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We Are...Marshall!

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Marshall Set for Jam the Cam II

Last year's successful "Jam the Cam" set a record attendance for a Marshall women's basketball game and now there's a sequel in the works which organizers say should bring out even more fans.



"Jam the Cam II" is set for Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. when Marshall will take on Mid-American Conference rival Central Michigan and attempt to set a conference women's basketball attendance record.

Last year, "Jam the Cam" brought in a Marshall women's basketball record crowd of

Early Ed Center Receives Accreditation

Marshall's Early Education Center recently was granted accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), joining just 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide to receive this prestigious recognition.

NAEYC is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demonstrate they meet national standards of excellence. Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information from parents, teachers, administrators and classroom observations.

The also receive an on-site visit, conducted by early childhood professionals specifically trained by NAEYC to validate the program's self-study results. Then, all the information is independently reviewed by a team of national experts, who either grant or defer accreditation. When awarded, accreditation is valid for three years. Child care centers, preschools, kindergartens and before- and after-school programs are eligible to seek NAEYC accreditation. About 19,000 programs currently are seeking accreditation.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience," said Barbara Miller, spokesperson for NAEYC. "The process carefully considers all aspects of a program including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program

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5,256 to see the Thundering Herd play Navy. Now the goal has been raised. The attendance record for a MAC women's game, 5,660, was set in 1996 when Toledo and Western Michigan met.

At a press conference last week announcing the event, President Dan Angel said, "Visibility for women's basketball is what we have in mind

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Carol Henson is Employee of the Month

Carol Henson, Administrative Secretary for Safety Technology, has been named Marshall University's December Employee of the Month, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

Nominated by Dr. Allan Stern, Program Coordinator of Safety Technology, Henson has been a Marshall employee since 1992.

In his nomination, Stern wrote, "All too often our staff seems to give more of themselves to Marshall than is required and often go unrewarded for going

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Carol Henson (right) receives her Employee of the Month Plaque from Lance West, Vice President for Alumni Development and Assistant to the President.

3 Projects Receive Benedum Funding

Marshall University has received \$325,000 from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to benefit three programs at the university.

The programs include the Hanshaw Geriatric Center Driving Assessment Program, \$100,000; the West Virginia School-Based Health Initiative, \$150,000; and a distance learning program in the College of Fine Arts for rural West Virginia schools, \$75,000.

"It is wonderful that the Benedum Foundation has demonstrated its confidence in Marshall University by supporting our arts and health initiatives," said Dr. H. Keith Spears, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "The Foundation continually recognizes that Marshall is the multi-laned avenue of service and education for the citizens of West Virginia."

The Hanshaw Geriatric Center Driving Assessment Program provides medical screenings and evaluations by an occupational therapist to determine if the person being tested has the skills needed to drive safely. The data are analyzed and a recommendation is made to the patient or to the referring physician as to whether the person appears to have intact driving skills.

The funds from the Benedum Foundation will allow expansion of this School of Medicine program to other parts of the state, educating others as to how widespread the problem of impaired elderly drivers is; creating a program for rural practitioners so they can test their own patients; protecting the driving privilege of those elderly persons who can still drive safely, and ultimately improving the public safety of West Virginians.

The School-based Health Center Technical Assistance and Evaluation Office, located in the

Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health at Marshall, is taking proactive steps to address the problem of obesity in West Virginia schools, treating the problem as a public health issue, creating a systematic plan for helping all children who are overweight and helping prevent associated health risks.

Funds from the Benedum Foundation will assist Marshall in working with the centers to implement protocols for getting height and weight data and to providing them with an electronic medical records system for tracking the data.

The distance learning program in the College of Fine Arts is a pilot project utilizing distance education technology to deliver faculty development to primarily rural schools, with the goal of helping classroom teachers and specialists enhance arts education. The college will work closely with teachers to develop programs that can be delivered over the Internet, allowing for interactive learning with faculty and artists from the region. With the help of the Benedum Foundation, the college should be ready to deliver the faculty development programs early in 2004.

The Benedum Foundation, established in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1944, has been a longtime supporter of Marshall University. Its mission is to encourage human development in West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Patty Carman, Admissions Office, was elected Associate Advisor for the region of West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania at the Gamma Beta Phi Regional Conference held in Morgantown Nov. 15-16. Gamma Beta Phi is a national college honor society and service organization. Carman is the chapter advisor at Marshall University.

