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Marshall students will conduct life history interviews

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--What does it feel like to be unemployed or disabled? How do people on welfare perceive their situations? What types of help do people on welfare think they need to become self-sufficient?

These questions and others will be asked by a group of Marshall University students this summer when they conduct life history interviews with families served by the programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) in West Virginia.

The results of the students' research will become part of the West Virginia Community Action Dialogue on Poverty, according to Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, associate professor of sociology and director of Marshall's Oral History of Appalachia Project (OHAP).

Ewen said she believes the students volunteered to participate in the project in part because the goal is to take the information and use it to help people climb out of poverty and become self-sufficient.

"People are always putting young people down," said Ewen, "but in my experience, every time I have involved

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students in volunteer service I have received an overwhelming positive response."

Interviews will maintain the anonymity of the families involved in order to encourage frank evaluations of the different OEO agencies. Families will be drawn from a list that insures a range of characteristics including variations of age, religion, years served by a program, geographic location, race and education.

A special training workshop will be held for the student volunteers Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Huntington YWCA. Dave Treharne, director of the West Virginia Community Action Director's Association, will discuss the background of the project. Ewen will provide instruction on interviewing techniques. Gina Kates, OHAP administrative assistant, will give the students tips on making transcriptions.

"Many people are surprised to hear that in West Virginia we have families on welfare where the adult has a college degree," said Treharne. "Unfortunate circumstances can happen to anybody. Our aim is to better understand how people cope with those circumstances and what we can do to help them."

To obtain further details about the project contact Ewen or Kates at Marshall University, 304-696-2797 or 304-696-6799.

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Thacker named Marshall University employee of the month

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Bethsaida "Terri" Thacker of Milton, roads and grounds worker in the Physical Plant, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Thacker has worked for the university for approximately two years.

She was nominated for the award by Barbara James, coordinator of the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program. In making the nomination, James said, "Until recently when the American Cancer Society held its annual fund-raiser, the Relay for Life, at the Lefty Rollins Track, I had known Terri only as the one woman you see working everywhere around the campus. Now I have an appreciation of the kind of hard-working and cheerful employee she is.

"Because of the flooding of the football stadium field, there were few grounds workers to help us get set up on Friday for the opening of the all night relay at 7 p.m. The

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camp sites had to be measured and marked quickly, a big undertaking. Terri worked right through her lunch hour in the hot sun without complaint and her work was accurate and well done.

"She helped move athletic equipment off the track, located dollies for us to use to move in camping and food supplies and simply made herself available for whatever needed to be done. She did all this with a smile on her face and in her voice.

"We don't give recognition for hard work and a cheerful attitude often enough and this will be another way to say thank you to Terri Thacker. This comes from one who saw her as a Marshall fellow employee as well as a volunteer from an outside agency."

Thacker 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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School counselors endow second Marshall scholarship

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- The Cabell County School Counselor Association recently donated \$10,000 to The Marshall University Foundation Inc. to endow its second scholarship.

Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, Marshall associate vice president for development, accepted the check from Charlie Harrison, the organization's president.

"For the past several years, one scholarship has been awarded each year to a graduate of a Cabell County high school," Hunter said. "Starting with the class of 1997, two scholarships will be awarded: one to a Cabell Midland High School graduate and one to a graduate of the new Huntington High School."

Harrison said members of the counselor association were pleased to have been able to contribute a total of \$20,000 to the Marshall Foundation for the endowments. "It is our hope that this gift will make it easier for deserving students to further their education."



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For immediate release

Marshall Med School provides Olympics support

If an Olympic track and field athlete falls unexplainably ill in Atlanta, beepers could go off at Marshall University, three states away.

Marshall's expertise in sports medicine, international health and medical computing makes it a logical resource, says Dr. Jim Kyle of Ripley, who will be one of the 12 official facility physicians for track and field events at Olympic Stadium.

"At first glance, you might think our jobs as Olympic physicians would be limited to problems like injured knees or shoulders, but that's not the case at all," said Kyle, who serves on Marshall's volunteer physician faculty. "In reality, we're also going to be seeing diarrhea, rashes and other problems. With hundreds of athletes from all over the world - and thousands more people in their delegations - we could see any number of ordinary and exotic problems.

"We've got to be prepared for the what-ifs," he said. "If an athlete for the 100-yard dash comes in the day of the semifinals with a rash after being bitten by a mosquito, that's when the beepers will go off at Marshall."

Answering those beepers will be Dr. Robert Walker, chairman of Marshall's family practice department; Dr. Rabah Boukhemis, a family physician and physical medicine specialist, and Michael McCarthy, who heads the school's Department of Academic Computing. They will mobilize to get the necessary information on international health and sports medicine to Kyle quickly, via telephone or the Internet.

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To undergird the project, McCarthy has set up a World Wide Web page that gives Kyle targeted access to relevant Internet resources. Within seconds, Kyle can tap into the World Health Organization's outbreak report, the Emerging Infectious Diseases Journal, Malaria Weekly and more.

"The technology that we developed to support medical students learning in rural communities was easily adapted to meet the special needs Dr. Kyle will have at the Olympics," McCarthy said. "Like our students, he will have electronic mail access to our faculty and other experts. He will have the ability to search databases of medical literature, and we'll be able to deliver documents to him electronically."

Plans are under way to involve Marshall's medical students as well, teaching them to use Internet resources by addressing a problem Kyle poses from the Olympics site. Third-year medical student Janelle Thomas, an athletic trainer herself, is working with McCarthy to coordinate those activities.

Dr. Mark "Shark" Bird, who graduated from Marshall's medical school in May, will accompany Kyle to Atlanta to provide on-site technical support and medical informatics assistance.

To visit the World Wide Web page of Project SMART '96 (Sports Medicine in Atlanta with Remote Telecommunications), point your browser to:

<http://ruralnet.marshall.edu/smart96>



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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University and the West Virginia Development Office will sponsor a trade mission to the People's Republic of China Aug. 31 through Sept. 12.

The purpose of the mission is to provide West Virginia business and academic leaders the opportunity to develop cost-effective and professionally managed joint ventures in China, according to Dr. William A. Edwards, executive director of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

The trade mission is part of Governor Gaston Caperton's initiative to send West Virginia companies to explore new international markets. "As West Virginia continues to take the lead in exporting quality goods and services, we must build upon this momentum to discover new international opportunities," Caperton said. "I commend the business leaders participating in our trade events this year for aggressively pursuing new markets for West Virginia companies."

Edwards said the trade mission will give American investors current information about economic trends in China from its leaders. Another objective of the trip is to give

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participants first-hand experience in Chinese cross-cultural business and professional practices.

"China occupies an important position in the global economy and is expected to strengthen its position in the next 10 years as market reforms take place in Beijing," Edwards said. "The trade mission is one way which West Virginia can help in strengthening U.S.-Sino relations. Through good business and academic affiliations, mutual prosperity between China and the U.S., especially West Virginia, can occur for future generations."

Edwards said the 1995 China trade mission proved very successful and included several well-known West Virginia companies such as Guyan International, Hourly Computers and Pyott-Boone Electronics. It also resulted in the establishment by Marshall of a one-of-a-kind English language institute in the province of Henan.

Cities on the tour this year include Shanghai, Pudong, Wuxi, Suzhou and Beijing.

To obtain further details contact Edwards at Marshall University's Center for International Studies in Old Main Room 212, 304-696-6265, or Lesley Drake at the West Virginia Development Office, 304-558-2234.

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MU College of Liberal Arts selects outstanding alumna

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's College of Liberal Arts has started a new program to annually recognize one of its graduates for his or her achievements, according to Dr. Joan Mead, dean of the college.

Martha N. Blenko of Milton has been selected as this year's College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Alumna.

Blenko is a speech-language pathologist, clinician III, at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

She received her bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology from Marshall in 1976 and received her master's degree from MU in 1977. She also has completed additional graduate studies at Marshall and West Virginia Graduate College.

Blenko has worked at Cabell Huntington since 1991. She established and is chair of the Developmental Intervention Team in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

She previously served as a contract speech-language pathologist for area hospitals and a local rehabilitation

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center. She also worked as a speech-language pathologist for school systems in Cabell County, W.Va., and Boyd County, Ky.

Blenko is president of the West Virginia Speech-Language Hearing Association.

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Smith named interim associate vice president

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- John F. Smith has been named interim associate vice president for athletic development at Marshall University, succeeding Lance A. West who recently was chosen as Marshall's athletic director.

Smith had served as special assistant to the vice president for development (formerly institutional advancement) since September 1994, having been hired to coordinate the campaign for private gifts toward construction of a technologically advanced library/information center. In his interim position Smith will be the chief fund raiser for the Big Green Scholarship Foundation.

Frank P. Justice Jr., Marshall vice president for development, who announced Smith's new position, said a 10-person search committee, comprising representatives from various community and university constituencies, has been appointed to review applications. The committee hopes to hire an associate vice president within three to six months, Justice said.

Dr. Lynne S. Mayer, assistant vice president for development, is the liaison to the committee. Applications may be sent to her in care of Marshall University, 400 Hal Greer Blvd., Huntington, WV 25755-6300.

A native of Keyser, W.Va., Smith joined Marshall's faculty in 1989 as professor of military science and chairman of the Military Science Department. He retired from the U.S. Army in August 1994 as a lieutenant colonel after 25 years' service.

Smith's military career began in 1964 in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1969 upon receiving his bachelor's degree in forest management from West Virginia University. He did graduate work at the University of Oklahoma and received his master's degree in education from the University of Maine in 1980. Currently he is pursuing an Ed.D. degree through West Virginia University.



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Area students participating in Marshall Upward Bound program

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Sixty area high school students are participating in the Upward Bound program at Marshall University this summer.

Upward Bound is one of several federally funded programs designed to motivate and prepare first generation and/or low income high school students for post-secondary education.

Jackie Hersman, Upward Bound director, said the students taking part in the program will spend six weeks living on the Marshall campus. They will take academic, career and study skills classes and participate in several cultural enrichment and social activities.

A special partnership with the Microsoft Corporation this year will allow the students access to one of the university's five computer laboratories. Multiple software programs have been given to the Upward Bound program for use by the students. The only requirement is that the software be evaluated by the students.

Three computer classes will be offered and some software

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applications will be incorporated into the students' other courses in mathematics, science, reading and communications.

Hersman said students will be able to use the computer laboratories in their free time to learn about the new software and explore the Internet. Marshall students will have access to the software when it is not being used by Upward Bound participants.

One of the activities planned for the Upward Bound students will be a tour of the state capitol and a meeting with Barbara Harmon-Schamberger, West Virginia Secretary for the Arts and Education. Harmon-Schamberger is an alumna of the Upward Bound program.

To obtain further details about the Upward Bound program contact Hersman at Marshall University, 304-696-6846.

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Marshall University names Employee of the Year

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Doris Wellman of Huntington, administrative secretary in the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology-Family and Consumer Sciences, has been selected as the recipient of Marshall University's Employee of the Year Award for 1995-96, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Wellman, named Employee of the Month last December, has worked for the university for 18 years.

She was nominated for the Employee of the Month Award by Mary Jo Graham, coordinator of Family and Consumer Sciences.

In nominating Wellman for the monthly award, Graham said, "Doris gives superior 'customer service' to all who enter our office. She encourages students who are discouraged, helps them find their way through the red tape and gives them suggestions on how to solve problems.

"When strangers are lost, she will make phone calls to help them find their way. Doris helps new faculty find their way without imposing 'the past' as a guide for how things must be done. It is not uncommon for students and part-time faculty to

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give her gifts, thank-you cards and flowers when they finish. She is so knowledgeable and efficient we couldn't do without her."

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The program has been designed to recognize outstanding performance by classified and non-classified staff at the university.

Awards are made to MU employees who have exhibited exceptional levels of work performance and displayed high regard and loyalty toward the university and their job responsibilities.

Wellman received a plaque and a check for \$300 for being named Employee of the Year. The presentation was made July 16 during a luncheon at University Place, the Marshall president's house.

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Marshall's RBA program has record number of graduates

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Since 1975, Marshall University's Board of Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program has provided an alternative method of higher education granting 1,760 diplomas, many to people who otherwise might not have gone to college.

A record number of 122 students graduated through the program this year.

The RBA is a nontraditional program designed for the adult student. It is different from the usual baccalaureate degree plan in many respects, according to Barbara James, coordinator of Marshall's program.

College credit counting toward the degree requirements may be awarded to students in the program for documented learning resulting from work or life experience. While the program is designed to ensure the RBA student a sound educational foundation, rigid specialization requirements are not imposed. Each applicant creates with the assistance of an adviser the course program that best fits individual needs.

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The central principle that underlies the life experience assessment process is that what the student knows is more important than how it was learned. If a student can demonstrate knowledge and skills reasonably comparable to what the college trained student knows, credit hours may be awarded toward the degree. The student must provide evidence of possessing college equivalent knowledge or skills.

Since the RBA degree is designed for responsible adults, a person must have graduated from high school or passed a high school equivalency test at least four years prior to being admitted to the program.

James attributes the program's popularity to two factors: the history and past success of the program has made it more recognizable and better-known, and the economy in which major employers are downsizing and laying off workers.

"Our enrollment tends to rise when there are layoffs and people losing their jobs because of downsizing and other factors," said James. "On the plus side, most of the people who enroll under those conditions have had good work experience that can translate into credit hours. Many also have taken various classes and programs in their work environments that can be utilized for the RBA degree. We

also get a lot people who have associate degrees through community colleges who find the RBA is the best way to obtain a baccalaureate degree."

