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We Are...Marshall!

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Farrell Begins Term as Interim President

Michael J. Farrell, a Huntington attorney and former member of Marshall University's Board of Governors, began serving as interim president of the university effective Jan. 1, 2005.



Interim President
Michael J. Farrell

The Marshall Board of Governors, during a meeting at the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, selected Farrell with a unanimous 15-0 vote on December 17. He was approved by West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission member Terry Sammons, who was authorized by the state governing group to review the appointment and act on its behalf.

"I'm gratified by the confidence the Board of Governors has shown

in asking me to assume this position," Farrell said. "I look forward to serving the interests of the faculty, staff and students during this interim period."

Farrell will serve for the duration of the search process for a permanent president, which is expected to take about six months.

Farrell resigned from the Board of Governors, which allowed him to accept the position of interim president. He is not eligible to be a candidate for the permanent position of president.

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Barbara Smentkowski is Employee of the Month

Barbara Smentkowski, purchasing agent, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for November, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee. She has been employed at Marshall for 18 years.

She was nominated by Jill Burcham, Virginia Campbell-Turner, Yetta Evans, and Stephanie Smith.

In their nomination they wrote, "Barbara runs the office so seamlessly that we are unaware of what it takes to keep everything in control. In addition to her duties as a purchasing agent, she keeps the office fully supplied, updates the manuals, oversees the budget, payroll, and corresponds with other state agencies, higher education and the attorney general's office as required. ...she keeps up with the daily responsibilities and maintains a smile and a warm greeting for each of the office personnel. Many times

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Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium Slated for Jan. 17

The Martin Luther King, Jr., Twelfth Annual Symposium takes place January 17 in Huntington and will be celebrated through an array of activities including panels, forums, music, award presentations and the traditional march to honor the slain civil rights leader.

Established by Marshall University's Division of Multicultural Affairs and partially funded by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, this year's theme will be "Continuing the Legacy and the Struggle for Justice and Equality in the 21st Century."

Rev. Teresa E. Snorton, executive director of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. of Decatur, GA, will be the keynote speaker Monday evening following the announcement of the winners of the awards competitions.

"Marshall University is proud to join with the Mayor of Huntington, the Herald-Dispatch, the Cabell Board of Education and other organizations to sponsor the Twelfth Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Symposium," said Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs. "It portends to be a thought-provoking stimulating experience."

The symposium will open with a Focus on Youth program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fairfield West Community Gardens. The coordinators are Edward Dawson, executive Director of the Herald-Dispatch and Sally Lind, executive director of the Huntington Human Rights Commission.

The program will be followed by a luncheon and roundtable panel discussion from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Ebenezer Community Outreach Center with the theme,

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Barbara Smentkowski received the Employee of the Month award for November. From left, Virginia Campbell-Turner, Stephanie Smith, Charlie Racer, Smentkowski, William Shondel and Dr. H. Keith Spears, Vice President for Communications and Marketing.

Annual Capital Classic Set for Jan. 11

Marshall University alumni, fans and friends have an opportunity to gear up for Thundering Herd's annual Capital City Classic men's and women's basketball doubleheader with West Virginia University during two

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special game-day events Tuesday, Jan. 11. The Marshall Tip-Off Club of Charleston is host to a noon luncheon honoring the Marshall men's and women's basketball teams at the Athletic Club Restaurant at Charleston's Embassy Suites hotel. Speakers include men's basketball coach Ron Jirsa and women's basketball coach Royce Chadwick. Seating is limited for the luncheon, with tickets available at the door for \$11 per person. To RSVP or for additional information, contact Rusty Webb at 343-2900.

The Marshall University Alumni Association is host to a Capital Classic pre-game reception from 6 to 8 p.m. in the

Artists Series Presents 'Contact'

Three sensual stories told entirely through dance about people in the pursuit of love, comes to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center when the Tony Award-winning Best Musical, *Contact*, is presented Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m.

In 2000 *Contact* took New York by storm, winning every major award, including the Tony Award, Drama Desk Award, Outer Critics Circle Award and Drama League Award for Best Musical.