Dr. Alina Zapalska, Professor of Economics in the Lewis College of Business, has recently published several refereed journal articles: "The Competency and Life-Cycle Approach to Analyzing Maori Entrepreneurship," *Journal of Small Business and Entrepreneurship*; "The Portfolio Game: Decision Making in a Dynamic Environment," with Dr. D. Brozik, *Simulation and Gaming*; "Teaching Entrepreneurial Skills in the International Business Course: Structuring an Active Learning Experience," with Dr. D. Brozik, *Journal of Contemporary Business Issues*; "Teaching Business Issues With Experimental Methods: Simulations," with Dr. D. Brozik, *Academy of Educational Leadership Journal*; "Experimental Game: Auction," with Dr. D. Brozik, *Economics and Economic Education Research Journal*; "Reflective Learning in Business Education," with G. Lowry, *Business Journal*

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of Feb. 7, 2003. Deadline is Jan. 31. Articles or other materials for consideration should be sent to Pat Dickson, editor, at the South Charleston campus or by e-mail to pdickson@marshall.edu.



Faculty Research Activities Highlighted for Spring 2003

Eleven faculty members will focus on time-sensitive research projects during the Spring 2003 semester, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate College.

The faculty serving on the Graduate College's ad hoc committee making reassigned time awards were Howard Gordon (chair), Pam Mulder, Fred Pauley, Gwenyth Hood and Seth Bush, Deutsch said.

The faculty and their research projects are:

- Dr. Stephen Cooper is writing an essay for the *Encyclopedia of Social Issues* on media bias, and an article, "Press Controls in Wartime: the Historical Legal and Institutional Context" for the *American Communication Journal*.
- Dr. Marcia Harrison will evaluate gene expression changes for members of the ethylene biosynthetic gene family (ACC synthase, ACS). This research is being done in conjunction with grants from the American Society for Gravitational and Space Biology and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Dr. James Joy is preparing grant proposals to NIH and NSF on "Mosquito vectors of pathogens: Surveillance strategies."
- Dr. Frank Gilliam is completing the manuscript of a book, *The Herbaceous Layer in Forests of Eastern North America*, under contract with Oxford University Press. He is also revising his textbook, *Terrestrial Plant Ecology*, which is being prepared for a 4th edition.
- Dr. Mary Moore is preparing a conference presentation on "Ariel's Metaphysics" for the Renaissance Society of America's spring 2003 meeting and is completing an invited article on Mary Sidney for the *Annals of Scholarship*.
- Dr. Kateryna A. R. Schray is completing an essay, "Portraits of Dido in Middle English Literature" for a book-length collection of essays, and is preparing an accepted conference paper on *Beowulf* for presentation this spring.
- Dr. Michael Seidel has been invited to present his work on "Tolerance of lower vertebrates to dehydration stress/simulated drought conditions" in Brazil this June. He will use the time to analyze his data, develop his presentation, and prepare a grant proposal.
- Dr. Lachlan Whalen is preparing "The Prison Writings of Bobby Sand" for presentation in June to the American Conference for Irish Studies and for submission as an article to *Postcolonial Studies*.
- Dr. Thomas Wilson is fulfilling the conditions of a grant from the Army Research Office by working on "The Generation of Terahertz Acoustic Phonons."

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that extra mile Mrs. Henson transferred to our department from Upward Bound. She went from an administrative program to an educational one and thus had to work extremely hard to learn the functions of what it takes to 'run' an educational program."

Stern added, "...about two years ago we transferred from the College of Education and Human Services into the College of Information Technology and Engineering, a brand-new college. So there were other hurdles and tasks to learn in helping to get the new college up and running."

The nomination praised her cheerful disposition, saying, "She makes the students and visitors feel welcome to our offices and eagerly shares program information with them. She is always eager to learn new things and frequently requests permission to attend training workshops offered by the university for the classified staff. She has even taken an introductory Spanish course to learn Spanish, because she works with Mexican workers who attend her church and want to learn English to become citizens."