James said some educators were skeptical when the program was first devised 21 years ago. "Some people thought the program would be an easy way out for students who wanted baccalaureate degrees. However, those concerns soon were put to rest and the RBA became recognized as a viable alternative degree program."

She said major employers in the region never had a problem accepting the program or its graduates. "They recognize that the RBA students usually have considerable work experience and that often is quite an advantage. In fact, many companies encourage employees to enroll in the program and help them gather materials for their credit assessment applications."

Enrollment in the program is expected to remain stable. James said that for a number of years the program annually granted 70 to 80 degrees. Last year 112 degrees were awarded. This past spring semester only three colleges or schools at Marshall granted more baccalaureate degrees than the RBA program.

To obtain further details about the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program contact James at Marshall University, 304-696-6400.

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Calvert named Marshall University Employee of the Month

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Tim Calvert of Ashland, Ky., systems analyst programmer lead in the Computer Center, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for July, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Calvert has worked for the university for more than 16 years.

He was nominated for the award by Sharon Rutherford, director of payroll at Marshall. In making the nomination, Rutherford said, "It is uncommon to find one person whose job directly affects everyone at the university and even more uncommon when the effect is positive. One such person is Tim Calvert at the Computer Center.

"Tim is the systems analyst who is responsible for the university's payroll, human resources and budget systems. He also creates specialized systems for other university departments and works in the Banner student information system. During the past 10 years, Tim has worked with us in

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the development of our payroll systems and has done all the programming for the 81 payroll programs and 31 budget programs we use to process payroll.

"When our reporting requirements change or when we think of a smarter, more efficient way to let the computer handle tasks, Tim is the first person we call. By helping us do our jobs more efficiently, he helps to assure that everyone's paycheck is on time and correct. We couldn't do payroll without him.

"Recently, in an effort to eliminate the paper W.Va.-11 process (a process by which the Finance and Administration Budget Office in Charleston receives university payroll and personnel information), Tim worked with a group of staff members to create a new electronic process and helped us through its implementation. The positive result would not have been possible without Tim's logical thinking, calm demeanor and 'can do' attitude.

"As payroll director and having worked with Tim for more than nine years, I can't begin to list all the times I've depended on him to create solutions for problems that could have been catastrophic. Some examples are the times he worked from home in a full leg cast and the calls he made while away on a trip to find out what my problem was and

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relay a solution to another programmer here at Marshall. It doesn't matter where he is or what his condition--we can depend on Tim."

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WSAZ contributes toward new Marshall library

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- WSAZ Television 3 has pledged \$50,000 over a five-year period toward construction of Marshall University's library/information center.

Frank P. Justice Jr., Marshall vice president for development, recently accepted the first installment on WSAZ's pledge from Don Ray, the station's general manager.

"WSAZ and the Lee Foundation have assisted a number of programs and projects at Marshall over the years," Justice said. "Their most recent significant gift was \$25,000 for staff development in 1991 during The Campaign for Marshall. As a result of their generosity, Marshall staff members have had opportunities to continue their educations. We appreciate WSAZ's continuing support."

Justice said the new library's media services room, which includes data in microform and CD-ROM formats, will be named in honor of WSAZ. The television station, which has studios in Huntington and Charleston, is owned by Lee Enterprises.

Marshall's new library will provide access to the Internet and other on-line information resources worldwide in addition to meeting the needs for traditional research.

Construction is expected to begin this summer and be completed in 1998.



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Area students participate in Marshall's EntrePrep program

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Twenty-four students from Tri-State area high schools participated in the EntrePrep Summer Institute program sponsored by Marshall University's College of Business and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation of Kansas City, Mo.

The intensive weeklong summer program is designed to teach students how to start a new business through the development of a business plan, according to Lorraine P. Anderson, associate dean of Marshall's College of Business.

Following the summer program, students are required to complete a hands-on 150-hour internship with area business mentors. Students also attend dinner meetings to discuss their experiences and hear from practicing entrepreneurs.

Each student who completes the program is given a \$1,000 scholarship and their high school is given a grant and designated as an EntrePrep School.

Anderson said participants are expected to gain a realistic view of entrepreneurship. The program's goal is

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that one day the students will be prepared to launch business ventures of their own.

EntrePrep students and high schools for the class of 1996-97 are:

Boyd County (Ky.) High School--Melissa Jacobs, Ray Jarvis, Danielle Russell and Rebecca Simmons;

Cabell Midland High School--Trey Bailey, Shannon Bates, Amanda Henry and Allyson Nichols;

George Washington High School, Charleston--Troy Jones and Kristi Taylor;

Huntington High School--Vanessa Bain, Katherine Franklin, Janet Hicks, Amber Holley, Ted Kluemper, Richie Lambe, Chris Riegel and Meghan Spensky;

Paul Blazer High School, Ashland, Ky.--Sara Hunt, Steve Kesner, Beth Ann Moore, Marissa Pinkerman and Jessica Smith;

Wayne High School--Kelly Watts.

To obtain further details about the EntrePrep program contact Anderson at Marshall University's College of Business, 304-696-2611.

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Note to Editors and Reporters:

Anderson can help arrange interviews with EntrePrep students from your area.



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Marshall seeking hosts for international students

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--A program at Marshall University will give Huntington area residents an opportunity to learn about and experience other cultures, according to Dr. William A. Edwards, executive director of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

The university is seeking local families to host international students during the fall semester through its Host Family and Homestay program.

Families who participate in the program will be compensated \$400 per month for providing room and board and transportation to and from the MU campus.

"This is an excellent opportunity for local families to learn about foreign cultures," said Edwards. "International students in our program are bright, motivated young people who are eager to learn about our country and teach us about their cultures and customs."

Eric K. Spears, coordinator for international student services at Marshall, will administer the Host Family and Homestay program.

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According to Spears, host families should have an interest in living and interacting with people from other cultures, be able to provide breakfast and dinner every day, and be able to provide the student with transportation to and from the university or live within walking distance of the university or near a bus route.

"International students have many more challenges and barriers to face than the typical student," said Spears. "They are encountering a new culture and everyday language so it is important to find a caring family that will provide a helpful and encouraging environment for these students."

Spears said at present there is a demand for families to host students from Asia and the Middle East. He said students from other regions also may need to be placed with host families. Students will need to be placed in homes by the first week of September.

Applications to become a Homestay family are available from Marshall's Center for International Programs in Old Main Room 212. To obtain further details contact the center at 304-696-6265.

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Marshall University regular registration period scheduled

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Regular registration for Marshall University's fall semester will be held Monday through Friday, Aug. 19-23, in the Registrar's Office, Old Main Room B-1, according to Registrar Roberta Ferguson.

Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Late registration and schedule adjustment will take place Monday through Thursday, Aug. 26-29, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All fees must be paid at the time of registration.

There will be a \$20 late fee assessed for registration after Friday, Aug. 23.

Course schedules, which contain specific registration details, are available in the Office of the Registrar, Old Main Room 106. Persons not admitted to the university may start the admission process at the Office of Admissions, Old Main Room 125.

Ferguson said students also will be able to register by phone using the university's computerized phone registration system, MILO (Marshall Information Liaison Online). Specific instructions

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for utilizing the MILO registration system are in the fall 1996 schedule of courses available at the Registrar's Office.

During the regular registration period (Aug. 19-23) students will be able to call 304-696-MILO or 1-800-696-MILO to register. Students can call from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Classes will begin Monday, Aug. 26, at 8 a.m.

To obtain further details about registration contact the Registration Division of the Marshall University Registrar's Office, 304-696-6413.

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Marshall University center receives research contract

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences recently was awarded a \$60,155 contract by Mason Research Incorporated in Point Pleasant to develop a Health, Safety and Environmental Protocol for the U.S. Navy Fire Support Program, Louisville, Ky.

The first portion of the multi-phase effort involving the development of an initial draft software protocol that incorporates mitigating procedures and processes for health, safety and environmental (HSE) impact has been completed, according to Dr. James W. Hooper, executive director of Marshall's Office of Research and Economic Development.

Dr. Tony Szwilski, who holds a joint appointment as professor of environmental engineering and science with Marshall and the West Virginia Graduate College, is the principal investigator for the project.

Szwilski said the work involves the development of environmental safety and health procedures for Naval surface weapon systems.

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"We are developing procedures that will be incorporated in user-friendly software so that weapons systems program managers in the Navy can evaluate products they purchase or procure," explained Szwilski. "This will also allow them to evaluate any product or any procedure in a system that might be used for Naval surface weapons fire support."

Other Marshall faculty and staff members working on the project are Dr. Hisham Al-Haddad, assistant professor of computer science; Elizabeth Hanrahan, program specialist at the Environmental Center; Dr. Akhtar Lodgher, manager of information technology programs at the Environmental Center and associate professor of computer science; Dr. Will McCumbee, professor of physiology; Dr. Gary Rankin, chair of the Pharmacology Department; Dr. Gary Wright, chair of the Physiology Department, and Hooper.

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Continuing legal education programs offered at Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Continuing legal education programs on trial procedures, domestic violence and child abuse and social security disability will be held prior to Marshall University football games this season, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education for Marshall's Community and Technical College.

The programs, presented by the MU Continuing Education Office and the Mountain State Bar Association, are being coordinated by William L. Redd, a Huntington attorney and associate professor in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

All of the courses will be held Saturdays beginning at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. The schedule includes the following programs:

--Sept. 14, "The Trial" preceding the MU vs. West Virginia State College football game that begins at 7 p.m.

--Sept. 28, "Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Domestic Relations" preceding the MU vs. Western Kentucky University football game that begins at 7 p.m.

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--Oct. 19, "Social Security Disability, A Changed Practice" preceding the MU vs. Western Carolina University football game that begins at 7 p.m.

There will be a fee of \$100 per program for people who preregister. There will be a fee of \$125 for late registration and walk-ins. The fee will include program materials, lunch and parking. It does not include tickets for football games. Tickets for the games (\$15 per ticket) must be purchased separately.

The Mountain State Bar Association will accept the seminars for credit toward continuing legal education (CLE) hours. Each of the first two programs will carry five hours of CLE credit. The last program will carry five hours of CLE credit with one hour of law office management credit.

To register or obtain further details contact the Continuing Education Office at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113.

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Course to prepare students for Graduate Record Examination

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Office of Continuing Education will sponsor a preparatory course for people planning to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

The GRE course will be held in five sessions on Saturdays from Sept. 7 through Oct. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Actual past examinations and simulated materials will be used to teach about specific types of questions and test strategies. The following subjects will be covered: mathematical review, reading comprehension, analytical and logical reasoning, data interpretation and antonyms, analogies and sentence completion.

There will be a fee of \$200 for the GRE program which includes all course materials.

Hensley said the GRE score is one of the most important factors on an application for graduate school.

Marshall University students will receive a 10 percent discount on registration fees.

To register or obtain further details about the program

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contact the Continuing Education Office at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113. Registration for the course does not register students to take the GRE.

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Marshall Classified Staff Council officers elected

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Nina L. Barrett of Hamlin, an accounting assistant in the Finance Division, has been elected president of Marshall University's Classified Staff Council.

The council serves as the executive body for Marshall's classified staff members. It represents all staff interests and makes recommendations concerning policies and procedures to the university president. The council also provides a forum for discussion and review of staff concerns.

Barrett received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with minors in sociology and English from Marshall.

A member of the MU staff since 1981, Barrett previously served as Classified Staff Council vice president, parliamentarian and historian.

She has served on various committees at the university including Service Awards, Membership and Election, Personnel, Staff Development and the Ad Hoc Constitution Committee.

Her term as president will continue through June 30, 1997.

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Officers--Add 1

Mark Ross of Wayne, a press operator in Marshall's Graphic Services Division, was elected vice president of the Classified Staff Council.

He has been employed at Marshall for nine years and has served on the council for two years. He has been active on the council's Personnel, Physical Environment and Legislative Affairs committees.

A graduate of Buffalo High School in Wayne, Ross has completed extensive training courses in safety technology from West Virginia University. He is active in the community and has served as chief of the volunteer fire department, president of the local PTA, vice chair of the Wayne County Democratic Executive Committee and has been a member of the Wayne County Economic Development Authority.

Connie Zirkle of Proctorville, Ohio, a senior administrative secretary in the Psychology Department, has been elected secretary of the Classified Staff Council.

She has been employed at the university for 13 years and has served on the council since 1994. She previously served on the university's Benefits Committee.

Zirkle recently received a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall. While studying at the university, she received a Women of Marshall Scholarship and Award and was

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named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." She is a member of Psi Chi Honorary.

She has been involved in various community organizations and has been a member of the executive board of Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, served as secretary-treasurer of the Association of Involved Marshall Employees (a chapter of the West Virginia State Employees Union) and coordinator of the women's breakfast for the Tri-State Organizing Conference.

Terrence E. Olson of Huntington, a sergeant on the MU Police Department, was elected parliamentarian of the council.

Olson, who will serve as vice chair of the council's Legislative Affairs Committee, received bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from Marshall.

He joined the university's police department in 1983 and was promoted to sergeant in 1993. In January 1996 he volunteered for service on the university's bicycle squad.

Olson has been involved in several activities on and off campus and recently helped coordinate a bicycle rodeo for area elementary school students sponsored by the MUPD and the Cabell County Sheriff's Department.

