this program to cover areas of technology crucial to West Virginia and the nation including information and environmental technology, and manufacturing systems.”

For more information contact Jennifer Moran, 696-3092, in the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical, and Applied Sciences.

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Local journalists to speak at Marshall University

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--WSAZ-TV news producer Maribeth Anderson, Charleston Daily Mail city editor Chris Stadelman and Huntington Quarterly editor and publisher Jack Houvouras will speak Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of Marshall University's Memorial Student Center, according to Dr. Montserrat Miller, assistant professor of history and Drinko Academy Fellow at MU.

The speakers will be at Marshall as part of the "What's It Like?" lecture series, sponsored by the MU Honors Program and the MU Honors Student Association. The Feb. 11 program is the third installment in the four-part series and will cover the topic of "Journalism."

"Each year we present this lecture series in which experienced, successful professionals discuss their disciplines with students," Miller said. "Panelists from various segments of each profession assure students of receiving a well-rounded and informed view."

Each speaker will make a short formal presentation, which will be followed by questions from the audience.

The "What's It Like?" lecture series is free and open to the public. Contact Dr. Miller for more information, 696-6405.

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MU Artists Series presents 'West Side Story' Feb. 11

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The Marshall University Artists Series will present the musical theatre classic "West Side Story" Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre, according to Angela Grant, marketing director with the series.

Based on Shakespeare's timeless love story "Romeo and Juliet," "West Side Story" is set against the gritty backdrop of gang warfare on the streets of New York City.

"As two rival teenage gangs battle over their share of neighborhood turf, a boy and girl from the opposing sides meet and fall in love," Grant said. "These familiar themes make this powerful and gripping musical as poignant today as when it took Broadway by storm in 1957."

The original musical production of "West Side Story" opened at the Winter Garden Theatre in New York City in 1957 and ran for 732 performances before it closed in 1959. The show won Tony Awards for Best Choreographer (Jerome Robbins) and Best Scenic Design (Oliver Smith).

Tickets for this production of "West Side Story" are \$28 and \$30. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Angela Grant in the Marshall Artists Series, 696-6656.

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MU offers Children's and Teens' College

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Students of all ages will get the opportunity to sample "college life" this spring as Marshall University offers its annual Children's and Teens' College on Saturdays this semester, according to Pam Hamilton, director of the Continuing Education program at MU.

"You're never too young to learn at Marshall," Hamilton said. "Students from kindergarten through middle school have attended our classes for more than a decade and we look forward to another successful kids' college this year."

The Children's and Teens' College will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 21, 28, March 14 and March 21. The following is a list of classes, their age groups and the times they will be offered:

KINDERGARTEN

Primarily Physics – 9 to 9:50 a.m. Students will conduct hands-on activities that reveal simple facts about sound, light and heat energy using math and science concepts.

Art Techniques – Crayons – 9 to 9:50 a.m. Learn how to create rubbings, crayon mosaics, etchings and more using a variety of art techniques.

Story Telling/Acting – 10 to 10:50 a.m. Students will bring stories to life through role playing, pantomime, acting and other activities.

Hands-on Chemistry – 10 to 10:50 a.m. Conduct simple chemistry experiments using common household substances and observe chemical changes that produce new substances like carbon dioxide, water, hydrogen or oxygen.

Counting Bears – 11 to 11:50 a.m. Use hands-on activities to explore patterns, coordinates, graphing, order, seasons, counting, following instructions, numbers and colors.

Under Construction – 11 to 11:50 a.m. Explore technology by investigating materials, tools and design concepts. Build a puppet, design a simple house and build a bridge.

FIRST GRADE

Counting Bears – 9 to 9:50 a.m. Use hands-on activities to explore patterns, coordinates, graphing, order, seasons, counting, following instructions, numbers and colors.

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Attracted to Magnets – 11 a.m. to noon. Explore the almost magical and unseen effects of magnetism by conducting numerous hands-on experiments to discover the properties of magnets.

Fossils & Dinosaurs – 11 a.m. to noon. Make plaster casts of fossils, explore a dinosaur trackway and investigate prey and predator relationships. Students also assemble dinosaurs from a bone pile.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

The Shape of Geometry – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Work with straws to build supporting structures. Learn about measurement, shapes, estimation and angles.

Bats Amazing – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Explore these fascinating creatures of the night through scientific investigations. Learn how to identify different species, how they fly and locate food.

Everyone's an Artist – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Explore art media through hands-on exploration of pastels, paint and paper. Develop an interest in art as a form of self expression.

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Under the Microscope – 10:30 a.m. to noon. Use microscopes to explore the world of the smallest living things on earth. Draw and label bread mold, protozoa and water fleas.

Aeronautics – 10:30 a.m. to noon. Investigate the properties of air and the principles of flight. Design, build and test different flying machines.

Creative Dynamics – 10:30 to noon. Tales from literature and stories from the imagination of students come to life as students explore a variety of dramatic games and activities.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

Internet – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Use Netscape Navigator to browse the World Wide Web. Learn to access favorite “kid” sites. Parents may also attend this class with their child, please send registration and payment also.

Under the Microscope – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Use microscopes to explore the world of the smallest living things on earth. Draw and label bread mold, protozoa and water fleas.

Aeronautics – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Investigate the properties of air and the principles of flight. Design, build and test different flying machines.

Creative Dynamics – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tales from literature and stories from the imagination of students come to life as students explore a variety of dramatic games and activities.

Art – 10:30 a.m. to noon. Explore the ideas and techniques of famous artists. Recreate paper cut-outs like Matisse and paint O’Keefe’s large and beautiful flowers. Students use pastels to paint.

Machine Shop – 10:30 to noon. Students explore simple machines through a number of hands-on activities and determine the mechanical advantage of using a simple machine. Investigate planes, levers, gears, wheels and axles.

Klondike Gold – 10:30 to noon. This year marks the centennial of the “Last Great Adventure,” the Klondike Gold Rush of the late 19th century. Learn about the people, places and events of that period and learn how to identify and pan for gold.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Searching the Internet – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students learn how to use the most powerful search engine on the World Wide Web to locate specific items of interest.

CO₂ Vehicles – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Learn the six technical systems of land transportation and factors affecting the speed of a vehicle. Students will design, build and test an aerodynamically efficient carbon dioxide model dragster car made of wood, plastic and metal.

Acting Plus – 9 to 10:30 a.m. A part for everyone from script writer to makeup artist. Whether you act or direct, students are involved in all facets of producing a stage play.

“Surf the Net” – 10:30 to noon. Students will learn how to better use the resources of the Internet and find incredible amounts of information available on the “Information Superhighway.” Parents may also attend this class with their child, please send registration and payment also.

Advanced Math – 10:30 to noon. Math activities designed to challenge even the most talented student.

Rocketry – 10:30 to noon. Design, build and launch model rockets. Learn about basic rocket design and flight principles.

Cost for kindergarten and first grade courses of the Children’s and Teens’ College is \$25 for one class, \$45 for two classes and \$60 for three classes. Second grade through middle school classes are \$36 for one class and \$60 for two courses.

Due to limited enrollment, pre-registration is required for each course. Contact Pam Hamilton, 696-6205, in the MU Department of Continuing Education for more information.

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Jan. 28, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU vice president receives 'Living the Dream Award'

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, Marshall University vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs, was presented the "Living the Dream Award" by Gov. Cecil H. Underwood during the ceremonies celebrating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 19.

Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. West Virginia Holiday Commission, the "Living the Dream Award" is given to a person based on their pursuit of justice, scholarship, sharing of self, human and civil rights, and advocacy of peace.

"I am elated to receive the award and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration a success," she said.

Dr. Cleckley is chair of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Symposium at MU and was nominated for the award based on the commission's criteria that a nominee "exemplify, through action or personal traits, the principles and ideals characterizing Dr. King in his pursuit of social change."

The prestigious award was given during Gov. Underwood's speech at the Cultural Center in Charleston. For more information, contact the MU Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, 696-4637.



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Jan. 29, 1998

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Jazz flutist kicks off Black History Month

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--World renowned jazz flutist Galen Abdur-Razzaq will kick off Marshall University's celebration of Black History Month with a lecture and performance on Tuesday, Feb. 3, according to Ken Blue, MU associate vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs.

"Galen Abdur-Razzaq is considered one of the world's greatest flutists," Blue said. "We are fortunate to present him as we open Black History Month at Marshall University."

A lecture session featuring Abdur-Razzaq will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 2W37 of the MU Memorial Student Center. "The lecture will focus on the African roots of jazz, the origin of black classical music, the elements of jazz and prominent jazz musicians," Blue said.

Abdur-Razzaq will also give a performance at 7 p.m. in Marco's in the Memorial Student Center. "If you like music and especially if you have a fondness for jazz, I invite you to see this performer," Blue said. "Galen Abdur-Razzaq is a jazz flutist extraordinaire."

Sponsored by the MU Center for African American Students, both activities are free and open to the public. Contact Ken Blue, 696-5430, for more information.

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Jan. 30, 1998

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Marshall University expands international operations

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--A federal program which provides unique opportunities for Marshall University students in Europe has expanded to include businesses and schools in Canada and Mexico, according to Dr. Richard Begley, chair of the MU Engineering Department.

"The U.S. Department of Education has allocated more than \$100,000 to be shared by Marshall, Kettering University (formerly the General Motors Institute) and another university to be chosen in the year 2000," Begley said.

"These universities will work to establish partnerships with several international companies and six institutions in Canada and Mexico," he added. "They will form a curriculum and provide academic and work opportunities for people involved in manufacturing and environmental engineering."

Several companies have agreed to cooperate with the program including: INCO Alloys International, TRW, Rockwell Automotive, Electronic Data Systems Corporation, GE Automotive, Lear Corporation, Douglas & Lomanson and BOSCH.

This project supplements an original \$175,000 award from the Department of Education to Marshall, Kettering and the University of Nebraska to form a relationship with partner institutions located in Europe.

"We are getting enthusiastic cooperation and interest from the European engineering institutions," Begley said. "This is primarily due to Huntington's industrial climate and the ongoing activities of Marshall's Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, the Center for International Programs and new academic programs in manufacturing and information technology."

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Charlotte Weber, director of the Robert C. Byrd Institute, said the program has many benefits. "Through this program we have been able to place several students from France, Spain and Germany in manufacturing companies, enabling them to gain experience while providing service to the region's manufacturers."

The budget for these projects includes funding to support 15 Marshall students' travel to work and study abroad. Similar funds are budgeted by various countries for students to come to MU during the next three years. In addition, each institution will attempt to find industrial work for the students during their visit.

"The students who take advantage of this program will obtain valuable international work experience, which will complement their careers in many ways," said Dr. William A. Edwards, director of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

Jacki Pick of West Portsmouth, Ohio, will be one of the first MU students to receive the travel stipend of \$2,000 from this program and plans to go to Spain on Feb. 2.

"The benefit of this opportunity to my future career of international corporate law is immeasurable," Pick said. "This program represents a once in a lifetime opportunity for Marshall students to see the world, to establish fluency in a second language and to make international contacts in the academic and professional world."

Begley credited the partnership with Kettering University as invaluable to Marshall's success in international competition. "The Board of Trustees from Kettering includes executives from companies such as Chrysler, General Motors, Ford, Delphi, Dow, General Electric, Worthington, Xerox and others," he said. "Our partnership has the potential to open doors for our graduates and for our area and state economic development efforts."

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INCO Alloys International is one of the local corporations which recognize the benefits of this program. "One of our manufacturing facilities is in France, so we are considering providing work placements for two French engineering students in our Huntington operation," said Francis Petro, INCO Alloys president.

"In addition, we are also providing jobs for up to four Marshall engineering students who want to transfer to Kettering University for his or her last two years of study toward an engineering degree. These partnerships are exciting and hold great potential."

Jack Klim of D&E Industries, who recently went on a trade mission to Germany, said D&E "is going to use an engineering student from Germany to help implement an inventory program and serve as a German speaking technical resource to assist efforts to help expand the customer base in that country."

In addition to helping local corporations and Marshall University, this program provides a boost to the state as well, according to Thomas C. Burns, executive director of the West Virginia Development Office.

