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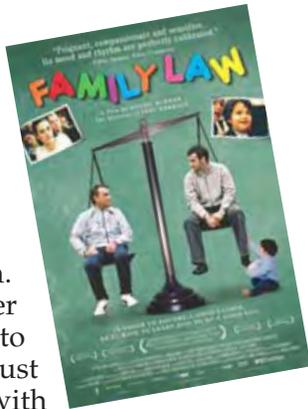
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Fall Film Festival Starts Sept. 28

An eclectic mix of suspense, drama, and moving stories of reunion and redemption is on tap for moviegoers as the Fall International Film Festival comes to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center Sept. 28-Oct 4.

The six featured films include:

- *Lives of Others* (Germany) Winner of the 2007 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, *Lives of Others* begins in East Berlin in 1984, five years before Glasnost and the fall of the Berlin Wall and ultimately takes the audience up to 1991 in what is now reunited Germany. The drama traces the gradual disillusionment of Captain Gerd Wiesler, a highly skilled officer who works for the Stasi, East Germany's all powerful secret police.
- *Family Law* (Argentina) Law professor Ariel Perelman is an apathetic thirtysomething whose relationships are beginning to crumble around him. In order to be a better husband and father to his young son, he must first come to terms with his feelings for his own distanced father, also a lawyer, who may be more like Ariel than he wants to admit. *Family Law*, a touching portrayal of a father-son relationship, was Argentina's submission for Best Foreign Film in the 2007 Academy Awards.
- *Days of Glory* (France/Algeria/Morocco/Belgium) The Young North Africans had never set foot on French soil, but because France was at war, four Algerian men enlisted in the French army along with 130,000 other "indigenous soldiers," to liberate the "fatherland" from the Nazi enemy. This film chronicles the story of these forgotten heroes, the discrimination they subsequently faced from the French authorities, and finally the belated recognition of their efforts.
- *Maxed Out* (USA) This documentary takes



viewers on a journey deep inside the American style of debt, where things seem fine as long as the minimum monthly payment arrives on time. With coverage that spans from small American towns all the way to the White House, *Maxed Out* shows how the modern financial industry really works, explains the definition of "preferred customer" and explains why the poor keep getting poorer and the rich keep getting richer.

- *After the Wedding* (Denmark) The luminously photographed film begins in India where Jacob, a manager of an orphanage and long absent from his homeland, reluctantly returns to Denmark where he discovers a life-altering family secret.
- *Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles* (Hong Kong/China/Japan) A moving story told with wisdom



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Health and Wellness Fair Set for Oct. 10

The Fifth Annual Health and Wellness Fair will take place Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Memorial Student Center.

There will be an array of fitness/wellness booths and among free activities will be step test, flexibility, body composition; blood pressure, pulmonary function, pulse ox; massage therapy, spinning, cancer prevention, drinking & driving booth and fasting glucose (for best results fast 8-12 hours before test—water and black coffee are allowed).

For PEIA insured students/staff and faculty total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, HDL ratio, triglycerides, glucose, bone density and PSA (for men over 45) tests will be offered in the Shawkey Lounge running from 6 a.m. until registration is full To register for these tests, call ext. 62943..

The annual event is sponsored by Student Health Education programs and Recreational Sports.

'Up Late,' Host LoFiego Get a Slot on My Z TV

A late-night television show that got its start as a class project at Marshall University has been picked up by My Z TV.

"Up Late" will begin airing from 11 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 on My Z TV, according to Don Ray, general manager of WSAZ.

"This is a good opportunity for us to partner with Marshall University to provide unique cutting-edge programming for our My Z TV audiences," Ray said.

Dr. Corley Dennison, dean of Marshall's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, describes the show as "Conan O'Brien in college."

Grant Received to Study Cancer Rates

Marshall University has received more than \$1 million to study the effect a diet of fatty acids could have on breast cancer rates.

The university will receive \$266,000 per year over four years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Cancer Institute to conduct the study.