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Marshall opens Environmental Management Incubator

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences has opened its Environmental Management Incubator for business, according to Dr. James W. Hooper, executive director of Marshall's economic development programs.

The university received an \$800,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration in 1995 and provided \$300,000 in matching funds to develop the "incubator without walls" that will focus on environmental issues companies must deal with and the business opportunities that arise from environmental emphasis and regulations.

Hooper said the incubator is expected to help retain existing jobs in the area and attract new jobs.

"Our intent is to provide information, training and support services for existing and start-up companies through computer-based on-line environmental databases and reference materials," said Hooper.

Consulting services and training programs have been developed to help area companies better cope with

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technological, economic and legal aspects of current and future environmental issues.

Training topics will be based on need and are expected to include introductory environmental concepts, the establishment and operation of an environmental program and environmental regulations.

"This is an extremely important subject that you will hear about more and more in the future," said Marshall President J. Wade Gilley. "Environmental issues are becoming very complicated and can have a tremendous impact on the establishment of new businesses and the success or failure of existing businesses. I believe this program will have profound benefits for industry and potential new business ventures.

"This project fits in well with the goals and mission of our Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences. It also is an excellent example of the emphasis the university is placing on new technologies and our desire to work with area business and industry to help the Tri-State region."

Congressman Nick Joe Rahall II, Huntington Mayor Jean Dean and other local and regional dignitaries attended the grand opening of the incubator held recently in Gullickson

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Hall Room 206. Hooper presented a plaque to Rahall in recognition of the congressman's support and interest in the state-of-the-art facility.

Companies and agencies interested in participating in the project or obtaining further details can contact the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences at Marshall University, 304-696-5453.

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Elwell named chair of Marshall's Theatre/Dance Department

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Dr. Jeffery Scott Elwell has been named professor and chair of Marshall University's Department of Theatre and Dance, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

Elwell, formerly a professor and director of the University Theatre at Mississippi State University, also will serve as director of Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

He received his bachelor's degree from California State University, his master's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Prior to accepting a position at Mississippi State in 1989, Elwell served as chair of the Theatre Department and assistant professor at Aurora University, was an assistant professor and director of theatre at Gardner-Webb University and worked as an instructor of speech and theatre at Virginia Intermont College.

A prolific writer, Elwell has had nine plays produced on

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Theatre Row in New York City and three plays presented in Los Angeles during the past two years. His plays also have been performed by professional theatre groups in Chicago, Memphis, New Orleans, St. Louis and Charlottesville and Roanoke, Va.

He had two plays, "Dead Fish" and "First Date," running in Los Angeles in July and currently has a play titled "Stepping Out" being performed there by the Underground Freeway Theatre. His play, "My Day," was performed during a festival Aug. 9-11 in New York City. His play titled "An Ordinary Morning" opened Aug. 15 at the Inner Space Theatre on 29th Street in New York.

Two of Elwell's plays have been published by Palmetto Play Service and a play titled "The Art of Dating" was a winner in the Off-Off-Broadway Original Short Play Festival and will be published by Samuel French. He has two works included in "Baseball Monologues" being published by Heinemann and "Dead Fish" is under contract to be published as part of a collection of one-act plays.

Elwell is active in professional organizations and currently serves as chair of the National Academic Theatre Playwriting Program for the Association for Theater in Higher Education (ATHE) and chair of the Southeastern Theatre Conference Playwriting Committee. He recently served as chair of the Playwriting Awards Committee for the American

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Elwell--Add 2

College Theatre Festival sponsored through the Kennedy Center. He also is a member of the Dramatists Guild and the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

He has received several awards and grants for his work including a Mississippi Arts Commission Playwriting Fellowship, a Tennessee Williams Scholarship and a summer seminar fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. He has written papers and articles for various publications and has directed more than 50 plays for college and professional theatres.

"We are very pleased we were able to attract a person of Dr. Elwell's stature to Marshall University," said Denman. "He is highly regarded in theatre throughout the country and has written and published several plays. This is a very exciting time in the development of the Theatre and Dance Department at Marshall. I think Dr. Elwell has the academic background, experience and professional contacts to ensure the continued success of the department."

Elwell said he is looking forward to working at Marshall. "I've turned down some other positions but I think there is great opportunity and potential here," he said. "We have an excellent facility, faculty and staff."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Community & Technical College develops specialization courses

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Community and Technical College has developed two new specialization programs that will provide concentrated courses of study for people who want to learn about the internet or take the national Certified Professional Secretary examination.

Gerald Doyle, an instructor in the Community and Technical College, said a specialization program is a concentrated curriculum of study designed to provide skills in a specific area. General studies courses such as history and English are not required.

"The typical specialization program is 12 to 15 credit hours which can include from four to eight classes depending on the topic," said Doyle. "Courses taken in the program are college credit classes and can count toward an associate degree if the student wishes to pursue one in the future."

Specialization programs are open to everyone. Doyle said they are excellent for people wishing to gain new skills or workers wanting to expand their skills.

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The 12-credit-hour internet program will give participants the knowledge to use the internet for business and personal purposes. It will focus on fundamentals, publishing, data communications, conducting business and doing research on the internet.

The 15-credit-hour secretarial program will prepare participants to take the national Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) examination. It will focus on office procedures and related topics. Participants should have some experience in office procedures and computer literacy prior to enrolling in the program.

Doyle said successful completion of the CPS examination in some cases can be used for up to 30 hours of college credit.

All of the classes in both specializations will be offered at various times to make them convenient for people to enroll.

Upon completion of the specialization programs students will be presented certificates indicating they have met course requirements.

Regular Marshall University tuition rates apply to the specialization programs and students will need to be admitted

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and register. Registration for some courses may be conducted during the first class session. Classes will begin Sept. 3.

To obtain further details about the programs or registration procedures contact the Marshall University Community and Technical College, 304-696-5230, or call 1-800-906-4723.

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Marshall University's student newspaper wins awards

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's student newspaper, the Parthenon, recently won six awards in the Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the West Virginia Newspaper Association.

Entered in Division III for daily newspapers under 15,000 circulation, the Parthenon won first, second and third place awards for Best Original Cartoon and won first place for Best Feature Story, second place for Best Sports Photography and honorable mention for Best Single Issue.

A record number of 2,803 entries were submitted by state newspapers, according to Robert DeFrancis, chairman of the contest committee. The judging was done by the Louisiana Press Association. The awards were presented at the WVPA's annual convention held recently at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling.

"We stacked up well against West Virginia University, the only other school which won awards," said Marilyn McClure, Parthenon adviser. "The awards give our people a chance to be recognized for their work throughout the year."

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Parthenon--Add 1

Melinda Cater, a Marshall graduate student from Charleston working on a master's degree in journalism, took first place for her feature story titled "A Byrd's Eye View," a personality profile of Eric Byrd, a Huntington junior and avid sky diver who jumped off the New River Gorge Bridge four times during the annual Bridge Day celebration.

The judges called Cater's article a well-written story with strong quotes that give readers some of the same sensations Eric Byrd gets in one of his jumps.

Jeff McKenna of Barboursville, a recent Marshall graduate with a bachelor's degree in graphic design, received first, second and third place awards for his editorial cartoons. The judges said McKenna's entries were superb cutting-edge satire, original and topical.

Brett Hall, a Huntington senior majoring in chemistry, took third place for sports photography.

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Noreen named chair of Marshall Military Science Department

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--United States Army Lt. Col. Thomas R. Noreen has been named professor and chair of the Military Science Department at Marshall University, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

A native of Michigan, Noreen received his commission in 1975 from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a bachelor of science degree. He received a master's degree in chemical engineering from Vanderbilt University.

His military education includes the Signal Officer's Basic and Advance courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Department of Defense Systems Management College, Program Management Course. He recently was selected to attend the U.S. Army War College.

Noreen's previous assignments include platoon leader and assistant operations and training officer for the 33rd Signal Battalion and aide-de-camp to the commanding general for the 172nd Infantry Brigade at Fort Richardson, Ark.

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He served two tours with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he was company commander of the 501st Signal Battalion, 2nd Brigade signal officer, division radio officer, and was the 501st Signal Battalion supply officer and then the operations officer.

Noreen also served as the executive officer and assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry at West Point and executive officer and test and evaluation officer at the Program Executive Office for Command and Control Systems at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

His most recent assignment was as commander of the 69th Signal Battalion at Wuerzburg, Germany.

Noreen has received several awards and decorations including the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Air Assault Badge.

He is replacing Maj. Richard A. Neikirk who retires this summer.

"We have enjoyed an outstanding relationship over the years with the military through the ROTC and Military Science programs," said Denman. "We are fortunate to have had a succession of superlative officers lead the department.

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Lt. Col. Noreen is another in that distinguished line of commanders. His educational background is first class and his military service is exceptional. We are very pleased he has joined our program."

Noreen was accompanied to Huntington by his wife, Nancy, and their four children.

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MU College of Business named in honor of Oak Hill woman

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's College of Business is now the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business, MU President J. Wade Gilley announced today.

Gilley said the college is being named in honor of the 1931 Marshall graduate because of her long term support of the university, her success as a teacher and businesswoman and her community leadership. Dedication ceremonies are being planned for Friday, Sept. 13, he said.

"Although she prefers to maintain a low profile, Mrs. Lewis is among the most prominent of Marshall University's supporters," Gilley said. "It is most appropriate that the College of Business, which she has served so long and so well, be named in her honor."

Gilley added, "We believe Marshall's is the only college of business in the country to be named exclusively for a woman."

Mrs. Lewis, who was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame in 1994, established the college's first academic chair in 1989. In addition to her work with the College of Business, the Oak Hill, W.Va. resident has been a major contributor to the university's new library and information center, Gilley noted.

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A native of Minden, W.Va., she was raised in Huntington and returned to Fayette County to teach commerce at Oak Hill High School after earning her A.B. degree at Marshall. In 1934 she married J. Edward Lewis Jr., who at the time was in business with his uncle and his cousin in the New River Insurance Agency. He also was affiliated with New River Banking and Trust Co., serving as president from 1952 until his death in 1971.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Lewis was named a director of New River Bank (now One Valley Bank) and is a member of the National Association of Bank Women.

Although she ended her teaching career in 1941, she continued serving young people as a member of the Oak Hill Recreation Commission, chairperson of the Civic League's Dollars for Scholars program, a director of the Fayette County Public Library and in numerous capacities with the Oak Hill United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lewis also has been involved with the Oak Hill Garden Club, the Fayette Study Club and the Oak Hill Civic League. She was named one of 10 Clubwomen of the Year by the Charleston Gazette in 1962. She also bought and restored Lewis House, her late husband's boyhood home, which is now home to the Fayette Art League and St. Andrew's Day Care Center as well as serving as a meeting place for many civic organizations. She has been named Lions' Lady of the Year and Beta Sigma Phi Woman of the Year.

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When the Quota Club of the Plateau Area honored Mrs. Lewis with a celebrity roast in 1991, she explained that her contributions were a result of decisions she and her husband made before his death. She said he recognized that the Oak Hill area depended economically on one industry, creating a disadvantage to local youth with potential.

"We felt that higher education would open up the future to these young people in a multitude of professions," she concluded.

Gilley said details of the Sept. 13 dedication program will be announced later.



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Aug. 27, 1996

For Immediate Release

Joseph A. Slash Scholarship Awarded

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Huntington resident Bruce Graham is the eighth recipient of the Joseph A. Slash Endowment Scholarship at Marshall University. A Huntington resident, Graham is a senior economics major in the university's College of Business. He returned to college after serving in the military and plans to attend law school after completing his undergraduate degree.

The scholarship was established by the Huntington civic group Positive Force Inc. as a memorial to Slash, who was the first African American county school superintendent in West Virginia. Slash was one of the first African American students to enroll at Marshall, earning a master's degree in education in 1952. For 36 years Slash served Cabell County schools as a teacher, coach, principal, county-wide math supervisor, and then, as school superintendent from 1977 until his retirement in 1981. He died in 1986.

Slash received the Marshall University Alumni Association's Community Achievement Award in 1981 and in 1984 was awarded an honorary doctorate during the university's Commencement.



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Marshall medical student named Massey DOC Scholar

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Danese native Jennifer Lynn Cornelius has been named the second DOC Scholar at the Marshall University School of Medicine.

Cornelius is eligible for up to \$60,000 in loans through the DOC (Doctors for Our Communities) program, which is sponsored by the A.T. Massey Coal Company, the Massey Foundation and the Fluor Foundation. She will not have to repay the loans if she practices primary care for seven years in a coalfield community in which Massey Coal operates.

The daughter of Daniel and Rhonda Harper of Danese, Cornelius graduated with high honors from Concord College in June and entered medical school this fall. She and her husband live in Fraziers Bottom.

"Jennifer appears to be a person of exceptional quality, and all of her evaluators were extremely laudatory," said Dr. Patrick I. Brown of Marshall. "One described her as 'having a certain intangible presence, an awesomeness, which sets her apart from others.'

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"She was on the dean's list for four semesters at Concord despite commuting 1 1/2 hours each way to school and working part-time," he said. "In addition, she was active in college and community life, and was a member of the Baptist Student Union and her church choir."

Madeleine Curle, vice president - benefits for A.T. Massey Coal Company, participates in the selection of DOC Scholars.