"The participation of Marshall University in this unique project will assist several of the automotive industry leaders and manufacturers we work with in our business retention, expansion and attraction efforts," he said.

With the success of the European program and the expansion into Canada and Mexico, Begley is hopeful that other businesses in the Tri-State will help provide three month work placements for the incoming students.

"Any business in our area that has an interest in marketing products or services in the manufacturing or environmental arena in Canada, Mexico or Europe may have potential benefits through participation as a partner in these coalitions," he said.

Contact Begley, (304) 696-6660, in the MU Department of Engineering, for more information.

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February 2, 1998
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Approved bills include \$6.3 million for Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Federal appropriations totaling \$6.3 million for Marshall University programs have been signed into law, according to U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.).

In a letter to Marshall President J. Wade Gilley, Byrd reported these appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998:

- \$2 million for Marshall's Forensic Science program.
- \$4 million for the continuation of funding for the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.
- \$300,000 to continue the Autism Training Center at Marshall.

"Once again, Sen. Byrd has provided key support to initiatives benefiting not only Marshall University but the West Virginians we serve," Gilley said. "We are deeply grateful for his work on our behalf."

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Feb. 3, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Marshall University records officer retires

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Julia B. "Judy" Gibson, records officer in the Registrar's Office, has announced her retirement from Marshall University effective Feb. 5, according to MU Registrar Roberta Ferguson.

"During her tenure Judy Gibson was always friendly and eager to help students, faculty, staff and administrators," Ferguson said. "She performed a variety of functions in the registrar's office including student registration, identification cards and transcript production."

Gibson has been a member of the Marshall staff for 31 years and served 27 years in the Registrar's Office.

"Judy served as historian and archivist for the office," Ferguson said. "She possesses a unique knowledge of history and academic record keeping at Marshall University. She is well liked and will be missed."

History is a favorite topic for Gibson and she relished the role of office historian and archivist. "When I began working for the registrar I helped the Alumni Office gather historical information about Marshall," Gibson said. "That piqued my interest in history and I have tried to learn everything about the university and its past."

Gibson has also been witness to several historical events during her career at MU. "The tragic plane crash of 1970 is the most memorable

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event during my time in the Registrar's Office," she said. "We had to work with the Sheriff's Department during the investigation, fill out the victims' insurance cards and field calls from concerned people across the country."

Marshall had six different presidents during Gibson's career. "To see the university change and grow over the years has been interesting," she said. "It has been a long and enjoyable experience, but I am now looking forward to spending more time with my family."

Gibson said her post-retirement plans include traveling. "My husband, James, is a teacher at Symmes Valley High School," she stated. "When school is dismissed for the summer, we will have the opportunity to see a variety of places."

Residents of Chesapeake, Ohio, Judy and James Gibson are the parents of two grown children: James Victor Gibson of Blacksburg, Va. and Todd Gibson of Summit, Ky.

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Feb. 3, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Berlin Symphony Orchestra to perform Feb. 19

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The Marshall University Artists Series will present the Berlin Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre, according to Angela Grant, marketing director with the series.

This performance will kick off the orchestra's United States debut tour and will feature piano soloist Derek Han and Grammy nominated conductor Joseph Silverstein.

"It is really exciting to have a symphony orchestra of this caliber in Huntington, especially with such an accomplished piano soloist as Derek Han," Grant said. "His reputation as a pianist of fiery virtuosity, impeccable technique and consummate musicianship has placed him among the world's most accomplished keyboard players."

Joseph Silverstein has appeared as both conductor and violin soloist with more than 100 orchestras in the United States, Israel, Europe and the Far East. His violin performance of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" with the Boston Symphony received a Grammy nomination.

Consisting of 65 musicians, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra will perform a variety of pieces including: Brahms' "Variation on a theme by Haydn, Opus 56a"; Mendelssohn's "Concerto for piano and orchestra No. 2 in D minor, Opus 40," and Schumann's "Symphony No. 1 in B-flat Major, Opus 38 (Spring)."

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“We are fortunate to have the first performance of the orchestra’s debut tour of the United States,” Grant said. “With the special guests, this is a must-see event.”

Tickets for the performance of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra are \$28 and \$30. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Angela Grant in the Marshall Artists Series, 696-6656.

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Feb. 4, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU music faculty duo to perform Feb. 8

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Two faculty members of the Marshall University music department will kick off a concert tour Sunday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. with a performance at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3000 Washington Blvd.

Dr. Susan Tephly, assistant professor of cello, and Dr. Leo Welch, associate professor of guitar, will perform works for their specialty instruments during the tour.

"I am very excited because the pairing of cello and guitar is unique and there are very few pieces written for the combination," Tephly said. "We have composed our own arrangements especially for this tour, which has given us the chance to be creative and try new things."

The Feb. 8 program is the first of numerous demonstrations and performances at junior high schools, senior high schools, colleges and universities in West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

"This will be our first tour as a duo and we plan to travel until mid-March," Welch said. "It is wonderful to play with a cellist like Susan Tephly and I enjoy working with her."

Following the tour on March 30, Tephly and Welch will travel to Chicago to perform on WFMT radio's "Live From Studio One" series.

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“This is a great opportunity for us because the show is two hours of interviews and performances, broadcast on Chicago public radio,” Welch said. “It will give us a chance to gain exposure for ourselves, our work and Marshall University.”

For more information contact Susan Tephly, 696-3198, or Leo Welch, 696-6459, in the Marshall University Department of Music.

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Feb. 5, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Poling receives Marshall University ROTC award

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Cadet Thomas C. Poling has received the George C. Marshall Award as the top cadet in Marshall University's Army ROTC unit, according to Lt. Col. Stephen A. Redmond, professor and chair of the Department of Military Science at MU.

"Cadet Poling well represents the Army ROTC Battalion, Marshall University and the United States Army," Redmond said. "He has worked very hard and this award gives him the recognition he deserves."

The George C. Marshall Award is presented to the top cadet at each Army ROTC unit in the nation. Poling will join other cadets during a recognition ceremony to be held April 14-17 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

"Thomas has natural leadership abilities and sets the standard for every cadet at Marshall," Redmond said. "He is selfless, willing to help anyone, dedicated and has a great work ethic."

Poling, a native of Fairmont, is a Military Science IV cadet and a senior at MU. "This is a great honor for me because I have wanted to be a soldier my entire life," Poling said.

He possesses two qualities – initiative and leadership – that make him stand out from other cadets, according to Capt. John Block, assistant professor in the Department of Military Science at MU.

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“Thomas is self motivated and strives to be the best at everything he does,” Block said. “He is an outstanding student, leader and cadet. This award is highly regarded among Army personnel and it will serve to further his career.”

Poling is the son of Frederick L. Poling and Connie S. Poling of Fairmont. For more information, contact the MU Department of Military Science, 696-6450.

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Feb. 9, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU Community and Technical College offers computer courses

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Community and Technical College will offer computer courses this semester for beginner, intermediate and advanced users, according to Pam Hamilton, director of the Continuing Education program at MU.

"There are a wide variety of courses available this semester," Hamilton said. "We try to appeal to computer users of all skill levels."

All computer classes will meet in Room 136 of the Community and Technical College. The following is a list of classes, their cost and the dates and times they will be offered:

Basic Computer Skills – A hands-on introduction to IBM and IBM compatible personal computers for the beginning computer user. Participants will learn simple computer terminology, how to operate the mouse and how to enter commands and run simple programs. Cost for the course is \$66.

Four sections of this course will be offered:

Mondays – Feb. 23 to March 30 from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m.

Wednesdays – Feb. 25 to April 1 from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Tuesdays – March 31 to May 5 from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m.

Fridays – March 20 to May 1 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Intermediate Computer Skills – This course, designed for students who have completed "Basic Computer Skills," will focus on word processing, file management and spreadsheets. Cost for the course is \$52.

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Three sections of "Intermediate Computer Skills" will be offered:

Mondays – April 20 to May 11 from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m.

Wednesdays – April 22 to May 13 from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Fridays – May 8 to May 29 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word – Create, edit and format documents, arrange text and graphics. Cost for the course is \$78.

Wednesdays – Feb. 25 to April 1 from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m.

Intermediate Microsoft Word – For those who want to develop advanced word processing skills using the program. Cost for the course is \$65.

Wednesdays – April 22 to May 13 from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Access – Build a database, work with records, retrieve and present data. Cost for the course is \$78.

Tuesdays – March 31 to May 12 (skip April 14) from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Introduction to Excel – Use spreadsheets and charts for problem solving. Cost for the course is \$78.

Mondays – Feb. 23 to March 30 from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Intermediate Excel – This course will focus on complex spreadsheet formulas and graphs. Cost is \$78.

Mondays – April 20 to May 11 from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Power Point – Produce high quality displays, overhead transparencies and 35 mm slides for presentations. Cost for the course is \$78.

Thursdays – March 5 to April 2 from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m.

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Introduction to Windows 95 – This course presents the basic concepts of Windows 95. Participants will tour the desktop, use the start menu, identify the elements of a window, use the file manager and delete files. Cost is \$65.

This course will be offered in two sessions:

Tuesdays – Feb. 24 to March 24 from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m.

Thursdays – April 9 to May 7 from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet – A concentrated course for those who want to get on the “Information Superhighway.” Participants will be introduced to terminology associated with Internet navigation and will learn to access, download and search for items as well as identify the title and menu bars. Cost is \$84.

Thursdays – Feb. 26 to April 2 from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Frontpage 97 – Designed for beginning or experienced web developers, participants will learn to develop and manage a web site with the graphical tools available with this software. Cost for the course is \$60.

Tuesdays – Feb. 24 to March 17 from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Publishing on the Internet – Publish on the Internet using Frontpage, HTML and other editors. The instructor will cover ftping, news, e-mail, telenet, uuencoding and uudecoding. Cost for the course is \$84.

Thursdays – April 16 to May 21 from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Due to limited enrollment, pre-registration is required for each course. Contact Pam Hamilton, 696-6205, in the MU Department of Continuing Education for more information.

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Feb. 10, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU Theatre presents 'Blithe Spirit' Feb. 18 - 21

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University Theatre will open its 1998 season with Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" Feb. 18 - 21 at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, according to Kevin Pauley, marketing director for the MU Theatre Department.

"Eccentricity abounds in this hilarious farce of an author plagued by his wives, both deceased and living," Pauley said. "Filled with poltergeists and pranks, 'Blithe Spirit' is a clever comedy that will raise everyone's spirit."

Tickets are free for full-time MU students, \$10 for adults, \$8 for people under 18, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for MU faculty and staff. They are available at the MU Theatre box office in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, or can be ordered by calling 696-ARTS.

"This show will give us a good start to the 1998 season," Pauley said. "It is well produced and extremely entertaining."

"Blithe Spirit" is directed by Dr. N.B. East. Contact the MU Theatre Department, 696-6442, for more information.

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MU offers 'Art Opportunities for Children'

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University will offer its annual "Art Opportunities for Children" program on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon beginning Feb. 28 and continuing through April 4, according to Linda Anderson, director of the program.

"Our program this year will be centered on activities and art that explore both self-expression and creative communication," Anderson said. "We will also examine artistic themes and styles used by different cultures."

The program will be offered in two sections, both to be conducted on the sixth floor of Smith Hall on the MU campus. One section will be for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, while another will be offered for students in sixth through eighth grade.

"As always, our lessons are designed for maximum success of each and every student," Anderson said. "We also allow for growth in skill level and uniqueness of each student's interests."

Cost for the "Art Opportunities for Children" program is \$50 per student and pre-registration is required due to limited enrollment. Contact Anderson, 696-6760, to enroll or to learn more about the program.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU presents 'Of Ebony Embers' Feb. 15

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University will continue its celebration of Black History Month with the musical theatre production "Of Ebony Embers" Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall on the MU campus, according to Ken Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs.

Presented by the Core Ensemble with Akin Babatunde, "Of Ebony Embers" explores the lives and times of African American poets Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay.

"These poets were instrumental in shaping the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920's and 1930's and this production is a tribute to their efforts," Blue said. "We are fortunate to have the Core Ensemble with Akin Babatunde to help us learn more about these important historical figures."