Contact is performed to a broad range of music—from jazz violinist Stephane Grappelli's rendition of Rodgers & Hart's "My Heart Stood Still" to pieces by Grieg, Tchaikovsky and Bizet, to Robert Palmer, Dean Martin, the Beach Boys and the Squirrel Nut Zippers—by a cast of 24 dancers/actors.

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South Hall of the Charleston Civic Center. Sponsored in part by CSX and West Virginia Wireless, this free event is open to the public. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are available.

Marshall interim president Michael J. Farrell, along with university staff and representatives, will greet visitors during the reception. Marco and the Marshall University cheerleaders will entertain the crowd.

Marshall and WVU meet in a women's game at 5:30 p.m., and the Thundering Herd and West Virginia men play at 8 p.m. in the annual Capital Classic.

Tickets for the doubleheader are still available by calling the Marshall ticket office at 1-800-THE HERD or the Charleston Civic Center box office at (304) 345-7469.

Current, Retired MU professors to help with relief effort in Asia

Two Marshall University professors, one of whom retired last week, will be in Chennai, India, and Phuket, Thailand, respectively, next week to help with the relief effort in areas hard hit by the tsunamis.

Dr. K. Venkata Raman, head of the vascular surgery department at Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine until his retirement last week, planned to leave Friday,

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Dining Hall Architects Receive Merit Award

The architects who designed Marshall's Harless Dining Hall have been presented with a Merit Award for achievement in architecture by AIA West Virginia, a chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

The architects for the dining hall, which opened in January 2004, were Bastian & Harris Architects of Charleston, along with Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architects & Engineering in Washington, D.C. The general contractor was Neighborgall Construction Company of Huntington. Marshall University owns the facility.

The dining hall was part of a \$40 million project that included a 1,000-space parking garage and the first new housing in more than 30 years. Total cost of the housing/dining facility was \$28 million.

John Harris of Bastian & Harris said Marshall challenged the architects to create a "wow" factor at the location on 5th Avenue while keeping within the budget. The main dining area seats about 350 people.

Mike Meadows, director of facilities planning and management, said this is the first time a particular building at Marshall has been recognized with a Merit Award.

"This building probably will not only receive regional recognition, but national recognition as well," Meadows said.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank the Marshall Family for all of your support during my recent surgery. Your thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers were greatly appreciated. I am completely humbled by your generosity.

Sabrina Simpson

Moses Family Presents Gift for Alumni Center

As a gift to their father, the children of Jack Fitzgerald Moses and Sue Moses of Huntington last week presented a significant gift in his name to Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center.

Interim President Michael J. Farrell accepted the gift on behalf of the university on Dec. 29. About 20 members of the Moses family looked on as Jack, accompanied by his wife of 62 years, was honored.

Because the gift was substantial, the new Erickson Alumni Center board room will be named the J.F. Moses Executive Board Room.



Jack Fitzgerald Moses and his wife, Sue Moses, wearing the Marshall jackets, pose around a rendering of the new Erickson Alumni Center. Behind them are, left to right, Tom Harris, president of the Marshall Alumni Association; sons Jack Moses and Bob Moses; Marshall interim president Michael J. Farrell, daughter Barbara Moses Adkins and son Steve Moses.

"The generosity of the Moses family has been a 50-year experience," Farrell said. "The donation to name the premier conference room in honor of Jack Moses Sr. is graciously accepted and warmly welcomed by Marshall University."

Jack Moses, a 1940 Marshall College graduate, described the gift as "a wonderful surprise for me."

"I loved Marshall when I was here as a student and I still love it," he said. "It has changed so many lives. It is a great university and I am proud to be part of it."

Jack Fitzgerald Moses II said his father, who started in the automobile business in 1947 in Welch with the original Moses Automotive, has been a longtime Marshall supporter, providing donor automobiles to MU's athletic department since 1955. The elder Moses was born in Huntington but his family moved to McDowell County where his father was an accountant.