Dr. Elaine Hardman has been conducting breast cancer and nutrition research for the past 15 years, the last two at Marshall's Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology. She said the study is specifically designed for dealing with breast cancer in women but research suggests the theory might also work for prostate cancer in men.

Hardman said that since she has most of the equipment she needs, most of the grant money will be spent hiring additional staff to help conduct the research and paying for supplies and animal care.

Approximately 178,480 women in the U.S. will contract invasive breast cancer this year and about 40,460 women will have died from the disease by the end of this year.

"This is truly a unique opportunity for our students," Dennison said. "They get to have a program that they write and produce and it will have great exposure on My Z TV. I very much appreciate the opportunity WSAZ is giving our students. It's a win-win for both the students of Marshall University and the viewers of My Z TV."

"Up Late" grew out of the Introduction to Video Production class taught by instructors Jamie LoFiego and Eric Himes, both of whom also work with Marshall's Instructional Television Channel 25. It is produced entirely by students in and is hosted by



LoFiego. The program has a late-night show quality and features interviews, skits, ridiculous stunts, guest bands and, of course, comedy.

"The students asked me to be the host to give the show consistency through the semesters," LoFiego said. "And because they know I'm seeking fame and fortune."

Comedy bits aside, the class does include lectures and coursework, as well as studio time.

According to WSAZ's Web site, My Z TV is available on approximately 80 percent of the cable systems in the Charleson-Huntington area. "Up Late" is also viewable on the Web at www.marshall.edu/uplate.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Michael Castellani, Professor of Chemistry, and former Marshall undergraduate students K. Brian Davis and T. David Harris, published a research paper on the "Synthesis and X-ray Crystal Structure of [(C5Ph5)CrCl (u-CL)2T1]2: An Example of the Rare M-X-T1Linkage(X=Halide)" in *Organometallics* (2007, Vol. 36, pp. 4843-4845). Brian Davis currently is a chemist at Sunoco, while David Harris is a fourth year Ph.D. student in chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley. Other coauthors include Arnold Rheingold and James Golen of UC San Diego.

Dr. Victor Fet, Professor of Biological Sciences, coauthored two papers on scorpions of India and Mexico, describing three new species. The papers are published in *Boletin de la Sociedad Entomologica Aragonesa* (Spain): Kovarik, F., M.E. Soleglad & V. Fet.; "A New Species of Scorpions in the *Charmus* Group from India" and Soleglad, M.E., G. Lowe and V. Fet, "Systematic Observations on the Scorpion Genus *Syntropis*, With Description of Two New Species (Scorpiones: Vaejovidae)."

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Profile: Sharlee Henry

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Sharlee Henry

She's an exuberant extrovert with a ready laugh and enough interests and energy to wear out a hummingbird. She has a love of animals and such a soft heart that she takes in foster dogs and has curtailed her visits to the animal shelter because she wants to bring all the residents home.

Sharlee Henry, program assistant I for the Society of Yeager Scholars program, is passionate

about that program and the high achieving students who flow through it. And they're not just names on a list to her but individuals with their own special personalities and attributes. "The Yeager program is a special program and the students who make it through a rigorous screening process to become Yeager Scholars are indeed a special lot," she firmly believes.

The prestigious program is admitting its 21st class this fall but extensive planning for its beginning was well underway in 1986, the year Henry signed on. From the start she was impressed with the bright and accomplished students who made it into the program, which now boasts more than 200 alumni. "They are all high achievers, they have to be to become Yeager Scholars," she says admiringly. "But they're different, because a lot of over achievers are demanding but these 'kids' that I've seen and gotten to know well not only have high academic achievements but they do a lot of volunteering, they are self-sacrificing, they do work to help others. They go into all kinds of fields—for example 47 of our alumni are in the medical field and many have successfully gone into law and other professions."

She's seen 17 classes graduate so far. "It's hectic and a little crazy at times but I've loved every minute of it. We have a lot of major functions going on. It's very challenging but students help me a lot, we learn from each other."