"Massey Coal is committed to helping improve the quality of life in the communities where our employees live and work," she said. "One measure of quality of life is accessible and affordable health care. Historically, health care in rural communities has not been easily accessible. That is why Massey Coal is supporting the aspirations of medical students who want to practice medicine in the coalfields."

The company has operations in Boone, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Nicholas, Raleigh and Wyoming counties in West Virginia, and in Martin and Pike counties in Kentucky.

The first DOC Scholar was Brian Bower of Madison.



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Activities and organizations fair to be held at Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs will sponsor an Activities and Organizations Fair on the Memorial Student Center Plaza on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 10-11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to acquaint students with activities and opportunities that are available to them, according to Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs.

Representatives from student groups will be able to distribute information about their organizations and recruit new members. Hermansdorfer said representatives from all university organizations and departments are encouraged to participate to acquaint students with programs and services.

Special entertainment will be included in the Activities Fair. The acapella group "Acafellas" will perform Tuesday beginning at noon on the plaza. The comedians known as the "Scared Weird Little Guys" will perform Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Marco's in the Memorial Student Center

To obtain further details contact Marshall's Student Activities and Greek Affairs Office, 304-696-6770.

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Community agencies invited to recruit volunteers on campus

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs will sponsor a Volunteer Fair Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

The purpose of the fair is to encourage Marshall University students to participate in community service, according to Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs.

"National studies indicate that many college students believe it is essential or very important that they help others who are in difficulty," explained Hermansdorfer. "Marshall students are active in the community," he said. "For example, last year 13 student organizations contributed 4,644 hours of community service and helped raise \$53,000."

Representatives from area service agencies are invited to attend the fair to recruit student volunteers for their organizations.

Service organizations interested in participating in the fair must register.

To register or obtain further details contact Marshall's Student Activities and Greek Affairs Office, 304-696-6770.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU Continuing Education Office offers ACT study course

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Office of Continuing Education will offer a series of college board reviews for the American College Test (ACT) during October.

The review program will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 3 through Oct. 22.

Richard Hensley, director of continuing education at Marshall's Community and Technical College, said the purpose of the program is to provide to as many students as possible information about the ACT assessment.

During the six scheduled sessions, students will take sample ACT examinations, learn test-taking strategies, discuss the content of the test and procedures to follow when taking the test, learn how to approach examination questions and learn specific strategies for each of the four sections in the ACT.

There will be a \$115 tuition fee for the program which includes all course materials.

To register or obtain further details contact the Continuing Education Office at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113. Registration for the review course does not register students for the ACT.

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MU Continuing Education Office offers SAT study course

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Office of Continuing Education will sponsor a preparatory course for students planning to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

The program will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 12 through Oct. 1.

Hensley said the SAT examination will include analogies, sentence completion and critical reading. Critical reading passages, including dual-format, will be 400 to 800 words long. Topics will cover the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences and mathematics. Scientific or graphing four-function calculators will be allowed for use on the test's mathematics questions.

Students in the preparatory course will utilize materials from Cambridge Educational Services including a new textbook, a mathematics tutor and basic mathematics review, simulated tests with explained answers and actual tests.

Classroom sessions will include a combination of lecture and

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review to give students a detailed look at the concepts found in the test. Test-taking strategies also will be discussed.

There will be a fee of \$125 for the preparatory program which includes all course materials.

To register or obtain further details contact the Continuing Education Office at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113. Registration for the review course does not register students for the SAT.

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MU Continuing Education Office offers ART study program

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Office of Continuing Education will offer a series of review workshops for the Accredited Record Technician (ART) examination on Saturdays beginning Sept. 14.

Richard Hensley, director of continuing education at Marshall's Community and Technical College, said the program has been designed for medical record technology graduates who are preparing to take the national certifying examination of the American Medical Record Association.

The review program will be presented in three five-hour workshops. Interested people can register for the entire program or for individual workshops. The schedule includes the following programs:

--"Health Statistics/Management" from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 14;

--"Health Records/Records Management" and "Legal Review/Quality Assurance" from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 21;

--"Coding/Classification Systems" from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 28.

The registration fee will be \$125 for the entire program.

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There will be a \$50 registration fee for each of the individual workshops. The textbook recommended for the program will be available in the Marshall University Bookstore.

To register or obtain further details contact the Continuing Education Office in Marshall's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MU Theatre presenting play for hearing and deaf audiences

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The Marshall University Theatre will open its season by presenting a special production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" Sept. 25-27 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Produced by the award-winning Cleveland Signstage Theatre, the play will be presented simultaneously in American Sign Language and spoken English by a combined cast of hearing and deaf actors.

The Cleveland Signstage Theatre (formerly known as the Fairmount Theatre of the Deaf) will be in residence at Marshall for more than two weeks in September as they prepare for the production. While at Marshall, production members will conduct workshops on theatre that brings deaf and hearing people together, physical communication, and acting and differently abled performers.

Dr. Jeffery Scott Elwell, chair of Marshall's Theatre and Dance Department, said an extraordinary group of

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individuals and organizations have come together to make this opening production possible.

Contributors include: Very Special Arts West Virginia, the Birke Symposium, the Society of Yeager Scholars, the MU Multicultural and International Programs Office, Marshall President J. Wade Gilley, and MU alumni John Fiedler and Robert Hinchman.

Elwell also announced that the Marshall University Theatre received a grant to expand services for patrons.

The James H. and Alice Teubert Charitable Trust provided funds that now make it possible for the theatre to offer an assistive listening system. The system provides personal amplification for people who have hearing problems.

Elwell said the grant will allow the theatre in the near future to provide a descriptive listening service for the visually impaired.

Tickets for "The Glass Menagerie" will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and youth 17 and under. Marshall students with valid identification cards and MU retirees will be admitted free. Discounts will be available for part-time MU students and groups

To obtain further details about the production of "The Glass Menagerie," Signstage Theatre workshops, the assistive

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listening system or obtaining season tickets for the Marshall University Theatre contact the MU Box Office, 304-696-2787, or stop by the Fine and Performing Arts Center. Box Office hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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September 5, 1996

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Exhibit features work of West Virginia art professors

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The West Virginia Universities and Colleges Art Faculty Exhibition will be held at Marshall University's Birke Art Gallery beginning Saturday, Sept. 7, according to Michael Cornfeld, chair of the MU Art Department.

An opening reception for artists and friends will be held in the gallery Monday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the West Virginia College Art Association, the exhibition showcases the work of art faculty from colleges and universities throughout the state.

In addition to Marshall University artists, the exhibit will include works by representatives of Bluefield State College, Concord College, Shepherd College, West Liberty State College, West Virginia State College, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, West Virginia University, West Virginia Wesleyan College and the University of Charleston.

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Works will range from representational figurative painting to the experimental use of media and subject matter.

Cornfeld said the exhibit reveals the depth of talent, experience and professional high standards of the dedicated art teachers who inspire our college students.

The exhibition will continue through Sept. 25. Birke Art Gallery, located on the ground floor of Smith Hall, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

McDowell named Marshall University Employee of the Month

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Tracy McDowell of Huntington, an administrative assistant at the Robert C. Byrd Institute, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for August, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

McDowell has worked for the university for more than three years.

She was nominated for the award by Jennifer Moran, a communications specialist at the Byrd Institute. In making the nomination, Moran said, "Tracy should be named Employee of the Month because she is tireless and energetic while performing her job and is extremely dedicated to it, constantly rising to new challenges with enthusiasm.

"Because she basically performs two jobs, she constantly juggles many different tasks exhibiting a professionalism that makes it all seem so easy. Many times she has gone beyond the requirements of her job to ensure the successful completion of a project.

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McDowell--Add 1

"No matter how busy she is, she is always sensitive to her co-workers' needs--pitching in to help whenever necessary. Further, she provides encouragement through kind words and deeds. Tracy is well respected by her colleagues and can always be counted on to provide insightful advice. By performing disparate tasks that need to be undertaken throughout the Byrd Institute while maintaining the highest quality work, she exemplifies the ideal employee.

"Beyond the role she fills at work, Tracy plays an active role in our community by volunteering for projects, such as Huntington Main Street, the Huntington Museum of Art and the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, that benefit everyone. Tracy, in a final assessment, exemplifies the ideal employee."

McDowell 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.

The program has been designed to recognize outstanding performance by classified and non-classified staff at the university.

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'Five-Star' Celebration of the Arts is Oct. 12

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- A "five-star" community celebration of the arts is set for Marshall University's Fine and Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Oct. 12.

With the theme *Rhythm and Romance*, the university's Arts Gala 1996 will feature a reception, dinner, performance of Gershwin music by nationally recognized entertainers, a dessert buffet and a showcase of Marshall student talent, according to Mrs. Oliver H. (Gaye) Fearing Jr., chair of the gala planning committee.

"We're very excited that the Arts Gala 1996 is not just a Huntington-area event but also involves people from Charleston and Ashland," Fearing said. "We're planning an elegant evening with entertainment worthy of Carnegie Hall, but our primary goal is raising money for the Marshall College of Fine Arts and its students."

Mrs. Charles E. (Linda) Turner is co-chair of the Arts Gala Committee.

Chairpersons for Gala subcommittees are: Connie B. Post, gala design; Mrs. Robert A. Hess, design coordinator; Mrs. Thomas L. Fezell and Mrs. C. Henry Besten, floral design; Mrs. Milton T. Herndon, entertainment; Frank P. Justice Jr. and A. Michael Perry, fund raising; Mrs. Arthur Weisberg invitations list; Mrs. H. Bruce Lanshaw Jr., invitations; Mrs. Marc T. Miller, outside decorations; Mrs. James D. Lacy, program design; Mrs. Maurice A. Mufson, publicity; Mrs. Eugene E. Pofahl, reception/dinner; Janet E. Bromley, special guests; Mrs. Joseph C. Hindsley Jr., theatre tickets/seating; Mrs. Hans G. Dransfeld, dinner seating; Mrs. Robert K. Withers, ushers and Mrs. William M. Frazier, valet parking.

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Additional Planning Committee members include: T. Kirk Dodrill, Mrs. Michael Ehrie Jr., Mrs. Cecil E. Fannin, Kim Fields, Mrs. Gabriel C. Fornari, Mrs. Bruce L. Freeman, Mrs. J. Wade Gilley, Mrs. Panos D. Ignatiadis, Mrs. Michael L. Mansour, Mrs. Thomas J. Maxwell, Joline N. McGinnis, Mrs. G. Edward Moore, Mrs. James W. Riggs, Mrs. Curt A. Schmeck, Mrs. Milford Schneiderman, Arlinda D. Smith, Mrs. James A. Tweel, Rosa Lee Vitz and Mrs. W. Stewart Way.

Mrs. John P. Boylin Jr., chairperson for Arts Gala 1994, is an advisor. The Planning Committee is assisted by a number of university technical advisors.

Tickets for Arts Gala 1996 range from \$150 single to \$5,000 for a reserved table seating eight. Seating is limited to 500.

Those interested in additional information or reservations, may call the Marshall University Office of Development, (304) 696-6214.



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September 10, 1996

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Coal strike of 1946 will be subject of slide presentation

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Janet Wells Greene, a project archivist for the "Ordinary People: Extraordinary Lives" history project for the Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives at New York University, will make a slide presentation titled "Camera Wars: Coal Miners and the Politics of Photography in the 1946 Coal Strike" Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Marshall University's Memorial Student Center.

A native of McDowell County, W.Va., Greene is very familiar with the history of coal mining in the state.

She received a master's degree in English literature from Ohio State University and a master's degree in history from Stanford University. Her presentation is based on research she is doing for her doctoral dissertation at New York University.

Greene served as a faculty member at the Southern Appalachian Labor School at West Virginia Institute of Technology (now West Virginia University Institute of Technology), was a member of the advisory board of the West Virginia Women's Commission from 1981 to 1985 and is a former fellow of the West Virginia Humanities Foundation.

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Greene--Add 1

She was a funded scholar for an exhibit titled "Traditions and Transitions: Women in West Virginia History" that was displayed at the state Cultural Center in 1990. Her publications include "From Forge to Fast Food: Child Labor in New York State, 1700-1870" and "Strategies for Survival: Women's Work in Southern West Virginia Coal Camps."

While working as a staff reporter for the Advocate, a daily newspaper in Newark, Ohio, she received two awards of excellence from Thomson Newspapers Inc.

Greene currently serves on the advisory council for the Oral History of Appalachia Project (OHAP) at Marshall University.

Her presentation, sponsored by OHAP, Marshall's School of Journalism and Mass Communications, and the MU History and Sociology/Anthropology departments, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Oral History of Appalachia Project Office at Marshall University, 304-696-6799.

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Art exhibition to focus on mounds built by Native Americans

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--An exhibition titled "Revisiting Ancient Mounds: Steven Bickley and Ronald Davey" will open Monday, Sept. 30, with a presentation by the artists at 7:30 p.m. in Marshall University's Birke Art Gallery.

Bickley and Davey will discuss their art works inspired by their fascination for the ancient Indian mounds built by Native Americans in the Ohio Valley.

Dr. Nicholas Freidin of Marshall's Department of Sociology and Anthropology will discuss the mounds and constructions that were built from four hundred to a thousand years ago.

Bickley, a sculptor, is an associate professor of art at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Several of his works in various media, including some created specifically for the exhibition, will be on display.

One of his works, that will be demolished after the exhibition, will be a replica of the 250-foot long "Alligator" mound in Granville, Ohio. The mound will be constructed of mulch by Bickley and MU art students and be

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located inside Marshall's front gate at Fourth Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard near the construction site of the university's new library.