Jack graduated from Iaeger High School and turned down a football scholarship at Marshall to concentrate on earning his business degree.

Sue Moses has joined her husband in supporting the university for years. "We have always loved Marshall," she said. "It has meant so much to both of us and now our children are part of the Marshall family, too."

A fundraising campaign by Marshall's Alumni Association has been ongoing for the past couple of years. The goal is to raise \$3 million, which will be used to build a new Erickson Alumni Center.

Tom Harris, president of the alumni association, said the gift was a great gesture on the part of the Moses family.

"It shows their love for the community and the university," Harris said. "It's also vitally important to the alumni association as it gets us close to the goal of building a new Erickson alumni Center. This gift is a real shot in the arm as far as the alumni center is concerned."

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In the first story, advertising executive Michael Wiley finds himself, after a failed suicide attempt, in an after-hours swing club where he becomes infatuated with a girl in a yellow dress with whom he eventually finds salvation.

The two stories that complete *Contact* are set in different eras but tie in the theme of the need and inability to connect. The first, "Swinging" takes the famous Fragonard painting of a girl on a swing attended by two men and brings it to life on stage as a ménage-a-trois. The second, "Did you Move?" jumps to the 1950s. It is buffet night at an Italian restaurant in Queens, N.Y., and a downtrodden, abused wife fantasizes to the music of Tchaikovsky, Grieg and Bizet to escape a suffocating marriage.

In 2000, *Contact* opened to glowing critical reviews. Syndicated columnist Liz Smith called the show "One of the rare absolutely perfect things I have ever seen in the theater." Ben Brantley of the *New York Times* said the production restores the principle to the American musical—"It is that rare entertainment that leaves you floating all the way home."

Contact is choreographed by Susan Stroman and written by John Weidman.

For ticket information, call 6656.

Classified Staff to Accept Nominations

The Classified Staff Council will be accepting nominations for two employee groups, Other Professionals (EEO Group 30) and Clerical (EEO Group 50) to fill unexpired terms ending June 30, 2005.

Nomination forms will be mailed by campus mail to members of those two employee groups on Monday, Jan. 10. The deadline to submit a nomination is Monday, Jan. 24.

For additional information, contact Charlene Hawkins at ext. 2222.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Alina Zapalska and colleagues have the following book chapters forthcoming: "The Virtue of Games and Simulations: Methods and Models," "The Tourism and Travel Game: A Dynamic Competitive Environment" and "Learning Styles and Online Education" with Dr. Dallas Brozik to appear in *Teaching Economics: Instruction and Classroom Based Research*, McGraw Hill & Robert Morris University; and "The Role of Faculty Internships in Creating Experiential Learning in Business and Economics Undergraduate Education" with Dr. Dale Shao and Dr. Chong W. Kim in the same book.

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"Bringing Unity to the Community." Rev. Paul Willis, Sr., Pastor of First Baptist Church, is the coordinator.

A highlight of each symposium is the traditional march which begins at the Ebenezer Community Outreach Center at 1135 Eighth Ave. and winds its way to the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church at 1135 Fifth Ave. where the annual memorial service begins at 6 p.m. The line-up begins at 4:30 and the march gets underway at 4:45 p.m.

The presentation of winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Competition will be made by Dr. Christina Murphy, Dean of the Marshall University College of Liberal Arts. Following the presentation music will be provided by the University of Charleston/All Nations Vocal ensemble under the direction of Stan Spottswood.

Snorton's address will focus on legacy building. She is the former executive director of Clinical Services at the Emory Center for Pastoral Services at Crawford Long Hospital and has been an adjunct instructor at Emory University since 1991. She is also currently the council chair for the Uhuru Community Caregivers, a pastoral care and counseling ministry of the First African Presbyterian Church in Lithonia, GA and co-chair of the First African Community Development Corporation.

An ordained minister in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Snorton formerly was a pastor in Kentucky. She is the author of several articles, chapters and book reviews on topics related to pastoral care and ministry.

Following the memorial service, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8 p.m.