Akin Babatunde is an accomplished actor, director and writer whose theatrical experiences encompass the regional, off-Broadway and Broadway stages. He is the recipient of several awards for his work as director and actor including The Dallas Observer Award, Dallas Critics' Forum, D Magazine and Providence Journal Bests of the Best, a Princess Grace Foundation nomination and an Audelco Award nomination.

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A nationally acclaimed trio of cello, piano and percussion, The Core Ensemble provides musical foreground and background performing tunes of the Jazz Age including works by African American composers such as Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton and Billy Strayhorn.

The ensemble, which includes Andrew Mark on cello, Hugh Hinton on piano and Michael Parola on percussion, is about to complete its three year Chamber Music America residency at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, Fla. The trio has twice been in residence at Boston Conservatory's New Music Festivals, Harvard University and the University of Texas at Austin.

The production of "Of Ebony Embers" is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Marshall University's Department of Music, Center for African American Students and Center for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs. Contact Ken Blue, 696-5430, for more information.

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MU moves to strengthen information technology studies

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- In a move designed to strengthen its information technology offerings, Marshall University is consolidating six computer-related programs into five, MU President J. Wade Gilley announced today (Feb. 10).

One program, Computer Science & Software Development (CSD), is being suspended effective April 1, 1998 and no new students will be admitted to the program after that date, Gilley said. However, students currently enrolled in the program will be provided the opportunity to complete the current degree, he added.

The university will strengthen and expand five computer-related education programs with higher graduation rates and assessed as having greater potential for growth: (1) Management Information Systems in the College of Business, (2) Information Technology in the Integrated Science and Technology program, (3) Computer Technology in the Community and Technical College, (4) Technology Management/Information Technology in the Marshall University Graduate College, and (5) Information Systems, also in the Graduate College.

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No faculty members will lose their jobs as a result of the change, Gilley said. "Each member of the CSD faculty will be offered placement in a department in keeping with his or her preparation," Gilley said. "Each faculty member may continue to be scheduled to teach CSD courses as needed to provide course offerings to continuing CSD students."

Gilley said the decision was based on a study of the program that covered more than a year and recommendations from Dr. Robert B. Hayes, acting CSD chairman; College of Science Dean Thomas A. Storch; Vice President for Academic Affairs Sarah N. Denman, and an external consultant secured to review Marshall's strategy related to computer and information technology programs.

"Basically, we determined that while significant numbers of freshmen were enrolling in the CSD program, the attrition rate was extremely high and the graduation rate was very low," Gilley said. "Therefore, we decided to emphasize the computer-related programs found to be most viable in terms of enrollment, completion rates and employment potential."

Michael J. McGuffey, director of institutional research, reported the CSD program had produced just three graduates in 1993-94, four in 1994-95, four in 1995-96 and three in 1996-97. The numbers of students listed as CSD majors during those years were 111, 114, 121 and 129, respectively.

Gilley said the State Legislature's Senate Bill 547 was used as a guide in evaluating the programs. "SB 547 calls for elimination of duplication in programs in higher education and for more cooperative efforts within and between institutions," he noted. "The studies we conducted resulted in the decision to suspend the less-productive program and emphasize the others."

College of Science Dean Storch said the CSD Department will cease to exist on April 1 and the Department of Mathematics then will assume the responsibility of administering all functions related to the former CSD Department.

"Computer-related programs offer many and wide-ranging employment possibilities for our students," Gilley said. "These include information technology, network administration, systems analysis, programming, data entry -- and scores of other functions. Marshall's emphasis will be devoted to preparing students for those good, well paid jobs and others which will emerge as we enter the 21st Century and the Information Economy."

Storch said students currently enrolled in the CSD program should meet immediately with Dr. Hayes, the acting chairman, to explore their options and plan their schedules in order to complete the CSD program as it is phased out over the next few semesters.



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Marshall University offers Job Fair Feb. 25

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Career Services Center will host the 12th annual "Operation Native Talent Statewide Job Fair" on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to Patricia Gallagher, recruiting coordinator in the center.

"Operation Native Talent is an ongoing state college recruitment program that is designed to bring employers together with MU seniors and graduate students," Gallagher said. "They will discuss career positions, which will give students a better understanding of the job market and what employers require."

Sixty-two employers will participate in this year's fair, including: Bank One, Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages, Coca Cola, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Merrill Lynch. A complete listing of participants is available in the Career Services Center, located on Fifth Ave.

"This fair is an excellent opportunity to network with potential employers," Gallagher said. "All students and alumni are encouraged to stop by."

The Operation Native Talent Statewide Job Fair is free and open to the public. Contact Patricia Gallagher, 696-2371, for more information.

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Marshall to open arena bids Feb. 19

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Marshall University will open bids on a major renovation of its 17-year-old basketball arena in Henderson Center, Thursday, Feb. 19, at 3 p.m. in the office of Purchasing Director William J. Shondel.

The project is expected to begin in early March, immediately after completion of the 1997-98 basketball season and be completed before the opening of the 1998-99 season.

All of the lower level seats will be replaced with permanent, wider and better quality seats. Additional bleacher seats will be added in the corners of the arena, also. The current lower level seats are on retractable platforms, based on the facility's original "multi-purpose" theme, and they tend to "rock" from side to side. The new seats will be built on fixed risers, similar to the seating in Marshall Stadium.

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said funds for the project -- expected to cost about \$5 million -- are already in hand from a bond issue sold last fall. Money from the bonds also will be used in the construction of the new Jomie

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Jazz Center to be added to Marshall's Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The arena project also includes replacement of the structure's floor, more handicapped accessible areas, more exits doors, improved lighting, a sprinkler system and an emergency generator. A 5,000-square-foot reception area will be created under the north seats and a Hall of Fame room will be built under the south seats, Gilley said. A new walkway will enable fans to move from one side of the building to the other, inside the arena.

The plan calls for new bleachers behind the baskets and the addition of 512 bleacher seats in the four corners of the arena. Even with those additional seats, total seating capacity will decline from 10,250 to 9,043 because the better, theater style permanent seats will take up more space than those being replaced.

Gilley said plans are being considered for an expansion of the east end of the arena which would add 1,128 seats. That may take place later, depending on demand, he said.

"We are excited about this project," Gilley said. "It will provide Marshall with an outstanding facility for intercollegiate basketball and we believe Thundering Herd fans will be delighted with the results."



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MU continues 'Year of the Book' celebration

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University will continue its "Year of the Book" celebration with a lecture by noted futurist Francis Fukuyama Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

"Dr. Fukuyama is a widely respected scholar with a fascinating and unique look at businesses and organizations," Gilley said. "He is an outstanding addition to our Year of the Book lecture series as we celebrate the construction of the John Deaver Drinko Library."

A former senior social scientist with Rand Corporation and currently a professor at George Mason University, Fukuyama has stimulated national discussion with his latest book, "Trust: The Social Virtues and Creation of Prosperity."

Fukuyama is the third speaker in the "Year of the Book" lecture series, which began last fall with a presentation by Dr. Jean Edward Smith, author of the highly acclaimed biography "John Marshall – Definer of a Nation."

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Nationally renowned historian Norman Graebner was the second speaker in the series when he presented a Feb. 3 lecture entitled "Myth and Reality: The Rhetorical Cold War." One of the nation's leading historians in the area of American foreign policy, Graebner also served as a Drinko Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts at Marshall during the Spring Term of 1989.

"We are honored to have such distinguished scholars involved in Marshall's Year of the Book lecture series," Gilley said. "Their participation is a direct result of the university community's effort and commitment to learning."

For more information about the "Year of the Book" celebration, contact Dr. Keith Spears, special assistant to the president, 696-4723.

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Pelphrey named Marshall University Employee of the Month

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Nancy Pelphrey of Huntington, program assistant I in the Office of Alumni Affairs, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for February, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Pelphrey has worked at Marshall for 10 years. She was nominated for the award by Linda Holmes, executive director of alumni affairs.

“Nancy is an excellent employee that brings a work ethic second to none and an effervescent personality to the Alumni Office,” Holmes said. “She is in touch with alumni and friends on a daily basis, assisting in requests and planning alumni events.

“She is bright, self-motivated and possesses interpersonal skills that make her one of Marshall University’s finest ambassadors,” Holmes added. “The best testimony to her pleasing, helpful demeanor is the compliments I receive about her from alumni clubs across the country. It is a pleasure to work with such a talented individual.”

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Pelphrey will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

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Marshall University to participate in National Eating Disorder Screening Program

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University will join hundreds of colleges across the country as it participates in the second annual National Eating Disorders Screening Program Feb. 24 and 25, according to Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs at MU.

“The National Eating Disorders Screening Program is a public outreach effort designed to educate students about the serious consequences of eating disorders,” Hermansdorfer said. “It provides students with the opportunity to hear an educational presentation on eating disorders, complete a screening questionnaire and meet one-on-one with a health care professional.”

The screenings will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of the MU Memorial Student Center. They are being conducted during the national Eating Disorders Awareness Week, held Feb. 23 – 28.

“All screenings are free and anonymous,” Hermansdorfer said. “Those who show symptoms of an eating disorder will be encouraged to make an appointment for a full evaluation.”

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Eating disorders are illnesses that are associated with severe body image distortion and an obsession with weight. Sufferers are terrified of gaining weight and continue to diet, binge, or binge and purge even as their mental and physical health deteriorates.

“In addition to depression and substance abuse disorders, victims of eating disorders can also develop heart problems, osteoporosis and reproductive difficulties,” Hermansdorfer said. “Left unchecked, eating disorders can kill.

“Students are encouraged to bring a friend if they are concerned about his or her eating behavior,” he added.

The National Eating Disorders Screening Program is sponsored by Marshall University’s Panhellenic Council sororities, Student Health Education Programs and Women’s Center. For more information contact Allison Swick, 696-2283, in the MU Office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs.

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MU sponsors panel on Appalachian studies

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA) will sponsor a panel entitled "The Cutting Edge: A Critical Look at Appalachian Studies" on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154 on the MU campus, according to Lynda Ann Ewen, CSEGA co-director.

"We are pleased to have four leading scholars participate in this panel discussion," Ewen said. "Together they will provide a unique insight about a variety of topics regarding Appalachian studies."

Members of the panel will include:

Dr. Wilma A. Dunaway, sociologist and author of the award-winning book "The First American Frontier: Transition to Capitalism in Southern Appalachia, 1700-1860."

Dr. John H. Hennen, assistant professor of history at Morehead State University and author of the award winning book "The Americanization of West Virginia: Creating a Modern Industrial State, 1916-1925."

Dr. Gordon B. McKinney, Goode Professor of Appalachian Studies, Director of Appalachian Center at Berea College and co-author of "The Guide to the Zebulon Baird Vance Papers."

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Dr. Linda Tate, CSEGA Fellow, associate professor of English at Shepherd College and author of "A Southern Weave of Women: Fiction of the Contemporary South."

Marshall University's Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia is funded by a \$250,000 Rockefeller Foundation Grant for the Humanities. It is dedicated to filling the void of research about ethnicity and gender in the Appalachian region.

"The Cutting Edge: A Critical Look at Appalachian Studies" is free and open to the public. Contact Mary Thomas, 696-3348, for more information.

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Community and Technical College names program director

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Pamela Casto Hamilton has been named director of non-credit programs, community services, and procurement technical assistance for the new Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development in the Marshall Community and Technical College.

“Community colleges are the largest and fastest growing segment of higher education in the United States. Marshall is accessible and affordable to kindergarten students through senior citizens who want to learn a new skill or advance to a higher skill level. The focus on student potential, not past performance, eliminates the need for admission requirements,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton has been a member of the MU staff since 1985 and has held a variety of positions during her tenure in research and economic development programs.

A native of Philippi, Hamilton earned a bachelor's degree in technical writing from Alderson-Broaddus College and a master's degree in communication studies from West Virginia University. She is certified in data management and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in education administration with specialization in adult education.

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“‘A College for the Global Community’ describes the integration of continuing education and economic development resources to enhance the quality of life. Non-credit courses in a variety of formats meet the needs of non-traditional students. Quality instruction in a caring environment makes Marshall the choice for lifelong learning,” Hamilton said.

For more information about the Marshall Community and Technical College or community services, contact the Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development at 696-3113.

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Marshall athletics 'Going for the Gold'

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Borrowing a phrase from the Olympics, Marshall University is "Going for the Gold."