Henson often goes beyond her the duties in her job description, Stern says. "She has spent many hours after work helping students in the American Society of Safety Engineers prepare a portfolio for presentation to the national office for student chapter of the year ... and preparing materials for a Railroad/Highway Safety conference, working willingly and without complaint because she knew it was for the good of the program."

Her warm personality and her willingness to help others have made her well liked by faculty, staff and students, Stern says. "She does her job very well and is very thorough in what she does."

She was presented with a balloon bouquet, a plaque and a check for \$100 by Lance West, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations and Assistant to the President. She will be eligible for Employee of the Year.

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helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally."

The Early Education Center serves 36 children ranging in age from 3 to 5. It is a laboratory preschool committed to using developmentally appropriate activities to support all levels of development in preschool children so they can be successful. At the center, Marshall's Early Education students in the College of Education and Human Services receive firsthand experience in working with preschool children.

Sessions to Focus on Diabetes Prevention

Workshops focusing on the obesity factor with regard to diabetes and the medical management of the disease will be held on both the Huntington and South Charleston campuses on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

In Huntington, the workshop will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center. The South Charleston session will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in room 135 of the administration building.

Free blood sugar readings will be available and a licensed dietician will discuss food choices and portion control. The focus of the workshop will be about how effective weight control can be a means of preventing diabetes.

Rhonda Collins, RN, BSN, CDE, Director of the Diabetes Center at the Marshall School of Medicine and Richard McGinnis, MSRD, LD, CDE, also from the Marshall School of Medicine, will be the facilitators.

Anyone interesting in attending one of the sessions can register online at www.marshall.edu/human-resources/td/trngschJan03.asp.

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- Dr. David Woodward is writing his sixth book, a history of *The British Campaign in Egypt and Palestine, 1914-1918*. He has been asked to submit his manuscript to the Imperial War Museum in London by summer 2003. He also has been asked to write a new preface for his first book, *Lloyd George and the Generals*, Associated University Presses.
- Dr. John Young is revising his essay, "Woolf's Shakespeare Theory in *Night and Day*" for resubmission to *Woolf Studies Annual*. He is also preparing to present papers at four international scholarly conferences during this academic year.

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for *Entrepreneurs*; "Global and International Issues in College Education," with Dr. S. Shuklian, *Insights for a Changing World Journal*; "Family Business in the Reforming Polish Economy," with Dr. S. Shuklian, *Business Journal for Entrepreneurs*; "Environment and Performance of Family Businesses in the Reforming Polish Economy," with Dr. S. Shuklian, *The Journal of East-West Business*.

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... We have our sights set on owning the MAC attendance record."

A host of activities and promotions will be part of the event. Marshall's student government, fraternities and sororities are spreading the word and there will be some competitions prior to the game. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, St. Mary's Medical Center and Cabell Huntington Hospital will also be involved.

The first 1,000 fans in attendance will receive a free T-shirt. Members of Marshall's R.O.T.C. will be rappelling from the Henderson Center rafters to deliver the game ball.

Three Herd fans will get an opportunity to win a new PT Cruiser from Superior Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Marshall students will have opportunities throughout the event to win prizes.

Head Coach Royce Chadwick said that since Marshall's successful event last year, other teams in the league have tried and failed to break the record. He made an appeal to fans to come out and support the team. "There's a difference between Marshall fans and other fans in the league and they're trying to imitate our fans. We need to own the MAC and we can't do it without you."

The Marshall men's team also plays at home on Feb. 1. They will play Ohio at 7 p.m. following the women's game.

Library Workshops Offered for Spring

Marshall University Libraries are sponsoring Library Drop-In Workshops over the next several weeks, according to User Education Librarian Jennifer Sias.

The first workshop, "What's New in Government Documents?" will be presented by Dr. Majed Khader, Marshall faculty member and librarian. Sessions will take place from noon to 1 p.m. March 7 and April 4 in Government Documents in the Morrow Library.

"Do You Know How to Google?" is an introduction to searching the Internet and focuses on how to use the popular search engine Google. Workshops will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 14, March 14, and April 11 in room 138 of the Drinko Library.

The workshops are open to everyone, including members of the community. Anyone wishing to attend can contact Sias via e-mail at sias3@marshall.edu, or by telephone at ext. 6577.