Henry explains that while students are recruited mainly from 11 eastern states, applications come in from all over the country, thanks now to the Internet and publications that mention the program. The original goal of the program, she says, was to keep people working in this region and indeed approximately 46 percent of those admitted are working in the Appalachian area.

The admission process is rigorous and selective. Of the 150-200 applicants each year, only 32 finalists are brought to the Huntington campus to be interviewed. From that elite group, just 11 are accepted as Yeager Scholars. And it's not just high grades or test scores that gain them admittance. The committee particularly looks for those with leadership qualities, she notes.

It's easy to for the Yeager staff members to form a bond with these bright young students Henry explains. "I've gotten close to several of them ... Several come to the Yeager Symposium in the fall during which the new class is inducted, so I get a chance to see them ... I've told students that when I retire I'm going to travel and look them up and I will, too!"

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Vandalia Research to Produce, Market New Liver-Related Test

Marshall researchers, in conjunction with Vandalia Research Corp., will work on establishing and mass producing a new test for patients who suffer from galactosemia. The condition is caused by the lack of a liver enzyme required to digest galactose, according to Dr. Menashi Cohenford, professor of Integrated Science and Technology and an associate/adjunct professor to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Researchers have received \$153,311 from the National Institute for Health for the project. It's a Phase I Small Business Technology Transfer grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. The grant will go to a team led by Cohenford.

Cohenford said one in every 40,000 babies is born with galactosemia which can cause death. For those who survive, it is a debilitating disease.

Marshall's Human Research Program Receives National Accreditation

Marshall University's human research program has received national accreditation, a first for any university in West Virginia, according to the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc.

Only 32 organizations in the country have full accreditation through the association, a nonprofit that evaluates organizations that conduct human research. Accredited entities must be able to demonstrate that extensive safeguards are built into every level of their research operation.

"Marshall University is committed to the most comprehensive protections for research participants as well as the highest quality research," Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said. "We sought accreditation, because our

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H.E.L.P. Recognized by U.S. News and World Report

Marshall University's Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) has been included in the Aug. 27 issue of U.S. News and World Report in a story about schools with programs for students with learning disabilities.

"This is a great honor," said Dr. Barbara Guyer, founder and director emeritus of the H.E.L.P. program, who is quoted in the article. "The story does a good job of describing our program in a nutshell."

Lynne Weston, current director of the program, agreed. "We work hard to help students with learning problems, and to be recognized in this way, with just a few other schools, is very exciting," she said.

According to the article, Marshall's H.E.L.P. program addresses skills students need as undergraduates, such as reading speed and comprehension, test-taking strategies and time management, among others.

The Aug. 27 edition was U.S. News and World Report's yearly issue on "America's Best Colleges." Marshall was ranked among the Top 50 Southern master's universities.

Sharlee Henry

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As a child growing up in Huntington, Henry had connections to two of Marshall's most legendary figures. "My grandfather lived next door to Cam Henderson and as a small child I remember sitting in the backyard listening to their tales about their hunting and fishing trips. I also used to play with Colton and Jenny Pitt, who were related to W. Page Pitt."

In fact, her affection for Marshall is so great she (and her daughter) named her son after the university. "Marshall came here on a partial baseball scholarship and although he didn't finish, he very well may in the future." Daughter Nikki Loudon is a Marshall graduate. Luckily both children live in Huntington, which gives the Henrys the opportunity to spend plenty of time with their four granddaughters: Ashleigh, 11; Bailee, 9; Lauren, 3; and Ryan, 2.

Henry's been a singer from the time she was a small child and she so impressed the pastor of her church that he dubbed her the "little songbird." "I was never afraid to get up and sing before a group," she remembers. "I just loved to sing and to harmonize. I sing with my sisters as the Templeton Trio. I feel I can share my message about God to other people through song."