Expanded seating capacity for Marshall Stadium, a new baseball park, improved and additional women's sports and new recreation and fitness facilities for the general student population are among the highlights of a five-year, \$15 million "Going for the Gold" athletics improvement program announced Wednesday (Feb. 18) by Marshall President J. Wade Gilley.

"During the past few years, Marshall has been able to raise \$29 million to build the nation's most advanced library, invest more than \$100 million in new and renovated academic facilities and raise more than \$10 million for additional academic scholarships," Gilley said.

"Now is the time to turn our attention to elevating our athletic program to new heights nationally," he added. "We have entered the Mid-American Conference, competed successfully in Division 1-A football and are on track to be competitive in many other sports. This new effort will ensure that Marshall will be competitive at the highest level of NCAA Division 1-A as we enter the 21st Century."

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The "Going for the Gold" plan calls for:

- A \$5 million-plus renovation and upgrading of Henderson Center's basketball arena. Bids for this previously-announced project are scheduled to be opened Feb. 26.

- A \$4 million investment in improving Marshall Stadium, adding 10,000 to 15,000 seats and installing new artificial turf.

- Some \$800,000 worth of new sports and fitness facilities for the general student body.

- \$1.6 million to improve programs and facilities for women's athletics, including the addition of new sports -- soccer and, perhaps, crew.

- A \$1 million investment in a Marshall University-City of Huntington baseball park.

- \$1 million in endowed athletic scholarships.

- \$1.6 million for additional, still-to-be-defined improvements.

Gilley said this will give the university flexibility to address opportunities and needs as they arise between now and 2002.

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John Hess, president of the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, said he was pleased with the plan. "This new endeavor will allow us to compete at the highest level of NCAA Division 1 athletics, as well as maintain the university's commitment to the overall welfare of the student-athlete," Hess said. "As we head into our second year of membership in the Mid-American Conference, the commitments from the university, our fans and alumni must continue to match that of our athletic goals."

To help finance the improvements, Marshall is launching an \$8 million "Going for the Gold" fund-raising campaign over the next five years. Goals include:

- \$5 million in private gifts for facility improvements and endowed scholarships.
- Almost \$1 million in new revenues from gate receipts as Marshall facilities, programs and competitiveness improve.
- Some \$2.7 million in increased giving to the Big Green Scholarship Foundation for support of annual operations. This includes expanding the Big Green memberships to 3,000 by 2002. The support organization now has 1,750 members, including some 300 new members since the end of the 1997 football season.

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“The announcement of this fund-raising campaign, ‘Going for the Gold,’ is a vision that over the next five years will help all of our student-athletes to excel both in the classroom and on the playing field,” Director of Athletics Lance West said.

In line with the five-year program, Marshall has employed Charles “Chuck” Neinas, former executive director of the College Football Association, as a consultant to make recommendations on improving the overall football program.

Architects have already completed plans for the Henderson Center renovations and currently are assessing strategies for improvements to Marshall Stadium. And the university is cooperating with Huntington officials and others to find an appropriate site for a new baseball park.

Also in line with the five-year program, the university is planning a self-study leading to re-certification of the athletic program, including issues such as gender equity. Marshall was one of the first 50 institutions to attain certification in 1995 when the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) initiated the certification process.

Gilley said West will head the overall athletics improvement effort. The fund-raising campaign will be directed by Frank P. Justice, the retired Ashland, Inc. executive who carried out the successful library fund-raising effort over

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the past two years. Justice will work with Rick Thompson, associate vice president for athletic development and executive director of the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, and volunteers from the foundation's board of directors.

"Each of Marshall's 16 NCAA Division 1 programs will benefit from this five-year plan," Thompson said. "The interest and support shown from our alumni, fans and friends has allowed us to be aggressive in our planning. This new plan will allow us to maintain our momentum within the Marshall family as well as the NCAA and restructuring over the same time frame."

"While this program is ambitious, we simply have to look at the Marshall community's outstanding successes over the past few years in building the library, modernizing the entire campus and raising money for academic scholarships to realize that, working together, we will succeed," Gilley said.

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For Immediate Release

Scholarship established in memory of former legislator

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. -- The family of Tennyson J. Bias, co-sponsor of the legislation that granted university status to Marshall University, has established a scholarship in his memory.

"Mr. Bias demonstrated his loyalty to Marshall throughout his life," said Marshall President J. Wade Gilley. "His family chose a most appropriate way to remember him, by enabling deserving students to attend the institution that became a university under his aegis."

The scholarship was announced during a tea at Woodlands Retirement Community honoring his widow, Velma Hart Bias.

A native of Logan County, W. Va., Mr. Bias served four terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates, 1954-56 and 1958-64, representing Cabell County. He attended Marshall 1933-36. He retired as public lands agent for the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. He died on Dec. 18, 1991, at age 79.

The Tennyson J. Bias Scholarship is unique in that it will supplement other grant awards for two to three students to assure full payment of tuition, fees, room, board and books to its recipients. The scholarship will be funded through \$15,000 annual donations by the Bias family over a four-year period.

Recipients of The Tennyson J. Bias Scholarship must be West Virginia residents and be full-time Marshall students with demonstrated financial need. Pending satisfactory academic progress, recipients may continue to receive the scholarship for four years.

Mr. Bias' children, Donna Wellman of Cary, N.C., and David J. Bias of Huntington, both Marshall graduates, attended the tea where the scholarship was announced.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU Theatre presents 'American Buffalo' March 4 - 7

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University Theatre will present "American Buffalo" by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright David Mamet March 4 - 7 at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, according to Jeffrey Elwell, chair of the MU Theatre Department.

"It is an extremely intense play," Elwell said. "Some consider Mamet to be the greatest living American playwright, but he is also one of the most controversial."

An Obie Award winning play about the misadventures of three petty thieves in Chicago, "American Buffalo" enjoyed a Broadway run in 1977 and was proclaimed by the New York Times as "the best play of the decade" in the 1970's. It was Mamet's breakthrough work and he went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for "Glengarry Glen Ross."

In the original Broadway production of "American Buffalo," Robert Duvall was cast as Teach, the main character. "Teach is a profane, intense thug who resorts to violence when his wits fail him," Elwell said. "The play is full of low-life characters who use four letter words in every way imaginable."

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Due to the mature content of the production, no one under 18 will be admitted. Season ticket holders who feel they may be offended by the language in "American Buffalo" may contact the MU Theatre box office to exchange their tickets for tickets to this summer's production of "Lost in Yonkers."

Tickets for the MU Theatre production of "American Buffalo" are free for full-time MU students, \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for MU faculty and staff. Contact the MU Theatre Department, 696-6442, for more information.

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MU offers Summer Jobs Fair March 11

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Career Services Center will host the 10th annual Summer Jobs Fair on Wednesday, March 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the MU Memorial Student Center, according to Patricia Gallagher, recruiting coordinator in the center.

"Numerous local and regional employers will be participating in the fair," Gallagher said. "It is an excellent opportunity for students to meet with recruiters and discuss part-time and summer positions."

Approximately 20 employers will participate in this year's fair, including: West Virginia Division of Personnel, Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District and Cedar Point Amusement Park. A complete listing of participants is available in the Career Services Center, located on Fifth Ave.

"Students should be aware that most of the good summer jobs will be filled if they wait until May to start looking," Gallagher said. "This fair allows them to get a jump on the rest of the field."

The Summer Jobs Fair is free and open to the public. Contact Patricia Gallagher, 696-2371, for more information.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU named one of 'America's 100 Best College Buys'

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University has once again been named one of the 100 best college buys in the United States by a publication that rates America's colleges and universities.

The prestigious "Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys, 1998-1999" profiles schools that are the highest rated academically and have the lowest total cost for the college year.

Compiled by Institutional Research and Evaluation in Gainesville, Ga., the guide lists the 100 best college buys and gives complete information on each one including cost, sources of financial aid, majors offered and information on campus life at each school.

The company researched almost 1,800 colleges, according to publisher John Culler. "Our research has shown that a prospective student could save \$30,000 to \$50,000 or more on a quality college education," he said.

Showing a wide geographic diversity, schools from 40 states from New Jersey to Hawaii are represented in the guide. The smallest school listed is Lyon College, in Arkansas, with less than 500 students, and the largest is Texas A&M, with more than 29,000 students.

"A prospective student should never pick a college without first doing serious comparison shopping for cost and quality," Culler said. "If that is done, the schools in this book will win every time."

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To be considered for the guide, a college must meet very specific requirements:

- It must be an accredited, four-year institution.
- Offer full residential facilities including residence halls and dining services.
- Offer opportunities to qualified students for need-based, academic-based and athletic-based financial aid.
- Have an entering freshman class with a high school grade point average and SAT or ACT score above the national average.
- The cost of attendance must be below the national average.

“The Student Guide to America’s 100 Best College Buys, 1998-1999” retails for \$19.95. It is available in bookstores or can be ordered from the publisher, John Culler & Sons, P.O. Box 1227, Camden, S.C. 29020, or by phone at 1-888-744-7266.

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MU schedules events for Women's History Month

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University has scheduled several events during the month of March in celebration of Women's History Month, according to Leah Tolliver, coordinator of the MU Women's Center.

"We are very excited about the variety of events planned for the celebration," Tolliver said. "Hopefully each offering will provide insight into a different aspect of women's history."

The following is a list of events that MU will offer in recognition of Women's History Month:

"Women's Studies and Curriculum Transformation" – Monday, March 2 at 3 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 242 on the MU campus. This is a faculty development seminar designed to make academic courses more women-centered.

"A Woman's Read In: Open Forum" – Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the MU Memorial Student Center Lobby. This is designed to provide a venue for anyone wanting to present an essay, poem, song or dramatic interpretation that celebrates women throughout history.

"Women of Color Event" – Tuesday, March 9. A series of workshops and a historical fashion show focusing on the cultural diversity of women in the Huntington community. Information can be obtained from the MU Center for African American Students, 696-6705, as well as the Women's Center, 696-3338.

"Reconstructing an 'Invisible' History: The Case of the Cherokee-Appalachian Women" – Wednesday, March 11 from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143 on the MU campus. This is a lecture by Dr. Linda Tate, Rockefeller Scholar-in-Residence in the MU Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia.

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“Overcoming the Barriers to Success: Challenges for the Appalachian Woman” – Monday, March 16 from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143 on the MU campus. A panel of scholars will lead an interactive discussion that explores the challenges and barriers of achieving success that Appalachian women face in their careers.

“Celebrating Women’s Literary History” – Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105 on the MU campus. Women’s Studies Coordinator Amy Hudock will trace the development of women’s literature from the first poet, Enheduanna (2030 B.C.) to Toni Morrison, the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature.

The 9th Annual Celebration of Women Award Dinner – Monday, March 30 at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the MU Memorial Student Center. This event recognizes the achievements and contributions of Marshall women through the awarding of the Eugene Crawford Award and the Women of Marshall Scholarships.

Those who wish to attend the award dinner must register with the Women’s Center, 696-3338, by March 20.

For more information about Marshall University’s celebration of Women’s History Month, contact Leah Tolliver in the MU Women’s Center, 696-3338.

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'Third House' scheduled March 11

"The Third House," an annual roast of state officials, will be presented Wednesday, March 11, at 8 p.m. in the Cultural Center on the State Capitol grounds in Charleston.

Sponsored by the Alumni Association of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall University, the event annually raises about \$10,000, which is donated to the school.

Members of the Capitol press corps write the skits and songs and perform them.

Tickets to the show, which has played to a sold-out audience the last three years, are \$25 each and may be obtained by calling Tom Miller, event coordinator, at (304) 558-6180. They also may be obtained through Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center or from Beverly W. McCoy in the University Relations office, (304) 696-2584. The price includes a reception following the performance.

The show has raised about \$60,000 for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications since 1990.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Marshall University offers CLA exam review courses

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Community and Technical College will offer preparatory courses this spring for the Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) exam, according to Donna Donathan, program coordinator and associate professor in the college.

"This review has been designed for legal assistants preparing to take the certified legal assistant exam offered by the National Association of Legal Assistants," Donathan said. "It will be presented in six one-day workshops."