Dr. Rainey Duke and Sylvia Ridgeway are co-chairs of this year's symposium planning committee. Committee members include Philip W. Carter, Maurice Cooley, Edward Dawson, Margot Durbin, Jennifer Gaston, Rebecca Glass, Stephen Hensley, Byron Holmes, David Johnson, Steve Landes, Sally Lind, Charles Lloyd, Samuel Moore, Christina Murphy, Larry Patterson, William Smith, Susan Tams, Paul Willis Sr. and Barbara Winters.

Asian Relief Efforts *from Page 2*

Jan. 7, for his hometown of Chennai, India, to help with the relief effort.

Dr. Ashok Vaseashta, a Marshall University physics professor, will be in Bangkok next week to participate in an Asia Pacific Nanotechnology Forum. One day, probably Friday, Jan. 14, he will make the 150-mile trip from Bangkok to Phuket to assist in the relief effort there.

"Obviously, it is close to where I am from. I feel I need to spend a little time helping people," said Vaseashta, a native of New Delhi, India. "It is my minor contribution to this huge effort."

Raman is president of the Tri-State India Association. He will take money collected the past week to the affected areas and coordinate directly with agencies that are heading up the relief effort in Chennai. Tax-deductible donations may be made and sent to the Tri-State India Association at 2 Guyan Oaks Dr., Huntington, WV 25705, or at Raman's home address, 182 Camelot Dr., Huntington, WV 25701.

More information is available by calling Faye DeFoe in Raman's office at (304) 691-1200, or Vaseashta at (304) 696-2755.

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"Mike is an excellent choice to be the interim president," said A. Michael Perry, chairman of MU's Board of Governors. "He has tremendous background and experience in academic affairs, having served on the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees and most recently on the Board of Governors. He is a longtime supporter of Marshall University and he has the support of the administrative staff at Marshall."

Perry said the board is very appreciative that Farrell, a distinguished attorney with Huntington law firm of Farrell, Farrell & Farrell, L.C., has agreed to take a sabbatical from the law firm for the duration of the interim presidency and serve at significant personal expense. He will be paid \$10,000 a month during his presidency.

The board also determined that a search and screening committee for a new president will consist of its 15 members, along with Higher Education Policy Commission members Terry Sammons and Mike Garrison, Marshall faculty senate president Larry Stickler and Jan Fox, who is vice president for information technology at Marshall.

The board members are Gary Adkins, Letitia Neese Chafin, Verna K. Gibson, John G. Hess, Menis E. Ketchum, Virginia King, Brent A. Marsteller, A. Michael Perry, Robert L. Shell, Jr., William Smith, Gary G. White, Joseph L. Williams, James M. Sottile, Sherri Noble and Seth Murphy. Perry and Ketchum, a vice chair of the board of governors, will serve as co-chairs of the search committee.

Farrell had been a member of the Marshall Board of Governors since appointed by Gov. Bob Wise on July 7, 2003. He previously served on the board from 2001 to 2002, when he was vice-chairman. His most recent term was scheduled to end June 30, 2007.

Farrell replaces Dr. Dan Angel, who in November announced his resignation, effective Dec. 31. Angel served five years at Marshall's helm.

The Board of Governors is totally responsible for conducting the search for a new president, both procedurally and financially. This will be Marshall's first presidential search since the creation of the Board of Governors in 2001.

Previously, the Institutional Board of Advisors served as the search and screening committee. The group that conducted the search when Angel was hired consisted of 22 people, including 11 lay members and representatives of faculty, administration, staff and students.

A consultant firm likely will be hired to assist in the search. In 1999, the firm of Korn/Ferry International was hired to aid the search committee in finding a new Marshall president. The board authorized Ketchum and Perry to request proposals from several consultant firms before one is chosen.

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she has fulfilled a personal need of one of many co-workers and keeps it confidential. She has a very generous nature and a professional demeanor. We value her tremendously."

She was presented with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by Dr. H. Keith Spears, Vice President for Communications and Marketing.