For the past two years Bickley has been building a three-acre earthwork in Blacksburg, Va., as part of a landfill reclamation project. He recently exhibited works at the Phillips Gallery in Washington, D.C. Some of his pieces combine unusual materials--organic and industrial, solid and liquid.

Bickley has received several honors for his work including a Ford Foundation Scholarship and the R.S. Reynolds Memorial Award from the Reynolds Metals Corporation.

He received a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University and a master's degree from the University of Georgia.

Davey is a printmaker and teaches at Shawnee State University. He also serves as preparator and registrar at the Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center in Portsmouth.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and a master's degree from Ohio University.

Davey previously worked as a printer and curator for Tyler Graphics Ltd. in Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

His work has been exhibited throughout the Tri-State and in New York, Illinois, Tennessee and Indiana and is

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represented in private, corporate and public collections in Wisconsin, Ohio and New York.

Mounds have been important in his work since approximately 1990. He often represents them simultaneously from several different views.

"I hope to impart to the viewer some of the spirit, energy and faith it must have taken to create these mounds," said Davey. "In a society becoming increasingly unmoved by and indifferent to ritual and symbolism, I feel it is imperative to re-explore them through cultures past and present."

Mounds were constructed by prehistoric Native Americans of cultures known as the Adena and Hopewell. There were two basic types of mounds: burial mounds that were generally conical or hemispherical and effigy mounds in the shapes of animals.

The exhibition and replica effigy mound will be open through Oct. 16. Birke Art Gallery, located on the ground floor of Smith Hall, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Art Department, 304-696-6760.

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Ruby Dee to perform for Marshall's Women Connect program

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Award-winning actress Ruby Dee will make a dramatic presentation during Marshall University's "Women Connect" program Wednesday, Sept. 25, beginning at noon in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center, according to Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs at Marshall.

The event is designed to emphasize the importance of women's studies and the mentoring of students and recognize people who are working to address social justice issues. The program will be followed by a reception.

Dee, an acclaimed actress and author, calls herself a product of Harlem and The American Negro Theater. She received a bachelor's degree from Hunter College and studied acting with Paul Mann, Lloyd Richards and Morris Carnovsky.

Her acting credits are extensive. She recently received an Emmy award for her role in "Decoration Day," a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation. She was Mallie in "The Court Martial of Jackie Robinson," was an author and player in "Zora Is My Name" at the American Playhouse, worked with her husband, Ossie Davis, in Spike Lee's "Do The Right Thing" and "Jungle Fever" and starred in many popular plays on and off Broadway.

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Ruby Dee--Add 1

Some of her favorite roles have been Lutiebelle in "Purlie Victorious" (written by her husband), Lena in "Boesman and Lena" for which she received an Obie award, Julia in "Wedding Band," Mary Tyrone in "Long Day's Journey into Night," Ruth in "A Raisin in the Sun," Cordelia in "King Lear," Kate in "The Taming of the Shrew" and Cassandra in "The Agamemnon."

She also performed in Sidney Poitier's "Buck and The Preacher," Alex Haley's "Roots, The Next Generation" and works such as "To Be Young Gifted and Black," "The World of Sholom Aleichem," "Go Tell It On The Mountain" and many other films, plays and television programs.

As an author, Dee has published a compilation of her short stories titled "My One Good Nerve" and compiled "Glowchild," a book of poetry by and for young people. She adapted two African folktales into books for children: "Two Ways to Count to Ten" which won a Literary Guild award in 1989 and "Tower to Heaven."

Dee was inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame in 1988 and the NAACP Image Award Hall of Fame in 1989.

Through their company, Emmalyn Enterprises, Dee and her husband produced several works with PBS including "Martin Luther King: The Dream and The Drum" and "A Walk Through the 20th Century with Bill Moyers."

The Women Connect program will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Student Affairs, 304-696-6422.

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For Immediate Release

George Gershwin's Music Featured at Arts Gala 1996

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- One of the country's leading pianists, Leon Bates, and renowned vocalists Eddy Pierce Young and Benjamin Matthews, will perform "Gershwin by Request" Oct. 12 during Marshall University's Arts Gala 1996.

Now in its eighth season, "Gershwin by Request" has won acclaim across the United States.

"The artistry of Mr. Bates and the fine vocalists combined with the timeless music of George Gershwin will make Arts Gala 1996 a truly memorable evening," Mrs. Oliver B. Fearing Jr., gala chairperson said. "Our theme is *Rhythm and Romance* and with such music as 'Rhapsody in Blue,' selections from 'Porgy and Bess,' and classics like 'Fascinatin' Rhythm,' 'The Man I Love,' and 'Strike Up the Band,' the theme will be more than fulfilled."

Bates is a familiar figure on the international concert circuit. He has performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, at the Hollywood Bowl and at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. He also performed with the Orchestra Sinfonica dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome and with the Basel Symphony in Switzerland, where he made a much heralded classical music video of the Gershwin "Concerto in F." He toured Europe, performing Gershwin with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra.

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"Gershwin by Request"

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A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Bates studied with pianist Natalie Hinderas. His performances of Gershwin with Benjamin Matthews in Rome earned him numerous return engagements for both orchestral appearances and recitals. He has won numerous awards, including citations from the National Association of Music Teachers Collegiate Artists Competition, the National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalists Fellowship Grant and the Symphony of the New World Competition.

Soprano Eddy Pierce Young made her New York recital debut in 1979 to glowing reviews and audience acclaim. She has appeared in recital, opera and oratorio through the United States, Mexico and Europe.

Known for her "smoldering and languid tones," Young will display her talent through "Summertime," "Porgy, I's Your Woman" and other songs.

Since earning bachelor's and master's degrees in voice from the University of Colorado, Young has sung with the San Francisco Spring Opera, the Brown Bag Opera Company and the Merola Opera Program. Twice she was a grant recipient from the National Council of the Metropolitan Opera.

Young is a member of the faculty at Sarah Lawrence in Bronxville, N.Y., where she teaches master classes and coaches in conjunction with recital programs, symphony solos, oratorio and opera productions.

A bass baritone, Matthews performed the lead role in "Porgy and Bess" for two months in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. His recording of "Porgy and Bess" was released by MMG and Opus.

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His other operatic credits include performances with the New York City Opera, the Graz Opera in Austria and the Philadelphia Grant Opera in roles ranging from Mephistopheles in Gounod's "Faust" to Prince Itelo in Leon Kirchner's "Lily."

Matthews has appeared as a soloist with several major orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, L'Orchestre Symphonique de Quebec, Sinfonica Municipal of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and the Orchestra Sinfonica dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome.

Marshall's Arts Gala 1996 will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 12, in the university's Fine and Performing Arts Center, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the performance at 8:30 p.m. A dessert buffet and coffee, with performances by Marshall students, will complete the evening.

Tickets to the gala are available through the Marshall Office of Development, (304) 696-6214. Prices range from \$150 for individuals to \$5,000 for a reserved table for eight.



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September 12, 1996
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Marshall's enrollment climbs 3.75 percent

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Preliminary Fall Term 1996 figures show a 3.75 percent surge in Marshall University's enrollment from 12,298 a year ago to 12,758 now--an increase of 460 students.

The preliminary report released today (Sept. 12) is based on a "census date" 10 days into the Fall Term. Official figures will be released Nov. 1 by the University System Board of Trustees.

Significantly, full-time enrollment is up 5.4 percent, from 8,728 to 9,200--an increase of 472--while part-time enrollment is 3,558, a decrease of 12.

"Needless to say, we are excited by these figures," Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said. "Considering the continuing decline in the numbers of West Virginia high school graduates, this significant increase is a verification that Marshall's strategy--which focuses on quality and technology--is being well received by parents and students alike."

The principal part-time drop is at the graduate level, down 146. Full-time Graduate School enrollment is up by 110 students, an increase of 16.9 percent, for a net graduate level loss of 36.

"The decline in part-time graduate students is most likely a reflection of the maturing of the state's teacher corps and a lessening need for master's degrees in education," Gilley noted.

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Other highlights:

- Freshmen enrollment is up 204 students or 6 percent, from 3,419 to 3,623.

- The Community and Technical College shows a 12 percent increase, from 1,699 to 1,906.

- The Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business, down in enrollment in recent years, shows an increase of 6.7 percent from 1,222 to 1,304.

- Figures for the other colleges or programs: Education, 2,042 (-37 or 1.8 %); Fine Arts, 294 (+41 or 16.2%); Liberal Arts, 2,282 (+71 or 3.2%); Medicine, 314 (unchanged); Nursing, 413 (+36 or 9.5%); Regents B.A. Program, 286 (+48 or 20.2%), and Science, 1,994 (+48 or 2.5%).

- In addition to freshmen, all other undergraduate classes showed increases: Sophomores, 2,487 (+117 or 4.9%); Juniors, 2,078 (+90 or 4.5%), and Seniors, 2,443 (+76 or 3.2%).

- 83 percent of this fall's students are West Virginia residents. The in-state enrollment rose from 10,391 to 10,733 (+342 or 3.3%). Out of state enrollment climbed from 1,031 to 1,122 (+91 or 8.8%). Metro Area (several nearby counties in Kentucky and Ohio with a special fee schedule) students increased from 876 to 903 (+27 or 3.1%).

- The FTE (full-time equivalent) enrollment is 10,027. This is the first time the FTE figure has been above 10,000 on the census date. It was 9,630 a year ago.

ENROLLMENT REPORT -- MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

Marshall University shows 1996 enrollment surge

In the face of declining high school graduation totals in West Virginia, preliminary figures for Fall Term 1996 show Marshall University has experienced significant enrollment growth with substantial increases in its full-time and freshman enrollments. The following represent some of the enrollment increases (and decreases) experienced by Marshall this fall at the end of the 10th day of classes as compared to the same day in 1995.

	<u>1996 Enrollment</u>	<u>Increase over '95</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
Total Enrollment	12,758	+460	+3.75%
Full-time Enrollment	9,200	+472	+5.4%
Freshmen	3,623	+204	+6.0%
Full-time Graduate	762	+110	+16.9%
Community College	1,906	+207	+12.2%
Business	1,304	+82	+6.7%
Education	2,042	-37	-1.8%
Part-time Graduate	1,161	-146	-11.2%
Full-time Equivalent Students (FTES)	10,027	+397	+ 4.1%

Reflecting on the higher than expected figures, Marshall President J. Wade Gilley noted:

"Considering the continuing decline in the numbers of West Virginia high school graduates, this significant increase is a verification that Marshall's strategy--which focuses on quality and technology--is being well received by parents and students alike.

"The decline in part-time graduate students is most likely a reflection of the maturing of the state's teacher corps and a lessening need for master's degrees in education."



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Professional speaker to appear at Marshall University

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Harvey Alston, a professional speaker from Columbus, Ohio, will make a presentation titled "Be the Best" at Marshall University on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Alston is considered one of the most dynamic, highly animated speakers in America, according to Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall. His message usually revolves around themes related to attitude and hard work.

A full-time speaker since 1989, Alston previously held several positions. He was a high school football coach and a university counselor and financial aid administrator. He taught courses in English, biology, health, life sciences, mathematics and physical education. He also held management positions in the food service industry with Wendy's and Ritzy's.

Alston said he decided to become a professional speaker after discovering the overwhelming response he received after speaking at a career development program.

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Alston--Add 1

He has received many awards for his presentations including recent citations from the Ohio House of Representatives, the City of Columbus, the Boy Scouts of America and several Lions and Kiwanis clubs.

Alston speaks throughout the United States and is a member of the Ohio Speakers Forum and the National Speakers Association.

He also belongs to many organizations and civic groups including the Advisory Board for Exploring of the Central Ohio Council of the Boy Scouts of American, the Research Advisory Panel for Restaurant-Business Organization, Kiwanis, the Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Strategic Planning Commission, the Adopt-A-School Program, the Keep Ohio Beautiful Commission, the Small Business Council and the Career Education Association.

"People walk away from Mr. Alston's presentations knowing they have just heard someone who knows what he is talking about and shares it in a way people don't forget," said Blue. "He is a motivational speaker and delivers a message that is beneficial to everyone."

Alston's presentation, sponsored by the Marshall University African American Students' Program Office, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the African American Students' Program Office, 304-696-6705.

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Marshall placement center gets new name and director

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Placement Services Center has a new name and a new director, according to Dr. Warren Lutz, dean of enrollment management.

Lutz said the Placement Services Center now will be known as the Marshall University Career Services Center to better reflect the goals and activities of the office.

"The Career Services Center recognizes the need to help our students and alumni prepare themselves for the dynamically reshaped job place of the future," said Lutz. "We will focus on preparing students to take charge of their own careers by helping them acquire lifetime skills that are adaptable to a variety of jobs, using traditional and high-tech methods."

Sue Edmonds Wright has been named director of career services, succeeding Reginald Spencer who retired Aug. 31 after 25 years of service to Marshall University.

Wright joined the Marshall staff in 1983 as coordinator of job location and development, a federally funded stay-in-school program that assists students in finding part-time and

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Wright--Add 1

summer jobs to help pay for college. She was promoted to assistant director of placement services in 1990, specializing in career planning and job placement services for students and alumni.

She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in counseling from Marshall. She is active in campus and community activities and currently serves as president of the Cabell County Public Library board of trustees and secretary of the Huntington Area Habitat for Humanity. She also teaches courses in career development and has written articles on career issues for professional publications and journals.