Participants may register for all six sessions at a discounted rate of \$280, or for individual sessions at \$55 each. The following is a list of workshops to be offered in the program:

March 7 – This workshop will cover "Study and Test Taking Skills" along with "Communication and Grammar." It will be offered in the MU Memorial Student Center Room 2W37 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 21 – "General Law: An Overview," "Real Estate" and "Bankruptcy" will be covered in this session. It will be offered in the MU Memorial Student Center Room 2W37 from 8:30 to 4 p.m.

April 4 – This workshop will deal with "Administrative Law," "Business Organizations" and "Contracts." It will be offered in the MU Memorial Student Center Room 2W37 from 8:30 to 4 p.m.

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April 18 – “Civil Procedure,” “Estate Planning” and “Probation” will be offered in the MU Memorial Student Center Room 2E10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 2 – This session will deal with “Criminal Law and Procedure” and “Ethics.” It will be offered in the MU Memorial Student Center Room 2W37 from 8:30 to 4 p.m.

May 16 – “Interviewing and Human Relations” and “Legal Research/Judgment” will be offered in the MU Memorial Student Center Room 2E10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register for the CLA exam review courses, contact the Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development in the Marshall Community and Technical College, 696-3113.

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Marshall University president's aide retires

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marilyn L. Frame, senior administrative aide in the President's Office, retired from Marshall University on Feb. 1 after 27 years of service, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

"During her tenure Marilyn Frame performed a variety of duties for Marshall University," Gilley said. "She was a valuable asset to the President's Office and we will miss her a great deal."

Frame has worked for the university since July 1970 and in May, 1993 became one of the first recipients of the Marshall University Employee of the Month Award. She was nominated for the award by Dr. Robert B. Hayes, MU president emeritus.

"Marilyn served in the President's Office for four university presidents and three interim presidents," Hayes said. "She is a conscientious person who has demonstrated the highest degree of commitment and loyalty to Marshall University."

Frame said that watching MU grow throughout the years has been one of her most enjoyable experiences. "It has been wonderful to see Marshall expand in so many different areas," she said. "I am fortunate to have been a small part of the university's progression into the 21st century."

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Frame was also an excellent ambassador for the university, Gilley said. "As senior administrative aide for the president, Marilyn was required to interact with hundreds of people who contacted the office," he said. "She is very tactful and well liked."

Marilyn Frame and her husband, John Bruce Frame II, reside in Barboursville. They are the parents of two grown children: John Frame III and Jerry Frame.

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MU to host Governor's School for the Arts

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--For the next two years all of the best and brightest high school arts students in West Virginia will come to Marshall University – at least for three weeks in July.

Marshall has been chosen as host site for the summer sessions of the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts in 1999 and 2000, according to Donald Van Horn, dean of the MU College of Fine Arts.

“Marshall University is an institution known for its commitment to the arts, particularly to the arts in education,” Van Horn said. “We are eager to be associated with such stimulating programs as the Governor's School for the Arts.”

An intensive program designed to improve students' artistic skills, the school gives them the chance to study with gifted artists and teachers. Approximately 80 students and 17 faculty and staff members will attend the school, which is coordinated by Virginia Simmons of the West Virginia Department of Education.

“The purpose of the school is to cultivate a refined sense of excellence among its students, as well as develop a strong base of support for the arts in communities throughout the state,” Simmons said.

An advanced program such as the Governor's School for the Arts must have exceptional facilities, and Van Horn said that Marshall's Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center exceeds any criteria the school requires.

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“The performing arts center will provide an outstanding base for the school during its three week session,” Van Horn said. “With the Jomie Jazz Center addition, the center will have approximately 12,000 square feet with state-of-the-art recording facilities, an informal practice venue, a large classroom, an ensemble rehearsal hall and individual practice facilities.”

Students participating in the Governor’s School for the Arts will be housed on campus and have access to all MU facilities, including the new John Deaver Drinko Library and Smith Recital Hall. But it wasn’t entirely the outstanding facilities that gave MU the nod to serve as host for the school, according to state superintendent Henry Marockie.

“The site selection committee was impressed with the time and effort that the Marshall staff expended when the committee visited the campus,” Marockie said. “This process is an indication of the cooperation of public education and higher education in West Virginia.”

For more information about Marshall University’s participation in the West Virginia Governor’s School for the Arts, contact Donald Van Horn in the College of Fine Arts, (304) 696-6433.

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MU Symphony Orchestra presents family concert

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra will present its annual family concert Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall on the MU campus, according to Dr. Paul Balshaw, orchestra director and distinguished professor in the Department of Music.

“This is the Symphony Orchestra’s attempt to reach out to entire families, encouraging them to share the beauty of orchestral music,” Balshaw said. “The program will feature a selection of compositions specially selected for their appeal to children and families.”

Most of the program will include pieces which the orchestra will perform for fifth grade students in Cabell County earlier the same day. Featured soloists in the program are Ann Marie Bingham, adjunct professor in the MU Department of Music, and Jordan Winkler, a trumpeter from Morgantown.

Winkler, who is 16 years old, won the 1997 National Trumpet Guild Student Artist Auditions and has been chosen as young artist soloist with the Three Rivers Youth Orchestra in Pittsburgh. He studies trumpet with his father John Winkler, a professor of music at West Virginia University.

The family concert is free and parking will be available on the north side of Third Avenue opposite Smith Music Hall. Contact Paul Balshaw, 696-2399, for more information.



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Basic upholstery course offered at MU

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Community and Technical College will offer a basic upholstery course on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. March 31 to May 19, according to Pam Hamilton, director of non-credit programs and community services in the college's Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development.

"If you want something done right, do it yourself," Hamilton said. "This class will teach the basics of upholstery as students learn to cover their own chairs."

John Richardson, an experienced MU upholsterer who has taught beginning and advanced classes, will conduct the course. Sessions will include tear down, frame repair, estimating, build up, padding, fabric and more.

Cost for the course is \$99 and it will be conducted in the Sorrell Maintenance Building Annex on Twentieth Street, across from Marshall University Stadium. Pre-registration is required as only 10 students will be accepted into the class.

For more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development, 696-3113.

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Marshall Artists Series presents
'Daniel Heifetz and the Classical Band'

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The Marshall University Artists Series will present "Daniel Heifetz and the Classical Band" in concert Thursday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre, according to Angela Grant, marketing director with the series.

"Daniel Heifetz and the Classical Band blends informality and zany antics with the joy and excitement of world-class music," Grant said. "It is truly a unique concert experience."

The group will perform Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" during the show, adding their humor and charismatic charm throughout the program. Boldly using their instruments to "paint a picture," the group depicts thunder and lightning, buzzing gnats, barking dogs and a brief hailstorm as fall, winter, spring and summer progresses.

"Heifetz has no qualms about wading into the crowd and taking questions from the audience," Grant said. "They play in-your-face music with an intensity that draws the kind of response usually reserved for audiences at a rock concert."

Daniel Heifetz has garnered worldwide acclaim for his extraordinary virtuosity, profound artistry and riveting stage presence. The Classical Band is an exciting group of young artists, each of whom is a soloist in his

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own right. Together they have toured from coast to coast, performing in formal and informal settings.

“The members of this group have a deep social commitment and a profound desire to communicate and excite audiences of all ages,” Grant said. “We are fortunate to offer them as part of the Marshall Artists Series.”

Tickets for “Daniel Heifetz and the Classical Band” are \$12, \$10 and \$8, half price for those under 17 and free for full-time MU students. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Angela Grant in the Marshall Artists Series, 696-6656.

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Health care specialists to speak at Marshall University

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Three health care specialists will provide a unique look into their profession when they speak Thursday, March 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of Marshall University's Memorial Student Center, according to Dr. Montserrat Miller, assistant professor of history and Drinko Academy Fellow at MU.

Speakers at the program include: Dr. Robert B. Walker, chair of the Family and Community Health Department in the MU School of Medicine; Sally Oxley, a physical therapist from Huntington Physical Therapy Services Inc., and Russell L. Fry, a second-year medical student in the MU School of Medicine.

They will appear as part of the "What's It Like?" lecture series, sponsored by the MU Honors Program and the MU Honors Student Association. The March 12 program is the final installment in the four-part series and will cover the topic of "Health Care."

"Each year we present this lecture series in which experienced, successful professionals discuss their disciplines with students," Miller said. "Panelists from various segments of each profession assure students of receiving a well-rounded and informed view."

Each speaker will make a short formal presentation, which will be followed by questions from the audience.

The "What's It Like?" lecture series is free and open to the public. Contact Dr. Miller for more information, 696-6405.



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Arts and Craft Workshop held March 18

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Small Business Development Center will sponsor an Arts and Craft Workshop Thursday, March 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Robert C. Byrd Institute Building, 1050 Fourth Ave., according to David Blackburn, project coordinator in the center.

"This workshop will feature a discussion of marketing opportunities for small businesses," Blackburn said. "We will discuss the development of effective websites on the Internet, the use of photo slides and more." Participants are encouraged to bring their product for a photo session.

Cost of the Arts and Craft workshop is \$20 per person. For more information, contact David Blackburn in the Small Business Development Center, 696-6798.

The MU Small Business Development Center is a division of the Marshall Community and Technical College. Its services include training programs, business consultations, pre-venture counseling, loan and business packaging and distribution of resource material.

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Robert C. Byrd Institute at Marshall
has \$10 million impact on West Virginia

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- The federally funded Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing (RCBI) at Marshall University is paying big dividends for West Virginia, according to a new study.

The study, conducted by Nexus Associates, Inc. of Belmont, Mass., covers RCBI operations from 1996 to date. In those two years, services provided by RCBI to small and medium-sized companies added \$10 million to the state's manufacturing economy. In fact, managers of six firms said RCBI was responsible for keeping their companies in business.

Launched in 1990, RCBI seeks to enhance the competitiveness of West Virginia companies by helping them adopt the most advanced manufacturing technologies and management methods.

"With its emphasis on the newest technologies and stimulation of the state's economy, RCBI is a key element of Marshall University's mission as a leader in high-tech programs," MU President J. Wade Gilley said. "We are very pleased that this project has begun to yield major dividends and its

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growth and expansion should provide even more significant results for West Virginia and its economy in the years ahead.”

RCBI clients had sales levels more than \$6.4 million higher than they would have been in the absence of RCBI services and total value added to the state during the year was \$10 million higher than it would have been without the program, according to the report.

The study also indicated that, in compliance with its federally funded mission, one quarter of RCBI clients work directly with defense contractors. Most other clients are second and third tier suppliers as well as supplying commercial markets.

Other highlights from the Nexus Associates report include:

- RCBI has made a significant impact on the operations of many manufacturers in West Virginia. Eighty percent of firms surveyed indicated they had made changes to their operations as a direct result of RCBI services, with nearly 30 percent reporting they had made “substantial” or “very substantial” changes.

- Nearly 60 percent said they had acquired new management or technical skills and more than half obtained new information on markets, technologies or practices. Company managers interviewed for the study all credited RCBI for helping them enhance the technological sophistication of their products and processes.

- Changes in plant operations have led to improved manufacturing performance. Client firms indicated improvements in areas such as material scrap rates, quality tracking, turnaround times and product marketing. Some also noted increases in worker morale and commitment

while others mentioned a greater willingness to invest in new equipment and software.

- More than half the firms surveyed reported their profitability increased as a result of RCBI services. Client managers interviewed as part of the evaluation reported increases in sales and improvements in overall competitiveness as a direct result of RCBI services.

- RCBI clients expressed a high degree of satisfaction with the services they are receiving. Ninety-eight percent of the companies indicated they are interested in obtaining additional services in the future.

- Access to shared manufacturing facilities is one of the most sought after services and the one with the highest company impact. The percentage gain in value added experience by customers using RCBI shared manufacturing equipment was, on average, 89 percentage points larger than the gain for companies in the survey that did not receive this service.

- Because of financial constraints, many small companies cannot initially afford to purchase productivity-enhancing equipment on their own. To increase competitiveness, small manufacturers are looking to enhance the technology content of their products and RCBI has made a significant impact in introducing hi-tech and hi-end computerized manufacturing equipment which has led to a significant increase in regional manufacturers updating their firms.

For more information about the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, its programs or the Nexus Associates report, contact the institute at 1-800-469-RCBI (7224) or 696-6375.