She and granddaughters Bailee, Ashleigh and Lauren share a passion for horses. Henry began riding as a youngster and today she loves watching Bailee participate in horse shows. "My son's father-in-law has horses and boards them so I can ride them any time I want. I'm not an advanced rider, I just enjoy being in the outdoors. I also like walking and bicycling.. I enjoy all of nature; I feel you're in tune with God when you're outside."

And for more than 20 years she was an avid softball player, playing not only for exercise and fun but, she says honestly, for the thrill of winning. Her love of sports came through watching her father, who coached Little League baseball for years. "I used to tag along to all of his games but during that era, 'little girls' had to stay outside the dugout," she says a bit regretfully.

Her enthusiasm for life in general, coupled with her boundless energy and her faith, stood her in good stead during a dark period of her life just a few years ago, when she was diagnosed with a thyroid condition, Graves Disease. It sapped her strength and brought fatigue and listlessness to this former bundle of energy. But with her usual sunny outlook, Henry found a ray of sunshine even in the midst of her illness. "Being sick gives you compassion for others," she says thoughtfully. "I'm grateful it wasn't worse." She's in remission now and for the most part her old spark has come back, she's proud to say.

Animals are a big part of the Henry family's life. She's a soft touch for any stray animal or one in distress. In fact her husband, "Skeeter," asked her not to go the animal shelter anymore. She can't resist all those soulful eyes pleading for homes. She's been known to bring dogs home for "foster" care until she can find a suitable owner. Right now the family dogs number three.

The Henry and Templeton clans are close and they like to get together for big family affairs. It's not unusual for her, along with her mother and sister, to host 25 family members for festive gatherings. "We like large crowds; we like these having lots of people visit us; that's what families are all about."

And she has fond words for her work family as well. "You spend as much time with the people you work with as your actual family. I've loved every minute of my time here at Marshall ... We all have our moments, of course, our ups and downs, but I can truthfully say I have wonderful memories of Marshall to carry throughout my lifetime."

Fall Film Festival

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and wit about a Japanese father's journey to a remote region of China seeking reconciliation with his estranged son.

The schedule of showings is as follows:

- Friday, Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m., Family Law; 7:30, Lives of Others; 9:45, Maxed Out.
- Saturday, Sept. 29, 2:30 p.m., Days of Glory; 5:30, Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles; 7:30, After the Wedding; 9:45, Family Law
- Sunday, Sept. 30, 2:30 p.m., Maxed Out; 5:30, Days of Glory; 7:30, Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles; 9:45, Lives of Others
- Monday, Oct. 1, 5:30 p.m., After the Wedding; 7:30, Family Law
- Tuesday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m., Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles; 7:30 p.m., Maxed Out
- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m., Lives of Others; 7:30, Days of Glory
- Thursday, Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m., Maxed Out; 7:30, After the Wedding

Season ticket holders will be admitted 30 minutes prior to each film. Individual tickets are available at the door 15 minutes prior to each film. The admission is \$5.50 for Marshall faculty and staff and \$7.00 for the general public. For additional information, contact www.marshallartistsseries.org.

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program is committed to continuous improvement. We strive to go beyond what is required by law to protect human participants and ensure integrity in research. It is an honor to have our program recognized in this manner."

Marshall's Office of Research Integrity serves as the institutional review board for the Huntington VA Medical Center, St. Mary's Medical Center, Cabell Huntington Hospital and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. The types of research conducted include medical studies, cancer studies, new medical devices, investigational drugs and social and behavioral studies like the ones conducted through the Marshall University main campus and the Graduate College in South Charleston. Through affiliation with Marshall, all of these programs share in the accreditation, which is valid for three years.

Dr. Cynthia Winger, director of the office, said that the tough process meant every aspect of the entire program was examined. She said the university puts the well-being of all research participants first giving the program a strong foundation before the accreditation review process began.

"After going through a very stringent process we know without doubt that everything about our human research program meets or exceeds federal regulations," Winger said. "Through accreditation, we demonstrated our high ethical standards in protecting research participants, which should be a signal to the public that they can trust our process."