Lutz said Wright has been the driving force behind the development of Marshall's annual Educator Expo that is recognized as one of the major teacher recruitment events in the eastern United States. Educator Expo attracts hundreds of school districts from throughout the country to Marshall's campus for the purpose of hiring College of Education graduates.

"Sue put Huntington on the map as far as teacher recruitment goes," said Lutz. "She also has been instrumental in bringing Marshall's Career Services Center into the technological age.

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"Through her efforts, the center initiated a computer-driven job matching service for Marshall University students and alumni, developed a computerized resume preparation and printing service and implemented a computer-based career planning program."

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Marshall University receives Rockefeller Foundation grant

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University has received a \$250,000 four-year grant from The Rockefeller Foundation in New York City that will be used to conduct research on gender and ethnicity in Appalachia and build links between scholars with interests in these issues, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

The grant proposal was submitted to the foundation by Dr. Carl P. Burrowes, Marshall's Carter G. Woodson professor of journalism and mass communications, and Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, associate professor in the Sociology/Anthropology Department and director of the university's Oral History of Appalachia Project.

Gilley said the grant will support a Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia. He said the center's work will help challenge the stereotypes of the region held by many non-Appalachians and the negative self-perceptions of some Appalachians.

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"By capitalizing on the university's location, library holdings, faculty interests and Oral History of Appalachia Project, the center will be able to fill a void in the scholarly literature and promote faculty development, interdisciplinary research and multicultural general education," explained Gilley.

According to Ewen, the grant will be used to award a fellowship to a visiting professor each semester for two-and-a-half years beginning in the fall of 1997. Scholars with training in social history, cultural studies, political economy and discourse analysis will be sought.

Fellowship positions will be advertised nationally and candidates selected by a committee that includes Marshall faculty and colleagues from neighboring institutions.

In addition to pursuing a research project, each fellow will be expected to contribute to the intellectual life of the university by participating in monthly discussions with faculty affiliated with the center, lecturing in classes and presenting an end-of-semester report to the campus community. All of the fellows will be asked to present final papers during a two-day conference to be held during the last semester of the third year.

"Marshall is the first higher education institution in West Virginia to receive this prestigious award," said Ewen.

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"It would not have been possible without the encouragement and support of Dr. Alan B. Gould of the university's Drinko Academy and Dr. Joan Mead, dean of the College of Liberal Arts."

The center also will develop several publications that should help stimulate further research and build a network of scholars interested in Appalachian studies.

"Visiting Rockefeller scholars will help infuse into the university curriculum and campus-wide conversations a concern with multicultural issues through occasional lectures and symposia," said Burrowes. "Most significantly, this grant will enable the community of scholars already engaged in the study of Appalachia to recover the untold stories of this misrepresented region, especially the long-submerged voices of its miners, minorities and women."

Other institutions receiving grants from The Rockefeller Foundation were the University of Washington in Seattle, Emory University in Atlanta, the University of Toronto, New York University and Yale University.

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Alumnae To Be Honored During Arts Gala 1996

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Two Marshall University alumnae who have had distinguished careers in the arts will be honored during the university's Arts Gala 1996 on Oct. 12.

Donald L. Van Horn, dean of Marshall's College of Fine Arts, said two longtime Marshall professors will be the first award recipients. June Quillin Kilgore will be honored with the Distinguished Arts Achievement award and Elaine Adams Novak will be recognized with the Distinguished Arts Educator award.

Known throughout the Tri-State Area primarily as a painter, Kilgore taught a range of arts media at Marshall from 1959 until her retirement in 1989. She served as chair of the university's Art Department for 13 years.

A 1957 honors graduate of Marshall, Kilgore earned her M.A. degree at Marshall in 1965 and received an M.F.A. degree from Pratt Institute of Art in New York City in 1971. She completed additional study at George Peabody College and Ohio University.

Prior to joining Marshall's faculty, Kilgore taught art at Lincoln Elementary, Barboursville High School and the Marshall Laboratory School.

Kilgore has exhibited in scores of juried, invitational and one-person shows. Her work was included in the biennial West Virginia Juried Exhibition in 1979, 1983, 1987, 1991, 1993 and 1995 at the West Virginia State Museum in The Cultural Center, Charleston.

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Her work also has been included in every Exhibition 280 at the Huntington Museum of Art since 1963 when the exhibition was known as Exhibition 80. Kilgore is represented by galleries in several states and her work is included in numerous private collections including Ashland Inc. and the John D. Rockefeller Private Collection.

In 1994 Kilgore was cited for the Governor's Award for Exemplary Contributions by an Artist to Arts Education by the Governor's Task Force on Arts in Basic Education.

In 1995 she was the first artist to be honored by a retrospective exhibition in the West Virginia State Museum at the Cultural Center. "June Kilgore: A Retrospective" displayed nearly 100 pieces of her work, spanning a 30-year period. A companion exhibition, "The Next Generation: Kilgore Alumni," featured works by 29 of her former students. Kilgore was recognized in 1995 by Gov. Gaston Caperton with the Distinguished West Virginian award.

Dr. Novak joined the Marshall faculty in 1956 as an instructor in the Department of Speech and retired 37 years later as a professor in the Department of Theatre/Dance and director of Marshall University Theatre. She directed more than 100 productions at Marshall and was known for starting the tradition of directing musicals as a combined effort between MU Theatre and the Department of Music, allowing students to experience multidisciplinary performing arts activities.

After earning her B.A. degree with honors from Marshall in 1943, Novak served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in communications intelligence. She earned an A.M. degree from Columbia University and a Ph.D. degree from The Ohio State University. She also studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and the American Theatre Wing in New York City.

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Prior to joining Marshall's faculty, Novak worked six years in New York and Chicago in various jobs connected with theatre and was employed by WSAZ-TV in Huntington for three years.

Novak's career at Marshall was distinguished with multiple accomplishments, highlighted by her selection in 1993 as recipient of the university's Distinguished Service award. She is the author of two textbooks, *Styles of Acting* and *Performing in Musicals* and with her daughter, Deborah M. Novak, wrote *Staging Musical Theatre*.

In working closely with students, Novak brought her distinctive style to the stage with such productions as *Amadeus*, *The Elephant Man* and *Gigi*. Among musical theatre productions she directed were *Hello, Dolly*, *Gypsy*, *Cabaret* and *South Pacific*.

In 1987 she was recognized by the West Virginia Theatre Conference with its "Outstanding Contribution to Theatre in West Virginia" award.

Kilgore and Novak will be honored during the university's Arts Gala 1996 to be held Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Marshall Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The gala is a community-oriented celebration of the arts that will benefit Marshall's College of Fine Arts. The evening will include a reception, dinner, performance of Gershwin music by pianist Leon Bates and vocalists Eddy Pierce Young and Benjamin Matthews, dessert buffet and showcase of Marshall student talent.

Tickets, which begin at \$150 per person, are available by calling the Marshall University Office of Development, (304) 696-6214.



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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Division of Continuing Education will sponsor a series of introductory and intermediate computer courses during the fall semester, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

Hensley said the classes will focus on basic computer applications and popular programs. A special introductory computer course for business executives also has been developed.

The schedule includes the following courses:

--"**Basic Computer Skills**" on Mondays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 434, \$60;

--"**Basic Computer Skills**" on Tuesdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 444, \$60;

--"**Basic Computer Skills**" on Fridays, Oct. 4 through Nov. 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$60;

--"**Intermediate Computer Skills**" on Mondays, Nov. 11 through Dec. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 434, \$45;

--"**Intermediate Computer Skills**" on Tuesdays, Nov. 12 through Dec. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 444, \$45;

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--"Intermediate Computer Skills" on Fridays, Nov. 15 through Dec. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$45;

--"Introduction to Lotus/Windows" on Wednesdays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 434, \$78;

--"Introduction to Windows 95" on Thursdays, Sept. 26 through Oct. 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 444, \$56;

--"Introduction to Windows 95" on Thursdays, Oct. 24 through Nov. 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 444, \$56;

--"Introduction to Windows 95" on Saturdays, Oct. 5 through Oct. 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$56;

--"Desktop Publishing" on Saturdays, Oct. 5 through Oct. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 438, \$78;

--"WordPerfect Windows-Level I" on Mondays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$78;

--"WordPerfect Windows-Level II" on Mondays, Nov. 11 through Dec. 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$56;

--"Basic Keyboarding Skills-Typing" on Thursdays, Oct. 3 through Dec. 12, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 433, \$67.50;

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--"Microsoft Word-Introduction" on Tuesdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 532, \$78;

--"Microsoft Excel" on Thursdays, Oct. 10 through Nov. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$65;

--"Microsoft Power Point" on Thursdays, Nov. 14 through Dec. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$52;

--"Introduction to the Internet" on Tuesdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 434, \$84;

--"Introduction to the Internet" on Fridays, Oct. 4 through Nov. 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$84;

--"Advanced Internet" on Tuesdays, Nov. 12 through Dec. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 434, \$50;

--"HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)" on Wednesdays, Nov. 6 through Dec. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$84;

--"Introduction to Computers for Managers/Executives" on Tuesdays, Oct. 1 through Oct. 22, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 434, \$70;

--"Introduction to Computers for Managers/Executives" on Thursdays, Oct. 3 through Oct. 24, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 434, \$70;

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Courses--Add 3

--"**Business on the Internet**" on Wednesdays, Oct. 2 through Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$79.

A series of short introductory Internet workshops have been scheduled for people who want to learn how to explore the information highway. The following workshops have been scheduled:

--"**Introduction to the Internet Workshop**" on Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 434, \$30;

--"**Introduction to the Internet Workshop**" on Thursdays, Dec. 5 and 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 444, \$30;

--"**Introduction to the Internet Workshop**" on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$25;

--"**Introduction to the Internet Workshop**" on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon in Corbly Hall Room 331, \$25.

All students taking computer classes should have a new (unused) 3.5-inch double-sided high density diskette.

Hensley said the Continuing Education Office can develop specialized programs in subjects such as computer skills, time management and total quality management for businesses and organizations.

Continuing education units can be awarded to individuals who complete the courses. A 10 percent discount will be given to participants enrolling in more than one course, companies or

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Courses--Add 4

organizations enrolling three or more employees in any one class, senior citizens and Marshall University employees.

Enrollment in the classes will be limited. To register or obtain further details contact the Division of Continuing Education in Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113.

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Basic computer course designed for international students

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Using the Computer, a basic and intermediate level computer skills course for international students and residents, will be held at Marshall University from 8 to 9 a.m. beginning Sept. 23 in Corbly Hall Room 434.

The class will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Dec. 13.

Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College, said the class is designed for the beginning computer user. It will introduce students to the personal computer, computer terminology, mouse functions and commands and then focus on word processing, file management and spreadsheets.

There will be a registration fee of \$285 for the course which includes all necessary materials.

To register or obtain further details contact Clark Egnor at Marshall University's Center for International Programs, 304-696-2465.

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Multicultural and International Conference set at Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's 1996 Multicultural and International Conference, "Developing Cultural Competencies for Tomorrow's Leaders," will be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 13-15, in the university's Memorial Student Center.

The conference will focus on three major topics: education, business and social issues. Prestigious speakers from throughout the United States will participate in the program, along with several Marshall University faculty members, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall.

"In order to provide participants with a 'taste' of various cultures and issues, conference components will include workshops, panel discussions, professional papers, technical assistance, international and multicultural entertainment and international and ethnic food," explained Cleckley.

"Our primary goal is to disseminate knowledge about multicultural and international programs necessary to help students and businesses prepare for the future," said Cleckley. "Our conference co-chairs, Kenneth Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs, and Dr. William Edwards, executive director of the Center for International Programs, have planned a

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very fine program that we hope will be as successful as our first conference held in 1994."

Activities will begin Sunday at 7 p.m. with a presentation titled "Multiculturalism in Children's Literature" by Sheila Hamanaka, an award-winning artist and illustrator of books for children.

Hamanaka is best-known as the author and illustrator of "The Journey" published by Orchard Books in 1990. The book was based on a five-panel mural she painted about the history of the Japanese in America, focusing on the camps in which her parents were held during World War II.

A reception for conference participants will be held following Hamanaka's presentation.

Dr. Sharon Lord, a member of the University of West Virginia System board of trustees and chief executive officer of an international management development consulting business, will be the keynote speaker for the Monday program. She will make a presentation titled "A View of Change: Multiculturalism and Globalization" at 9 a.m.

She created Sharon Lord Associates in 1975 and developed a clientele that includes government, business and education leaders from throughout Australia, New Zealand, Panama and the United States. Lord took time out from her teaching and business interests to serve as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in 1981 and in 1982 served as West Virginia commissioner of human services.

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Wednesday's featured luncheon speaker at 12:30 p.m. will be James Counts Early, director of cultural studies and communication at the Center for Folklife Programs and Cultural Studies at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Early will discuss "Multiculturalism Preparation for 21st Century Global-Civil Society."

Prior to accepting his current position, Early was an administrator at the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C.

An advocate and supporter of cultural diversity and equity issues in the nation's public and educational institutions, Early has consistently recognized the integrity of historically evolved values and cultures of African American, Latino, Native American and Asian-Pacific American communities.

Participants will be able to attend a variety of workshops that will be offered throughout the conference.