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Minority and disadvantaged workshop scheduled

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Small Business Development Center will sponsor a workshop for minorities and the disadvantaged Tuesday, March 24 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce, 720 Fourth Ave., according to David Blackburn, project coordinator in the center.

"The SBA 8-A Workshop for Minorities and Disadvantaged will provide participants access to a variety of business development services," Blackburn said. "They will get the opportunity to receive federal contracts on a sole-source or limited competition basis."

The SBA 8-A Workshop for Minorities and Disadvantaged is free and open to the public. For more information, contact David Blackburn in the Small Business Development Center, 696-6798.

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MU offers 'Start Your Own Business' course

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--If a person wants to start a new business but doesn't quite know where to begin, he or she might consider a new program offered by Marshall University's Community Outreach Partnership Center.

"Start Your Own Business – Be Your Own Boss" is a series of eight video sessions and three live seminars designed to teach people the basics of operating a new business. Beginning April 2, the series contains individual sessions on topics such as "Becoming an Entrepreneur," "Things to Consider Before You Start" and "Financing Your Business."

"Most of the courses can be taken at home, so it provides a great deal of flexibility," said Elaine Noble, director of Marshall University's Applied Research Division. "It is excellent for people who do not have a business background and have a demanding schedule."

Dr. Will Edwards, a certified economic development officer with Marshall University and the State of West Virginia, will be conducting the courses. The class is limited to 20 participants and there will be 15 tuition waivers available.

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“No college experience is required to take this course, and a person may be able to participate even if he or she doesn’t have a high school diploma,” Noble said. “We want this course to appeal to as many people as possible.”

Applications can be obtained from the MU Community Outreach Partnership Center, 696-4817. Upon receipt of an application, a meeting will be scheduled with a representative to discuss the program, the person’s interest in starting a business and his or her eligibility for a tuition waiver.

“Participants in this program will learn how to turn ideas into action and the process of overcoming barriers,” Noble said. “Ultimately, they will be given the chance to customize their own approach to starting a business.”

For more information about the “Start Your Own Business – Be Your Own Boss” course, contact Marshall University’s Community Outreach Partnership Center, 696-4817, or Elaine Noble, 696-6251.

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Burgraff named director of Southern Mountain Center

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Dr. Donna L. Burgraff has been named director of the Southern Mountain Center developed by Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Southern), according to Don Combs, assistant dean in the MU School of Extended Education.

The center's mission is to provide Marshall University upper division courses, graduate courses and Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) Degree programs in convenient locations to the students in the southern mountain region of West Virginia.

"This is a wonderful opportunity because the Southern Mountain Center has a solid student base and is ready to expand," Burgraff said. "Our goal is to provide an affordable and accessible upper-level education to all students in the region, because in today's job market a four-year degree is almost a necessity."

The center currently offers bachelor's degrees in accounting, elementary education and nursing; the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree, a RBA degree with a business emphasis, and a graduate degree program in adult and technical education.

"I would like to improve our visibility throughout the region. People need to know that we are a viable option," Burgraff said. "The

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center is especially beneficial to students who have received a two-year degree from a community college and would like to continue their education without leaving the area.”

Formed in 1995, the center offers classes on Southern campuses in Logan, Williamson, Saulsville and Madison.

“Southern provides the facilities and equipment, while Marshall provides the faculty and accreditation,” Burgraff said. “The center uses various methods of course delivery including electronic classrooms, the Internet and satellite courses in addition to traditional classrooms to provide students with a quality education.”

A native of Belfry, Ky., Burgraff has worked at Southern for 11 years as a faculty member and administrator. In 1994 she was selected to the prestigious Kellogg National Leadership Program, a three year national program where she traveled around the world and attended prominent training programs such as the Gallup Leadership Institute and Disney University’s Creative Leadership Seminar.

She has received numerous grants for programs including: funding from the Adult Literacy Coalition for a literacy program at Southern; funding to create a Humanities Alliance between college and public school faculty; Sex Equity funding to form a mentoring program called Women Helping Women, and a Kellogg grant to fund the Tug Valley Economic Development Institute, a community, education and business partnership.

Burgraff has also made presentations at national, regional and state conferences and has directed a state conference and a student leadership institute.

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“Dr. Burgraff brings the background and expertise needed to run the Southern Mountain Center,” Combs said. “Her involvement with the Kellogg National Leadership Program is extremely beneficial and will continue to pay dividends in the future. Under her leadership, the center will strengthen its position as Marshall University prepares for the 21st Century.”

Contact Burgraff, (304) 792-7098, for more information about the Southern Mountain Center or its programs.

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MU schedules International Student Tax Workshop

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Three tax experts will be featured at the 1998 International Student Tax Assistance Workshop on Wednesday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Marshall University Memorial Student Center Room 2W9, according to Scott C. Hoppe, director of the International Students and Scholars Program at MU.

Bill Adams and Terry Pullen of the Internal Revenue Service and Tisch Alexander of the West Virginia State Department of Tax and Revenue will be available at the workshop to help all international students file their 1997 federal and state tax returns.

All students holding non-immigrant status are encouraged to attend and should bring their I-20 or IAP-66, passport and any of the following forms they have received: W-2, 1042-S, 1099 INT or any other form that was marked "Important Tax Documents Enclosed" on the envelope.

The 1998 International Student Tax Assistance Workshop is sponsored by the MU Center for International Programs. For more information contact Scott C. Hoppe, 696-2379.

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MU schedules wide variety of workshops

Marshall University's Community and Technical College will offer several short courses and workshops this spring in a variety of subjects, according to Pam Hamilton, director of non-credit programs and community services in the college's Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development.

"Our intent is to offer a wide selection of classes that appeal to the entire community," Hamilton said. The following is a list of workshops, their cost and dates they will be offered:

"Basic Upholstery" Tuesdays, March 31 – May 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the annex of the Sorrell Maintenance Building on 20th Street. Participants will cover their own small chair and become familiar with upholstery tools, supplies, materials and safety. Cost is \$99.

"Journal Writing" Tuesdays, April 7 – 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 113. This workshop is designed to introduce self discovery practices to beginning and long time journal writers. Cost is \$55.

"The Art of Napkin Folding" Tuesdays, April 7 – May 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 270. A local caterer teaches how to select linens and how to create holiday folds. Cost is \$30.

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“Ballroom Dance” Tuesdays, April 7 – May 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Gullickson Hall. Beginners or intermediate students will learn to trip the light fantastic. Cost is \$35 for singles, \$49 for couples.

“Introduction to Sign Language” Wednesdays, April 8 – May 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 102. Understand the principles and fundamentals of American Sign Language. A concentrated vocabulary of finger spelling and signing will include letters, numbers and basic sentences. Cost is \$54.

“Introduction to Medical Terminology” Thursdays, April 9 – 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 113. Using a systems approach, learn the most commonly used medical terms within health related fields. Cost is \$40.

“How to Draw Comics” Mondays, April 13 – May 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 236. Learn how to draw comics from a professional cartoonist. Cost is \$68.

“Photography” Tuesdays, April 14 – May 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 235. Photograph your favorite pet, landscape or person. Cost is \$48.

“Basic Accounting Principles” Wednesdays, April 15 – May 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 463. Introduction to standard accounting principles and procedures. Cost is \$60.

“Meditation” Thursdays, April 16 – May 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 234. Learn relaxation techniques such as breathing, centering, focusing and others. Cost is \$40.

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“Intermediate/Advanced Medical Coding” Saturdays, April 18 – May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MU Community and Technical College Rooms 135 and 136. Focus on Acute Care coding using CPT and ICD-9-CM. Cost is \$99.

“Grant Proposal Writing” Thursdays, April 23 – May 14 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 342. Develop ideas for grant proposals, write need statements, define goals, objectives, strategies, budgets and more. Cost is \$75.

“Quality Customer Service” Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 354. Develop your plan for quality customer service, define customers, serve customers and keep customers coming back. Cost is \$40.

“Did You Just Hear What I Think I Said?” Tuesday, April 28 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in Gullickson Hall Room 18. Learn to communicate, make your point within small group meetings or with superiors and find how communication affects leadership and participation. Cost is \$30.

“Intermediate Medical Terminology” Thursdays, May 7 – 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 335. Enhance your existing medical vocabulary by using the systems approach. Cost is \$40.

“Intermediate/Advanced Medical Coding” Saturdays, May 9 – 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MU Community and Technical College Rooms 135 and 136. Focus on outpatient coding using CPT and ICD-9-CM. Cost is \$99.

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“Did You Say What I Think I Heard?” Tuesday, May 12 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in Gullickson Hall Room 18. How are your listening skills? This session will help you learn techniques to becoming a better listener. Cost is \$30.

“Genealogy Research on the Internet” Thursdays, May 14 – June 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the MU Community and Technical College Room 136. Use the resources on the Internet for your genealogical research. Cost is \$90.

“Retail Merchandising” Tuesday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 117. Learn how to place merchandise, what to carry and why. Cost is \$40.

To register for these workshops or for more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development in the Marshall Community and Technical College, 696-3113.

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Noted business executives to speak at Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Four prominent business executives – including two former Thundering Herd basketball stars – will speak at Marshall University's Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business during the "Executive in Residence" program held March 30 through April 2, according to Dr. Robert Alexander, distinguished professor in the MU Division of Management and Marketing.

Speakers at the program include Marc Beauchamp, David D'Antoni and former basketball players Eric Bachelor and Charlie Slack. The speakers and the dates and times they will be making their presentations:

Marc Beauchamp – Monday, March 30 at 11 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 117. Marc Beauchamp is director of media relations for the North American Securities Administrators Association Inc.

In the late 1980's Beauchamp was "Forbes" magazine's West Coast bureau chief. After leaving journalism, he held investor and corporate relations positions with Hawaiian Electric Company in Honolulu. He has also been director of media relations and chief spokesman for the National

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Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and its Nasdaq Stock Market subsidiary.

David D'Antoni – Tuesday, March 31 at 11 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105. David D'Antoni is senior vice president of Ashland, Inc. and president of Ashland Chemical Company.

A native of Huntington, D'Antoni joined Ashland Chemical Company in 1973 as a project development manager. He became vice president and general manager of Ashland's Polyester Division in 1980 and group vice president in 1982. In 1987 he was promoted to executive vice president and CEO of Ashland Chemical, and assumed his current position the following year.

D'Antoni is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

Eric Bachelor – Wednesday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105. Eric Bachelor, a member of Marshall's 1972-73 and 1973-74 teams, is a franchisee of Houlihan's Restaurant Group Inc. and Auntie Anne's Pretzels. He is also a partner with the Marriott Hotel chain and Historical Renovations Inc.

After graduation from Marshall with a master's degree in education administration, Bachelor spent 17 years in management with Ford Motor Company where he conducted arbitration proceedings, negotiated labor contracts and served as human relations manager.

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While at Ford, Bachelor owned several businesses including a chain of laundromats, thoroughbred race horses, restaurants and real estate developments.

His success paved the way to become president and CEO of Bachelor Foods Inc., which served as a franchisee for Outback Steakhouse from 1993 to 1996, when he completed a successful merger with the franchisor.

Charles E. "Charlie" Slack – Thursday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105. Charlie Slack is retired director of personnel from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

He received a bachelor's degree in education from Marshall, following a stellar basketball career where he established a NCAA record with 25.6 rebounds per game in one season. Slack is also a charter member of the MU Athletic Hall of Fame and the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

Upon graduation from MU, he joined Goodyear as a production management trainee and worked in various sales, labor relations and human resources positions before retiring as personnel director after 35 years of service.

While at Goodyear, Slack continued his education by completing executive management programs at Northwestern, Carnegie Mellon, Virginia and Michigan.

For more information about the speakers or the "Executive in Residence" program, contact Dr. Robert Alexander in the Lewis College of Business, 696-2614.



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For Immediate Release

New Magazine Debuts at Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley unveiled a new magazine today March 19 designed to "reflect the contrasts between Marshall University and other universities."

The magazine, named, simply, *Marshall*, focuses on the economy of the Advantage Valley region and the role Marshall University plays. Advantage Valley is a community and economic development partnership of the Greater Huntington-Ashland, Putnam County and Metropolitan Charleston areas.

"*Marshall* is a serious magazine for those sincerely interested in learning in depth about the university, the economy of the Advantage Valley region and their interaction," Gilley said. "As we devote our energies to interactive partnerships in economic, social and cultural development, we abandon the ivory tower to better serve the people of West Virginia and this region — Advantage Valley."

The inaugural issue of *Marshall* magazine includes stories on:

- the Advantage Valley economic development partnership and Marshall's merger with the former West Virginia Graduate College;
- two former Marshall athletes, Bob Pruett and Greg White, who fulfilled their dreams by returning to their alma mater as head coaches;

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- three Marshall alumni working in different communications media and their plans to meet technology challenges in the 21st Century (Harvey P. White, a founder and president of QUALCOMM Inc., an international company based in San Diego, Calif.; F. Selby Wellman, senior vice president for corporate marketing with Cisco Systems Inc., and general manager of its Interworks Business Unit in Research Triangle Park, N.C., and Diana Sole, president and owner of MotionMasters, an electronic communications firm in Charleston, W.Va.);

- a feature on the current and five former student body presidents and their lives after Marshall;

- the impact of the university's master's degree in forensic science program, in conjunction with the West Virginia State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

- the variety of projects designed by university faculty through Technology Advantage grants,

- Marshall's Year of the Book celebration, which is open to area residents.

The cover shows construction of the \$1.4 million addition to Memorial Student Center, which is part of \$176 million in campus construction and renovations in the 1990s.

Marshall will be published three times each year and will be mailed initially to those who have previously expressed an interest in what is happening at the university and to business, civic and political leaders in West Virginia. As the magazine grows, it will acquire sponsors and be more widely distributed, Gilley said.



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Investments Seminar scheduled April 2

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Small Business Development Center will sponsor an Investments Seminar on Thursday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Robert C. Byrd Institute Building, 1050 Fourth Ave., according to David Blackburn, project coordinator in the center.

"This seminar will focus on small business and individual investments," Blackburn said. "Participants will learn about portfolios, investment strategies and why they are important."

Cost of the Investments Seminar is \$20 per person. Contact David Blackburn, 696-6798, for more information or to register.

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McMullen named Marshall University Employee of the Month

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Elizabeth "Liz" McMullen of Proctorville, Ohio, administrative secretary senior in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for March, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

McMullen has been an employee at Marshall since May 1996. She was nominated for the award by Janet Dooley, interim director of the journalism school, and 11 faculty members and students.

"As I was assuming duties of the director of the school of journalism, I met with Dr. Hal Shaver, the director who was leaving on sabbatical," Dooley said. "We were reviewing things I might encounter during the semester, and when I asked how to do many of the tasks of the school his repeated response was 'Just ask Liz, she knows how to do that.' It was excellent advice.

"I have relied on Liz heavily to navigate the papers and processes that keep the department functioning day-to-day and for special projects we have launched," she said.

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McMullen shows a genuine interest in the school and its students, according to Dooley. "It is not unusual to find Liz helping students in a variety of ways – checking closed classes, offering encouragement before an exam, treating homesickness or just being a sounding board," she said. "She is the epitome of employee competence."

McMullen will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

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MUAA to honor Pruett, others

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Marshall University head football coach Bob Pruett will be honored April 18 as the MU Alumni Association's 1998 Distinguished Alumnus.

Other honorees during the 61st annual Alumni Awards Banquet will include Dr. Charles E. "Skip" Turner, who will receive the Alumnus Community Achievement award, and John K. Kinzer Jr. and his wife, the former Betty Sue Haden, who will be recognized with the Distinguished Service award.

Marshall's record-smashing 1997 quarterback, Chad Pennington, will be awarded the Alumni Association's Cam Henderson Scholarship for 1997-98.

A Beckley, W.Va., native, Pruett played football at Marshall under Coach Charlie Snyder from 1961 through 1964 and also was a three-year letterman in wrestling and track. He earned a B.A. degree from Marshall in 1965.

Pruett, who began his collegiate coaching career at Marshall under Sonny Randle in 1979, returned in 1996 to lead the Thundering Herd to an unprecedented 15-0 season and the NCAA I-AA title. In 1997 he coached the Herd to a 10-2 season of Division I-A play, the Mid-American Conference championship and a trip to the first Ford Motor City Bowl in the Pontiac Silverdome.

In 1996, his first season as a collegiate head coach, Pruett was named the Chevrolet and Frank Leahy National Coach of the Year. The state's sportswriters unanimously voted him the West Virginia Coach of the Year.

Pruett was a 12th-round draft choice of the Dallas Cowboys and played five years (1964-68) of semi-professional football as a tight end, outside linebacker and strong safety with the Virginia Sailors (later renamed the Roanoke Buckskins) in the Continental Football League, which became the Atlantic Coast League.

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After coaching football, wrestling and golf at four Virginia high schools from 1965 through 1978, Pruett was a Marshall assistant from 1979 through 1982, serving first as defensive backs coach and then as defensive coordinator.

He was an assistant coach at Wake Forest (1983-89), Mississippi (1990-91) and Tulane (1992-93) before joining the University of Florida staff. While serving as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach for the Florida Gators, he coached in the 1995 Sugar Bowl and the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

Pruett and his wife, the former Elsie Riffe, who earned a B.A. degree from Marshall in 1981, are parents of three grown sons, Rodney, Stephen and Kenneth.

Dr. Turner, an internist/gastroenterologist in Huntington since 1969, was one of the founding physicians of the Huntington Internal Medicine Group Inc., of which he is medical director. He earned a B.A. degree from Marshall in 1959.

A clinical professor of medicine for the Marshall University School of Medicine, Turner is an active staff member of Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, where he was chief of medicine, 1973-82, and president of the medical staff, 1993-95. He currently is a trustee of the Board of Medicine at St. Mary's.

Turner earned his M.D. degree from West Virginia University in 1963 and was an intern, assistant, and associate resident in medicine, from 1963 to 1968, and then served a year's fellowship in gastroenterology, all at Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester, N.Y.

Throughout his career Turner has been involved with many professional societies and activities. He was president of the Cabell County Medical Society (1983) and of the West Virginia State Medical Association (1986-87). He was founder and chairman of the Huntington Gut Club, a continuing education meeting for physicians. He also is a board member of the Huntington Medical Community Foundation and of Tri-State Health Partners.

In 1989 he was recipient of the Laureate Award for West Virginia by the American College of Physicians. He also was appointed by then West Virginia Gov. Gaston Caperton as a member of the Public Employees Insurance Agency Advisory Board.

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Turner is married to the former Linda Matheny (B.A.'60) and they are parents of four children: Jim, Holly, Mark and Julie.

The Kinzers have remained actively involved with Marshall since completing their degrees. John Kinzer earned his B.B.A. degree in 1962. Mrs. Kinzer received her B.A. degree in 1967.

John Kinzer, vice president, taxes, with Arch Coal Inc., served eight years on the MU Alumni Association board of directors, including two years, 1981-83, as president. He has been a member of the Big Green Scholarship Foundation board of directors.

In 1983 he served on the search committees for a new Marshall president and a head basketball coach. He also was a volunteer for The Campaign for Marshall in 1990. For seven years he was chair of the Marshall Memorial Invitational (MMI) Tournament Committee's Hospitality Committee.

A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, he was co-chair of the group's 50th anniversary celebration in 1997.

Betty Sue Kinzer was director-teacher at St. John's Pre-Primary School prior to moving to Missouri in May 1997. She was a member of the Alumni Association board of directors, 1989-92, and served on the Erickson Alumni Center Alumni House Committee for six years. She was patron chair for the MMI for seven years. The Kinzers have been members of The Marshall University Foundation Inc.'s prestigious John Marshall Society for seven years.

After playing hosts to many alumni over the years in their Huntington home, the Kinzers have continued the tradition since moving to Chesterfield, Mo.

They are parents of three children, Robin West, Terri Trompak and John E. Kinzer and also have a granddaughter.

Pennington, a Knoxville, Tenn., junior majoring in broadcast journalism, was a Rhodes Scholar nominee and took all-conference academic honors in both the Southern Conference and Mid-American Conference.

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During the 1997 season Pennington led the nation in touchdown passes with 39, putting him in a tie for fifth place all-time NCAA. He set the NCAA record for touchdown passes by a sophomore. His 3,480 yards passing in a season set the MAC record.

Pennington was named by The Washington Post as the nation's "Comeback Player of the Year." In 1995 he was Southern Conference freshman of the year but was redshirted during the 1996 season.

The MUAA established the scholarship in 1972 to recognize and honor Marshall students who excel in academic, as well as athletic endeavors.

Pruett, Turner, the Kinzers and Pennington will receive their awards at the annual Alumni Awards Banquet, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Office of Alumni Affairs, 304/696-2523.



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Phil E. Cline To Be Honored

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Huntington City Councilman Phil E. Cline will be honored April 18 as the first recipient of the Marshall University/Robert C. Byrd Institute Distinguished Alumnus in Manufacturing Award.

Currently president of Broughton Foods Co., Cline is a former executive vice president and treasurer of J.H. Fletcher & Co. in Huntington, a manufacturer of mining equipment.

"Phil Cline was selected to receive our first award because of his longtime advocacy of technology in manufacturing and his commitment to the need for a technically trained workforce," Charlotte Weber, Byrd Institute director and chief executive officer, said. "He has aggressively represented manufacturing issues throughout the region."

Cline earned two degrees from Marshall University, a B.S. degree in 1955 and an M.A. degree in 1962. He has served leadership posts with numerous community and university organizations. He is a member and past chairman of the Marshall University Board of Advisors and the Huntington Industrial Corp.; chairman of the Huntington Municipal Development Authority; vice chairman of Cabell Huntington Hospital Inc., and former president of both The Marshall University Foundation Inc. and the Marshall University Alumni Association.

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His statewide involvement includes serving as a member of Executive Committee and past chairman of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, member of the Citizens Legislative Salary Review Commission and past chairman of the West Virginia delegation to the White House Conference on Small Business.

Among his many honors are the City of Huntington Foundation Inc.'s Greater Huntington Wall of Fame, The Herald-Dispatch Citizen of the Year, the MU Alumni Association's Distinguished Service award and the university's College of Business Hall of Fame.

Cline will be recognized during the Marshall University Alumni Association's 61st annual Alumni Awards Banquet to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center.

Reservations may be made by calling the Marshall Office of Alumni Affairs, 304/696-2523.



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MU Business Development Center to hold Cash Flow Seminar

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--A Basic Cash Flow Seminar will be held on Monday, April 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Marshall University Community and Technical College, according to David Blackburn, project coordinator in the MU Small Business Development Center.

“This seminar will focus on preparing basic cash flow projections for a small business,” Blackburn said. “The class will prepare a business cash flow spreadsheet using computer software.”

Sponsored by the Small Business Development Center, the Basic Cash Flow Seminar is \$20 per person and pre-registration is required. Contact David Blackburn, 696-6798, for more information or to register.

The MU Small Business Development Center is a division of the Marshall Community and Technical College. Its services include training programs, business consultations, pre-venture counseling, loan and business packaging and distribution of resource material.

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Resident fellows to join MU Appalachian Center

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Two resident fellows will join the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA) at Marshall University during the 1998-99 academic year, according to Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, CSEGA co-director.

Dr. Roberta Campbell, a sociologist at the University of Kentucky, and Dr. Fred Barkey, professor emeritus at the Marshall University Graduate College, have been chosen to serve as the center's second group of CSEGA fellows.

"Scholars throughout the world were invited to apply for these Rockefeller Foundation fellowships," Ewen said. "Those chosen to work at CSEGA competed with many eminent academics."

Campbell, slated to become a resident fellow in August, will work on her research project entitled "Appalachian Identity: Convergence of Gender and Cultural Heritage." This project will utilize oral histories of former Owens-Illinois Glass Co. employees to examine the ways in which gender, cultural heritage and class shape individual perceptions and lifestyles.

Barkey, who will become a resident fellow in January 1999, will work on his research proposal entitled "Italian Coal Miners in the Southern West Virginia Mine Wars 1902-1922." This project will examine Italian immigrants and their roles in the industrial struggles in West Virginia's

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southern coal fields, particularly the Long Ton Strike and the Cabin Creek-Paint Creek Strike.