A partial list of workshops includes the following:

"Cultural Empowerment for Inner City Families," "Cross-Cultural Management: Looking for Clues in the Middle Ages," "Different Drums: Cross-Cultural Combinations Skills for the Multiverse Workplace," "Are We Having Fun Yet? Predicting Subjective Quality of Cross-Cultural Experience," "Foreign Travel as a Precursor of Interest in Global Business Courses and Careers," "Keeping Up With The Pace: The Internationalization Status of Historically Black

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Conference--Add 3

Colleges and Universities" and "Affirmative Action from Then to Now--Is a New Direction Needed?"

A special program on Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is being held in conjunction with the conference. The West Virginia TESOL Conference will be held Oct. 14. It will feature seminars specifically designed for those who teach English to people of other nationalities. Attendees of the TESOL program will be able to participate in workshops offered at the Multicultural and International Conference.

Registration for the entire conference will be \$150. Registration for Oct. 14 and 15 only will be \$125. Registration for just Sunday, Oct. 13, will be \$25. Registration for Oct. 14 only will be \$75. Registration for Oct. 15 will be \$50. There will be a \$15 late fee for all registrations after Oct. 1. Registration for the TESOL Conference will be \$40. Marshall University faculty, staff and students will be able to attend the sessions free but will be charged for meals.

The conference is being sponsored by Marshall's Division of Multicultural and International Programs and the MU President's Commission on Multiculturalism.

To obtain further details contact William A. Edwards in Marshall's Center for International Programs, 304-696-3367, or Kenneth E. Blue, in the MU African American Students' Program Office, 304-696-5430.

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For further information, contact Dwight Jensen, 696-2713

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University associate professor of journalism Dwight Jensen has written five short articles that will appear in a book about censorship to be published within the next year by Salem Press of Pasadena, California.

One article is about the late Eli Oboler, Chicago-born librarian at Idaho State University who was a national leader in the freedom of expression effort during his lifetime. Oboler was a friend and sometime employer of Jensen.

The other articles are about the pledge of allegiance to the flag, about reporters' shield laws, about the Privacy Protection Act of 1980 (which forbids searches of premises where material is being prepared for publication, except under certain circumstances), and about men's magazines.

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Marshall professors receive National Science Foundation grant

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Dr. Jeffrey D. May and Dr. Frank S. Gilliam, associate professors in the Marshall University Department of Biological Sciences, have received funding from the National Science Foundation to purchase instrumentation and equipment as part of their on-going research on environmental problems and wetland ecology.

They received \$60,511 from the National Science Foundation and matching funds of \$25,934 from the MU College of Science for a total of \$86,445.

May is principal investigator and Gilliam is serving as co-principal investigator.

Purchases from the grant, titled "Acquisition of Instrumentation for Plant and Soil Nutrient Analysis in Ecological Studies," will include a continuous-flow automated wet-chemistry analytical system for determining concentrations of a variety of nutrients in leaf tissues and soils, a controlled heating block for chemical digestion of soil and plant material and portable and bench-top leaf area meters.

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Future research will include aspects of plant nutrient dynamics and ecosystem nutrient cycling. May and Gilliam also will use the new equipment in undergraduate and graduate ecology courses in the Department of Biological Sciences.

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Golden composition receives national recognition

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Michael Golden, associate professor of music theory and composition at Marshall University, has received national recognition from two sources this summer for his original composition for guitar titled "FramésetuDe."

The work, encouraged and commissioned by Leo Welch, director of guitar studies at Marshall, has been chosen as the winning entry in the "Set Piece Competition" sponsored by the Guitar Foundation of America (GFA). The GFA, the world's largest guitar organization, hosts the most prestigious competition for guitarists in the world which annually attracts an international field of top players.

As the "Set Piece," Golden's work will be performed by all the competitors at the GFA Convention in St. Louis in October. The piece also will be published in the GFA Journal and performed by the competition winner on a 50-concert tour of the United States, Canada and abroad. Golden also will receive the Tolly Group Award and a cash prize of \$1,000.

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Golden--Add 1

"FramésetuDe" also was chosen by the Society of Composers Inc. (SCI) from among 600 works submitted to be performed at the 1997 SCI national conference that will be held in March at Miami, Fla.

Welch will perform the piece at that time for an international audience of composers and supporters of new music.

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Guitarist will give concert at Marshall University

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Classical guitarist Douglas James will present a recital at Marshall University Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

James, a faculty member at Appalachian State University, holds music degrees from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Greensboro and received a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Arizona.

He has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Mexico. He has been a featured recitalist at such notable venues as Italy's L'Estate Chitarristica sul Lago Maggiore, the 1994 Great Lakes Classical Guitar Festival at Oberlin Conservatory, the Piccolo Spoleto festival and New York's Carnegie and Merkin halls.

In 1995 James was awarded a place on the Texas Commission for the Arts Touring Roster and a National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Fellowship in recognition of his work in 19th century historical performance practice.

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Recital--Add 1

James was the top prize winner in the 1992 Arturo Toscanini Solo Guitar Competition in Italy and received touring grants from Arts International and the Arizona Commission for the Arts.

He is a veteran of the Artists-in-Residence program of North Carolina and served as a touring artist for the Southern Arts Federation.

As a radio recitalist, James has been heard on National Public Radio's "Performance Today" and special broadcasts on classical stations in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

He will enter the studio this year to record a solo compact disk of Italian romantic guitar music.

While at Marshall, James will conduct a master class on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

His performance and the master class will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Leo Welch, assistant professor of guitar at Marshall University, 304-696-6459.

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Arts Galas Benefit Marshall University Students and Faculty

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Raising money for Marshall University's College of Fine Arts and its students is the primary goal of Arts Gala 1996, scheduled for Oct. 12, according to Mrs. Oliver H. (Gaye) Fearing Jr., Gala chairperson.

"We're pleased that the gala serves two purposes: as a community celebration of the arts and as a source for much needed funds for the arts at Marshall University," Fearing said. "Proceeds from the galas allow the College of Fine Arts to provide more on-campus opportunities for talented, deserving students and to provide students and faculty opportunities to interact with other talented artists at conferences and seminars."

More than \$173,000 of the proceeds from the first two galas were used to establish a quasi-endowment for the College of Fine Arts from which the college receives \$20,000 yearly for immediate needs.

"Through proceeds from the Arts Galas, the College of Fine Arts has been able to award its most prestigious scholarships," Dean Donald L. Van Horn said. "Each year three students, one each in art, music and theatre/dance, receive \$2,000 scholarships. Faculty from each department select the recipients.

"We also were able to fund students' participation in projects that provide enriching experiences, most of them away from the university campus," Van Horn said.

Eleven theatre students, accompanied by four faculty members, received funding assistance to participate in a tour to London and the Stratford Theatre. They attended live theatre performances and were given backstage tours of theatre productions. They also toured the British Museum, Tower of London, Royal Opera House, Stonehenge and other historical sites.

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Arts Galas/Benefits

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Six members of Marshall's Keramos Potter's Guild made a field trip to Wooster, Ohio, to attend a ceramics workshop, where they participated in panel discussions and viewed exhibitions of well-known potters' work.

Nineteen theatre students attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference annual convention. Students participated in workshops and in competitions in design, playwriting and performance, auditioned for professional employment and interviewed for graduate schools.

Three music students received awards to play at a holiday event for the College of Fine Arts and a graduate student in music was given partial support to conduct a feasibility study on the fine arts at Marshall.

A portion of the gala proceeds is directed toward faculty development projects, Van Horn said.

"Our goal is to support creative accomplishment and receive greater regional and national visibility for our college and for the university while encouraging faculty to grow through new experiences," the dean continued. "Attendance at professional conventions permit our faculty to stay abreast of developments in their fields, making them better teachers and more fulfilled as artists."

A faculty member received funds toward recording his own composition *The Sea Change and Other Stories* for the Contemporary American Piano Music Series. Another was assisted with a recording of Katherine Hoover's *Canyon Echoes* and other selections for guitar and flute.

At the Opera for Youth and National Opera Association convention in Boston and Cambridge, Mass., a Marshall faculty member was a moderator for a panel discussion of librettists and composers.

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Arts Galas/Benefits

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Two faculty members attended the 1995 Percussive Arts Society convention in Phoenix, Ariz., where one gave clinics on percussion techniques. Another presented two workshops during the Music Educators National Convention.

Theatre faculty members were granted support to accompany students on the London/Stratford Theatre Tour and to the Southeastern Theatre Conference.

An art faculty member attended the largest national gathering of ceramics professionals, the 30th annual conference of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts.

During the International Association of Jazz Educators' annual conference in Atlanta, Ga., a faculty member had the opportunity to review materials and new technologies, hear ensembles from peer institutions and recruit students for Marshall's jazz program.

The black tie Arts Gala 1996 will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Marshall University Fine and Performing Arts Center. The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner at 7 p.m. and a performance, "Gershwin by Request," by pianist Leon Bates and vocalists Eddy Pierce Young and Benjamin Matthews at 8:30 p.m. A dessert buffet and coffee will be served under crystal-lighted tents and there will be dancing in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre following the performance.

Tickets are available through Marshall's Office of Development, (304) 696-6214. Prices range from \$150 for individual tickets to \$5,000 for a reserved table that seats eight. A contribution to Marshall's College of Fine Arts is included in the price of tickets. Seating is limited to 500. Valet parking is provided.



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Marshall professor receives grant to conduct physics research

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Dr. Thomas E. Wilson, associate professor of physics at Marshall University, has been awarded a \$237,921 grant by the U.S. Army Research Office to conduct condensed-matter physics research.

The three-year grant, awarded through the Department of Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR), will enable Wilson to investigate, for the first time, the possibility of generating intense pulses of acoustic waves in special silicon crystals.

Called doping superlattices, the special crystals will be grown by Wilson's collaborator, Dr. Hans-Joachim Gossmann, at AT&T Bell Laboratories' Silicon Electronics Research Division.

A doping superlattice consists of an alternating sequence of positively and negatively charged silicon layers--typically only 150 Angstroms thick (an Angstrom corresponds to a distance roughly equal to the radius of a hydrogen atom). The superlattice, composed of 500 such periodic layers, will be positioned inside a liquid helium cryostat and held near absolute zero temperature.

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Wilson--Add 1

Wilson will focus intense pulses of far-infrared laser radiation onto the superlattices using a laser he designed with the aid of a grant received from the Department of Energy's New and Innovative Concepts Program in 1988.

The electric field of the laser radiation exerts opposite forces on the oppositely charged regions of the superlattice which, in turn, produces a compressional wave (acoustic phonon) of frequency equal to that of the laser radiation (~250 GHz).

If successful, Wilson said the new phonon source may prove useful in a number of areas.

"Perhaps the most exciting application would be to deploy the superlattice as the transducer in a cryogenic acoustic microscope. The resulting sub-surface imaging capability, with a resolution of approximately 10 Angstroms, would open new frontiers in high-resolution microscopy," explained Wilson.

He said the Army Research Office would like to see such a microscope developed for imaging the subsurface structures of ultrasmall transistors planned for the next generation of integrated circuitry. The process also could have important applications in industry and medicine.

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MU Continuing Education Office offers variety of classes

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University's Community and Technical College will sponsor several continuing education/community service courses during the fall semester, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education at Marshall.

Hensley said the classes, beginning Oct. 8, will be diverse enough to appeal to a wide variety of needs and interests.

The schedule includes the following:

--"**Introduction to Medical Terminology**" on Tuesdays, Oct. 8 through Nov. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 117, \$72;

--"**Advanced Medical Terminology**" on Tuesdays, Nov. 19 through Dec. 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 117, \$48;

--"**Introduction to Medical Office Coding (CPT4 & ICD-9 Coding)**" on Thursdays, Oct. 31 through Dec. 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 402, \$82;

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Classes--Add 1

--"Introduction to Sign Language" on Thursdays, Oct. 17 through Dec. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 241, \$78;

--"Grant Proposal Writing" on Oct. 31 and Nov. 4, 7 and 14, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 113, \$75;

--"Basic Upholstery" on Tuesdays, Oct. 15 through Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Marshall's Sorrell Annex on 20th Street, \$95 plus materials;

--"Calligraphy" on Tuesdays, Oct. 15 through Nov. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in a location to be announced, \$68.

Hensley said the Continuing Education Office can develop specialized programs in subjects such as computer skills, time management and total quality management for businesses and organizations.

Continuing education units can be awarded to individuals who complete the courses. A 10 percent discount will be awarded to participants enrolling in more than one course, companies or organizations enrolling three or more employees in any one class, senior citizens and Marshall University employees.

Enrollment in the classes will be limited. Temporary parking permits are available for \$1 per week through the MU Parking Office.

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To register or obtain further details contact the
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Jazz concert will be held at Marshall University Oct. 4

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--"Jazz 101," a concert featuring The Bob Thompson Trio and several other jazz artists, will be held at Marshall University Friday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Performers will include Stel Walton Whitehead (vocals), Charles Johnson (saxophone), J.D. Folsom (trumpet) and members of the trio which includes Thompson (piano), Dwayne Dolphin (bass) and Guy Remonko (drums).

The concert is being presented by Stel and Friends Inc., a newly organized non-profit organization dedicated to promoting diversity in the arts.

Directed by Whitehead, Stel and Friends Inc. was first incorporated in Florida in 1989. The arts organization was named in her honor by community artists and musicians prior to her move to Huntington with her husband, Baruch, who directs the Marshall marching band.

The organization, which will sponsor several presentations throughout the year, receives support from community leaders, concerned citizens, students and faculty members.