“In addition to pursuing a research project, each fellow will contribute to the intellectual life of the university,” Ewen said. “They will participate in monthly discussions with faculty affiliated with the center, lecture in classes and present an end of semester report to the Marshall community.”

The fellowships, endowed in 1996 through a \$250,000 Rockefeller Foundation Grant for the Humanities, are the first of their kind established by a higher education institution in West Virginia. They are designed to help the center reach its goal of filling the void in research pertaining to race and gender in the Appalachian region.

For more information about the fellowship recipients or the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia, contact Mary Thomas at 696-3348.

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Marshall to offer industrial safety course

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.-- Marshall University will offer an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) trainer course on April 20 – 23 entitled “Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the General Industry,” according to Dr. Larry Kyle, assistant dean in the MU Department of Continuing Education and Economic Development.

Sponsored by the Marshall Community and Technical College, the course will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Robert C. Byrd Institute Building, 1050 Fourth Ave. Designated OSHA 501, it is designed for private sector personnel from all types of industries to learn how to implement OSHA provisions in the workplace.

“The course includes an introduction to OSHA’s general industry standards and an overview of the requirements of its more frequently referenced standards,” Kyle said. “Successful completion of OSHA 501 qualifies participants to conduct both a 10 and a 30 hour general study course.”

Cost of the course is \$595 per person. Contact Sara Chapman in the Marshall Community and Technical College, 696-6797, to register or for more information.

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Marshall's applications show dramatic increase

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. -- Nearly 3,200 freshmen-to-be have applied for admission to Marshall University next fall, a startling 22 percent increase over the same period last year, MU President J. Wade Gilley reported today. The 3,184 applicants, as of March 23, represent an increase of 573 potential new freshmen over the 2,611 at the same time in 1997.

Gilley attributed the burgeoning interest in Marshall to several factors, including a growing academic reputation. "For the last two years, Marshall has been listed in a national publication, 'America's 100 Best College Buys,' based on academic quality and moderate costs," Gilley said. "In addition, the U.S. News publication, 'America's Best Colleges,' has given us high marks for academic reputation."

Perhaps equally significant, Gilley said, is the publicity engendered by the moving of Marshall's athletic programs into the Mid-American Conference and the rise of football to the NCAA Division 1-A level. "Marshall's athletic success and the consequent publicity are enhancing our name recognition in the state and, indeed, all across the country," he noted. "That translates into greater interest by potential students."



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Marshall's Celebration of Academics
to feature 'Year of the Book' speaker

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Award-winning author Bobbie Ann Mason will highlight Marshall University's 1998 Celebration of Academics Wednesday and Thursday, April 1-2, in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, according to Dr. Montserrat Miller, assistant professor in the Department of History and Drinko Academy Fellow.

"We are pleased to have such a noted author as Bobbie Ann Mason to speak at the Celebration of Academics," Miller said. "Apart from commencement, this event constitutes the most important academic ceremony at Marshall and we feel fortunate to tie it in with the university's Year of the Book celebration."

The Celebration of Academics will begin with the John Deaver Drinko Symposium on Wednesday, April 1 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Entitled "Contemporary Women Writing in Appalachia," this year's symposium will feature the work of Drinko Fellow Shirley Lumpkin and her colleagues Jan Adkins-Bills, Laura Tussey and Dr. Edwina Pendarvis.

Mason will be the featured speaker at the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 2 at 11 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. "Also included in the Honors Convocation will be the recognition of honors students and the announcement of several

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distinguished faculty awards," Miller said. "It is an important event for the university and its community."

Mason, who was born in Mayfield, Ky., has spent her life working as a writer. Distinguished for her short stories, she has received national acclaim in such respected periodicals as "The New Yorker," "Atlantic" and "The Washington Post Magazine." Her book "In Country" won the Vietnam Veterans of America Award for Cultural Contribution to the Arts in 1989 and was used as the basis for a major motion picture starring Bruce Willis.

"Bobbie Ann Mason is a widely respected author and an outstanding addition to our Year of the Book as we celebrate one of the country's outstanding libraries and Marshall's commitment to learning," noted MU President J. Wade Gilley.

She is the fourth speaker in the "Year of the Book" lecture series, which began last fall with a presentation by Dr. Jean Edward Smith, author of the acclaimed biography "John Marshall – Definer of a Nation."

Nationally renowned historian Norman Graebner was the second speaker in the series when he presented a Feb. 3 lecture entitled "Myth and Reality: The Rhetorical Cold War," and noted futurist Francis Fukuyama was third in the series when he discussed his book "Trust: The Social Virtues and Creation of Prosperity" on Feb. 25.

For more information about the Celebration of Academics, contact the John Deaver Drinko Center at Marshall, 696-3183.

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Marshall's ATI plan important for West Virginia

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- The \$217 billion transportation bill recently approved by the House of Representatives' Transportation Committee contains a relatively small item -- \$12 million -- which could have a profound effect on West Virginia and the other Appalachian states for many decades, Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley said today.

The \$12 million project, inserted in the bill by Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., would provide an annual allocation of \$2 million over six years to an Appalachian Transportation Institute (ATI) at Marshall.

"Obviously, transportation is a primary key to greater economic development in West Virginia," Gilley said. "At the same time, it is just as obvious that terrain and weather in Appalachia pose unique problems and costs as we attempt to enhance the movement of goods and people in our region. ATI will be an effective tool in addressing those problems."

ATI's primary objective is to become a resource of information and technical assistance for all Appalachian regional transportation issues, helping decision makers optimize and justify future transportation investments in Appalachia, Gilley noted.

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ATI also would become a resource to provide for development of transportation professionals in the Appalachian region. Through a network of higher education institutions, headed by Marshall, the ATI would facilitate cost effective access to the latest technological developments in the transportation field. It also would highlight aspects of the Appalachian Corridor System, funded through the Appalachian Regional Commission, as a possible national model for road construction in rural areas.

“Essentially, the creation of an Appalachian Transportation Institute at Marshall University would offer insights into how we can create and sustain the most cost effective enhancement to our national transportation system in rural Appalachia and in rural America,” Gilley said. “Better transportation allows business and industry to expand, creating jobs for West Virginians, expanding opportunities for our young people and raising the quality of life for all of our citizens.

“We’re very appreciative of the vision and hard work Congressman Rahall has demonstrated in making the creation of an Appalachian Transportation Institute a distinct possibility to help us meet the challenges ahead,” Gilley concluded.

The transportation bill now goes before the full House for approval. After that, differences with the Senate version must be reconciled.



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Marshall's Alumni Weekend is April 17-18

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Marshall University's annual Alumni Weekend, with the theme "Memories Last Forever," will be celebrated April 17-18.

Linda S. Holmes, executive director of the Marshall University Alumni Association, said reunions for the Grand Class (all pre-1948 alumni) and the Classes of 1938, 1943, 1948 and 1953 are just part of the weekend's events.

Activities begin with a "Meet and Greet" reception at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 17, in the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 5th Ave.

At noon Friday the Grand Class and the Classes of 1938, 1943 & 1948 will be honored at a luncheon in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

Trolley tours of campus will begin at 2:30 p.m. Friday on the Fifth Avenue side of Memorial Student Center.

A champagne reception hosted by the Alumni Association will begin at 6 p.m. Friday in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The \$5 ticket price includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres, coffee and punch. Other beverages will be available through a cash bar.

On Saturday, April 18, activities begin with a complimentary continental breakfast at 9 a.m. in Erickson Alumni Center.

At 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Marshall Coach Bob Pruett, the 1998 Distinguished Alumnus, will speak on the topic "How to Build a Champion." His seminar will be held in the Erickson Center.

A luncheon honoring the Class of 1953 will begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the board room of the Erickson Alumni Center. Cost is \$8 per person.

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Participants can get a closer look at the library construction, the addition to Memorial Student Center and other changes in the university's physical plant by joining a walking tour of campus at 2 p.m. Saturday. The tour will depart from the Erickson Center.

At 5:30 p.m. Saturday, a complimentary social hour will begin in Erickson Alumni Center. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

The weekend concludes with the 61st annual Alumni Awards Banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. The cost is \$15 per person.

Tickets to the Alumni Association events are available by calling the Marshall Office of Alumni Affairs, 304/696-2523.

Additional Alumni Weekend Events

Byrd Institute

Marshall University and the Robert C. Byrd Institute will present the first Distinguished Alumnus in Manufacturing Award to Phil E. Cline, president of Broughton Foods Co. A former vice president/finance and treasurer of J.H. Fletcher & Co., Cline will be honored for aggressively representing manufacturing issues throughout the region.

Cline will receive the award during the Alumni Association's Awards Banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center.

Business Hall of Fame

The Business Hall of Fame will honor five inductees on Friday, April 17:

H. Darrel Darby, a former West Virginia state senator, podiatrist and businessman whose Darco International manufactures and distributes medical products worldwide;

Steven J. Day, president and chief executive officer of City National Bank in Charleston and City Holding Co., who was recognized by *Bankers Monthly* as one of the youngest CEOs in the nation;

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Nancy L. Francis, the first woman to serve as president of The Marshall University Foundation Inc. board of directors, who was the West Virginia Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives' Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year in 1992;

Earl P. Heiner Jr., general manager of Heiner's Bakery in Huntington, who served as president of the bakery from 1982 until 1996 when the bakery was sold to Earthgrains Inc. of St. Louis, one of the top three bakeries in the United States, and

Harvey P. White, a founder and president of QUALCOMM Inc., an international wireless communications company based in San Diego, Calif., that since its founding in 1985 has grown to more than \$2 billion in sales.

A special reception will begin at 6 p.m. in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center, followed by the induction ceremony and banquet at 7 p.m.

Individual tickets to the Hall of Fame banquet are \$75. Sponsor, Benefactor and Host tables also are available. For more information, call Gael Setliff at the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business, 304/696-2316. Reservations must be made by April 10.

HPER Luncheon

The Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation is having a reunion on Saturday, April 18. A social hour will begin at 11 a.m. in the John Marshall Room of Memorial Student Center, followed by a luncheon at noon. Cost is \$10 per person.

For additional information, call Olive Hager at 304/696-2930. Reservations should be made by April 10.

One-Room School Museum

An open house of the Ovie and Jesse Cline One-Room School Museum will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 17.

For more information, call Dr. Paul Lutz at 304/696-2956.



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Marshall faculty members to receive awards

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Five outstanding Marshall University faculty members will be honored at the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 2 at 11 a.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Presentation of the 1997-98 Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award will highlight the ceremony. The prestigious honor will be awarded to Dr. David Cusick, professor in the Department of Mathematics. Cusick, who has been at Marshall for 26 years, will be given a \$3,000 stipend with the award.

Also included in the ceremony will be the presentation of the 1997-98 Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. Marjorie McInerney, a professor in the Department of Management/Marketing, will receive the award and the \$3,000 stipend that accompanies it. McInerney has been at Marshall for 11 years.

Three faculty members will also receive 1997-98 Pickens-Queen Teacher Awards at the ceremony. They are Janis Martin, an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre; Dr. Mark Thompson, an assistant professor in the Department of Finance/Economics, and John Van Kirk, an assistant professor in the Department of English. Each award includes a \$1,000 stipend.

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“Apart from commencement, this event constitutes the most important academic ceremony at Marshall,” said Dr. Montserrat Miller, assistant professor in the Department of History and Drinko Academy Fellow. “We are fortunate to have outstanding support from members of the community that allowed the establishment of these awards.”

The Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award was established in 1985 through an endowment established by the benefactors, who reside in Huntington.

A recently established award, the 1997-98 Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award will be given for the first time during this year’s Honors Convocation.

The Pickens-Queen Teacher Awards were established by Ethel K. Pickens of Gallipolis, Ohio, and her nephew, retired Tradewell Supermarkets chairman Glenn J. Queen and his wife, the former Carol Booth, to honor faculty members in their early years of teaching on the collegiate level.

Of this year’s Pickens-Queen Awards winners, Janis Martin and Dr. Mark Thompson have been at MU for three years, while John Van Kirk has been at MU for four years.

Contact the Drinko Academy Office for more information, (304) 696-3183.

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