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Concert--Add 1

"Our goal is to provide a venue for the display of some of the great variety of talent in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky as well as north central Florida," said Whitehead. "Members of Stel and Friends usually are not performers, rather they volunteer their time to host performances."

A talented artist whose voice has drawn attention in the music industry, Whitehead has toured the United States and recorded several albums. She has worked as a performer and marketing representative for Capitol Records, promoting new artists in the college market.

Thompson has released several successful albums and is regularly featured on American Public Radio's "Mountain Stage" program broadcast from the West Virginia Cultural Center in Charleston.

Folsom, an associate professor in the Marshall University Department of Music, has performed in numerous concerts throughout the Tri-State. Johnson is a professional musician who recently returned to the area and is taking classes at Marshall.

Tickets for the concert will be \$10 and may be purchased at the door or at the Renaissance Book Company and Coffee House in Huntington.

The concert is being sponsored by Stel and Friends Inc., the MU Artists Series, Bank One, BASF Corporation, Darco International Inc. and the Campus Christian Center. To obtain further details contact Whitehead, 304-529-7609.

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Noted Pianist to Interact with Marshall Arts Students

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Marshall University arts students will benefit two ways from the community-oriented Arts Gala 1996 scheduled for Oct. 12.

Proceeds from the black-tie event will fund myriad programs and scholarships in the university's College of Fine Arts, but more important to some is the opportunity to interact with renowned pianist Leon Bates who will perform at the gala.

"One of the main reasons we selected Mr. Bates as the gala entertainer--in addition to his performing talent--is his dedication to education in the arts," said Mrs. Oliver B. Fearing Jr., gala chairperson. "We feel he is an excellent role model for Marshall students.

"When he volunteered to come in a day early and work directly with the students --for no charge--we were delighted," Fearing continued.

On Friday, Oct. 11, Bates will work with three groups of art students.

Drawing students will be the first group with whom Bates will share his talents, according to MU College of Fine Arts Dean Donald L. Van Horn.

"For about an hour and a half on Friday afternoon, Mr. Bates will play tapes and some live music while drawing students respond in visual form to the music," Van Horn said. "Students will use a variety of drawing tools to create intuitive, expressive drawings. This will be quite a different experience for some of our students and the results should be quite interesting."

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Arts Gala/Student Involvement

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Dance students will have a similar opportunity, Van Horn said. While Bates plays a variety of music, students will give a free, emotional response to what they're hearing, developing movement in response to the music.

Piano students who will have dinner with Bates will have the benefit of an "informal master class," Van Horn said. "When fellow musicians get together, you never know the direction they will take. We anticipate Mr. Bates will play and will encourage the students to play as well."

In addition to participating in seminars with Bates, Marshall arts students will be involved directly with Arts Gala 1996 in a variety of roles.

Some students will dress in costumes and serve as greeters, ushers and valet parkers; others will provide technical support for the evening's performance, "Gershwin by Request," by Bates and vocalists Eddy Pierce Young and Benjamin Matthews.

During the dessert buffet following the main performance in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, a student jazz ensemble will play music from the Big Band era, allowing patrons to end the evening dancing in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre.

Seating for the Arts Gala 1996 is limited to 500. Reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 27, through Marshall's Office of Development, (304) 696-6214. Prices range from \$150 for individual tickets to \$5,000 for a reserved table that seats eight. A contribution to Marshall's College of Fine Arts is included in the price of tickets.



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Miller selected as Marshall University Drinko Fellow

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Dr. Montserrat Martí Miller, formerly assistant professor of history at Texas A & M University in Corpus Christi, has been selected as the fourth Drinko Fellow for Marshall University's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the academy.

The Drinko Academy, established in April 1994, is committed to fostering undergraduate education in American institutions, values and culture. Its mission is to address problems arising from the fragmentation of American society and the loss of a shared sense of common national purpose.

As a Drinko Fellow, Miller will help develop initiatives in service learning and leadership for all students that address involvement in American civic life from a broad interdisciplinary perspective and will explore how Marshall University can enhance existing majors and extra-curricular programs in ways that are relevant to the Drinko Academy's mission. She also will teach history courses.

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Miller received a bachelor's degree in international affairs and a master's degree in American history from Marshall. She received a master's degree and Ph.D. in European history from Carnegie Mellon University.

Prior to accepting a position at Texas A & M in 1994, Miller was a project director and instructor at Carnegie Mellon, an instructor and research assistant at Marshall and worked as a paralegal in the Huntington law firm of Chambers and Chambers.

Miller received several grants and awards while studying at Marshall and Carnegie Mellon universities. She was named an American Fellow of the American Association of University Women in 1992-93 and received a pre-dissertation fellowship from the Columbia University Council for European Studies in 1991. She was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1991-92 to conduct urban history research in Barcelona, Spain.

She has written several papers and reviews for professional publications and journals and was a contributor to the section on "Europe: 1945 to the Present" in the new revised edition of the Encyclopedia of World History published last year by Houghton Mifflin Company.

Miller, who is fluent in three languages, has made many presentations on subjects such as women's history and European history at professional meetings, seminars and conferences.

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Miller--Add 2

She is a member of various organizations including the American Historical Association, the Urban History Association, the American Association of University Women, the North American Catalan Society and the society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies.

Miller also has been active in community affairs and formerly worked with UNICEF and the YWCA in Huntington and served on the Huntington Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness.

"We are very pleased Montserrat agreed to become a Drinko Fellow," said Gould. "She was very active at Marshall and in the Huntington community before leaving to pursue her doctorate and a career in higher education. She has become a distinguished scholar in American and European history and will be able to bring different viewpoints to our work in the Drinko Academy."

Gould said the academy's faculty will consist of distinguished professors from various fields to foster teaching and intellectual dialogue across disciplines and keep the academy from being narrowly focused around the interests of any one discipline.

The academy was named in honor of John Deaver Drinko, a Marshall alumnus and nationally prominent attorney. Drinko and his wife, Elizabeth, have been consistent supporters of academic programs at Marshall and in 1987 established a distinguished chair in liberal arts.

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Marshall University graduate receives Fulbright grant

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Christopher Hennessy, a recent graduate of Marshall University, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to serve as a teaching assistant at a school (R. Louis Armand Elycee) in Paris, France, according to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the United States Information Agency.

Hennessy, a member of Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars, graduated from the university in May after maintaining a 4.0 grade point average majoring in English and French. He came to Marshall from Frankenmuth (Mich.) High School.

While at Marshall, Hennessy served as chair of the Yeager Advisory Council and the ninth Yeager Symposium, created the WERD (Writing to Express ouR Diversity) program and founded, edited and published Other-Wise magazine. He was captain of the university forensics team three years, served on the PROWL (People Reaching Out With Love) executive council, acted in MU Theatre productions and played on the rugby club team.

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Hennesy--Add 1

Hennesy, who attended the New York Summer Writers' Institute, received numerous honors including four Maier writing awards and an Et Cetera poetry award. His poetry has been published in several magazines.

He was named Sophomore of the Year in 1994 and received the A. Mervin Tyson Award for the outstanding Honors student. He also received the Jack R. Brown Scholarship and a national scholarship from Phi Eta Sigma academic honorary. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary, Sigma Tau Delta English honorary and Pi Delta Phi French honorary.

Hennesy is one of approximately 1,600 grantees from the United States who will travel abroad for the 1996-97 academic year under the Fulbright program. He probably will teach secondary-level English classes at the school in Paris.

Established under congressional legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program is designed to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and the people of other countries. This year marks the program's 50th anniversary.

Individuals are selected on the basis of academic and professional qualifications and their ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with people of diverse cultures.

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Hennessy--Add 2

The program is administered by the U.S. Information Agency under policy guidelines established by the presidentially appointed J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board in cooperation with a number of private organizations.

Scholarships are awarded through open competition. Forty-one foreign governments share in the funding of the exchange programs.

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Foreign service test applications available at Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The Foreign Service Written Examination for people interested in seeking entry into the U.S. diplomatic corps will be given Saturday, Nov. 16, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, professor of political science at Marshall University.

There is no registration fee to take the examination but registration must be completed by Oct. 18. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be 20 years of age by the date of the test and be available for worldwide assignment.

The test is for entry level positions in the Foreign Service, the U.S. Information Agency and the U.S. Department of Commerce Foreign Commercial Service.

Students of any major can take the test. Application forms and further details are available at Marshall University's Career Services Center or the MU Department of Political Science, Smith Hall Room 742. The application package includes a sample test.

Tests will be given at West Virginia State College at Institute and sites in Morgantown, Lexington, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio.

Matz said approximately 17,000 people take the test each year but only about 500 applicants are chosen.

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West Virginia Black History Conference set at Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--"Eyes Set on Freedom" is the theme of the ninth annual West Virginia Black History Conference being held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9, at Marshall University, according to Dr. Carl P. Burrowes, executive director of the Alliance for West Virginia Black History and Marshall's Carter G. Woodson professor of journalism and mass communications.

The conference will feature a keynote address at 11 a.m. Nov. 8, by West Virginia native Tony Brown, host of the long-running PBS television show "Tony Brown's Journal" and author of "White Lies, Black Lies: The Truth According to Tony Brown."

"Tony Brown is not only one of the most provocative and engaging speakers, he also is a successful entrepreneur; students in particular should find him inspiring," Burrowes said.

He urged university faculty and high school teachers to assign Brown's book where appropriate and to attend the conference with their classes.

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Conference--Add 1

Other conference highlights will include a presentation by the winner of an essay contest on the Underground Railroad, a workshop on doing family history research, a tour of historic Huntington and a Saturday-morning program of storytelling and other entertainment for children.

Conference organizers are seeking presentations on all aspects of the black experience in West Virginia, Burrowes said, especially histories of families and churches. Also wanted are storytellers and other presenters to entertain children.

This year's conference is sponsored by the Alliance for the Collection, Preservation and Dissemination of West Virginia Black History, the West Virginia Humanities Council, and Marshall University, which has hosted the last eight West Virginia Black History Conferences.

Alliance board members include Dr. Ancella R. Bickley, Charleston; Rae L. Brown, Parkersburg; James Fisher, Charles Town; Taylor Perry, Martinsburg; Elizabeth Scobell, St. Albans, and Nancy J. Wade, Huntington.

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Author of best seller will make presentation at Marshall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Best-selling author Colette Dowling will make a presentation at Marshall University Wednesday, Oct. 9, at noon in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

Ten years ago Dowling went to the heart of a problem that was handicapping many women in their search for fulfilling lives and created an international phenomenon with her best-selling book, "The Cinderella Complex: Women's Hidden Fear of Independence," which sold more than a million copies.

The book gave a name to the disabling fear of independence felt by many women and showed the way for them to lead more self-determined lives.

Dowling has done extensive research on the psychology of women and has written several other books including "Perfect Women: Hidden Fears of Inadequacy and the Drive to Perform," "You Mean I Don't Have to Feel This Way? New Help for Depression, Anxiety, and Addiction," "How to Love a Member of

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Dowling--Add 1

the Opposite Sex: A Memoir," "The Skin Game" and "Red Hot Mamas: Coming Into Our Own at Fifty."

She has written more than 100 articles for major magazines and presents lectures throughout the United States on a variety of women's concerns including the psychology of women, problems of dependency and issues such as drug abuse, bulimia and anorexia.

Her presentation at Marshall, a lunchbag seminar sponsored by the MU Women's Center, is open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 304-696-3112.

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Graduate student tuition waivers available

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's spring semester will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 8, in the MU Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

In line with the West Virginia Board of Trustees Policy Bulletin 49, priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents. A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students.

Deutsch said academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding waivers, which cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student Activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Academic merit will be determined by grade point average and Graduate Record Examination scores. Students must list their GRE or GMAT scores in order to be eligible for consideration.

Up to three hours of waivers for graduate course work will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Students interested in being considered for a Board of

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Waivers--Add 1

Trustees tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact the Graduate School to obtain the proper application procedure. Eligible students may be awarded up to six hours of waivers depending on grade point average.

Students who previously held waivers must reapply to be considered for spring semester waivers. Students who are awarded waivers will be notified by mail.

Approved waivers can be picked up beginning Monday, Nov. 18. Waivers not claimed by Friday, Dec. 13, will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 304-696-6606.

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High school students attend journalism workshop at MU

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Students from six West Virginia high schools attended the Hands-On Workshop presented Sept. 20 by Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

"We were very happy with the turnout and enthusiasm from the advisers and high school students," said Marilyn McClure, workshop coordinator. "We had about 50 students from Hannan, Nitro, St. Albans, Shady Spring, Wayne and Huntington high schools."

The students explored the basics of television, desktop publishing, writing, photography, advertising, information gathering and newspaper design in seven workshops.

Leading the workshops were Marshall professors Randy Bobbitt, Carl P. Burrowes, Janet Dooley, Rebecca Johnson, Dennis Lebec, Ed Scheiner and Ralph Turner, and Marshall students Brian Hofmann and Kerri Barnhart. Hofmann, from Parkersburg, is editor of The Parthenon, Marshall's student newspaper. Barnhart, from Sissonville, is managing editor of The Parthenon.

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Workshop--Add 1

The Hands-On Workshop was organized in 1993 in response to high school journalism advisers who said they wanted the Marshall School of Journalism and Mass Communications to offer an evening of intensive instruction at the beginning of the school year to teach new students the basics, said Hal Shaver, director of the MU School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

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