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# *We Are...Marshall!*

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## ***Marshall Welcomes 168 to Governor's Academy***

Marshall welcomed 168 high school seniors, nearly all from West Virginia, to the campus July 7 for the start of the three-week Governor's Honors Academy (GHA). This is the first time in the program's 18-year history that Marshall is host.

The GHA is an intensive learning experience that challenges the students' academic skills while enhancing and clarifying their postsecondary education goals. The mission of the program is to help the students grow intellectually and creatively in a culturally diverse atmosphere.

Of the students in the academy this year, 164 are from the 55 counties in West Virginia and four are from Russia. The program selects two students, one boy and one girl, from each county and then a state committee chooses students at large who also qualify for the program.

"This is a phenomenal opportunity for Marshall to showcase what we do," said Martha Woodward, Dean of Governor's Honors Academy

## ***Snowshoe Institute Debut Nears***

An ambitious, family-oriented summer festival, which celebrates the arts, humanities, and sciences, gets underway at Snowshoe Mountain August 1-4.

More than three years in the planning, the new, nonprofit Snowshoe Institute, modeled after the renowned Chautauqua Institution in New



*Snowshoe Institute*  
"Celebrating The Best In Human Endeavors"

York, offers a cultural kaleidoscope featuring performing

artists, theatrical productions and diverse musical groups playing everything from classical music and jazz to bluegrass. Creative workshops in writing, photography and watercolor can challenge the amateur as well as the professional. Dramatic presentations of historical figures, field trips, hands-on learning demonstrations, and an array of well-known experts speaking on topics ranging from national political issues, Early Art and Artists of West Virginia to snake seminars are

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and Executive Director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence.

Students are living on campus through July 28, attending classes, participating in activities and visiting three Marshall colleges of their choice to get a feel for a program they may want to pursue.

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## ***Cora Westmoreland is Employee of the Month***

Cora Westmoreland, administrative secretary senior in Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, has been named Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.

Westmoreland, who has been employed by the university for almost 15 years, was nominated by Dr. Daniel D. Cowell, M.D., professor and chairman of the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.

In his nomination, he wrote, "Ms. Westmoreland has served as my (and the department's) secretary

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*Cora Westmoreland received the oversize check representing her selection as Employee of the Month from President Dan Angel.*

# Marshall Receives Grant for Educational Opportunity Centers

Marshall will receive a grant totaling nearly \$1 million over the next five years from the U.S. Department of Education, according to Dr. Barbara Tarter, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Enrollment Management.

Funds from the Educational Opportunity Centers grant, written by Tarter and titled "The

## Student Selected for Ambrose Symposium

Kristin Anderson, who will be a fourth-year student in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was one of 25 students nationwide selected to participate in the Paul Ambrose Health Promotion Student Leadership Symposium held last month in Washington, D.C.

The symposium is a program of the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. It is named in honor of the late Dr. Ambrose, who was highly involved in preventive health activities both as a Marshall medical student and as a physician.

Anderson and other students will get leadership training and education in areas as diverse as health care financing, coalition building, and the 10 public health behaviors that account for more than half of the nation's premature deaths.

As part of the program, Anderson will conduct a health promotion/disease prevention project after she returns. Working with Marshall's Dr. Dilip Nair, who cares for patients two days a week in McDowell County, she will study patients' views of what their health care needs are. The findings could help shape programs to target specific local concerns.

Heart of Appalachia EOC," will be used to help adults in Wayne, Lincoln and Mason counties get back into school.

President Dan Angel said he is pleased for the university, which is one of just 28 institutions nationwide to receive funding for a new EOC, and for the communities that will benefit from the center.

"There is a great need in these three counties for adults who did not graduate from high school to get their diplomas," Angel said.

Funding for the first year of the grant for the period Sept. 1, 2002 through Aug. 31, 2003, will be \$190,000, plus an additional \$10,000 technology supplement for computers, software and staff training.

"This is very exciting," Tarter said, pointing out that only 49 percent of adults 25 and over in Lincoln County have high school diplomas. "The grant also supports adults who have completed a high school diploma or GED in their pursuit of post-secondary education."

## Faculty/Staff Achievements

**Dr. Jennifer Mak**, in the Division of Exercise, Sport and Recreation, received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to organize a sport education camp for the visually impaired. The camp took place on the Huntington campus July 11-14.

**Dr. Calvin Meyer**, Associate Professor of Education, will travel to Beijing, China, July 19 to speak at the Sixth Annual U.S.-China Education Conference. His topic is "Authentic Assessment at the Middle Level." Meyer also has been invited to make a presentation at the National Middle School Conference in Portland, Oregon in November. In addition, his article, "Teaching Distance Learning to a Generation of 'dot.com' Teachers," will be published by the *National Social Science Perspectives Journal*.

## We Are...Marshall!

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of August 2, 2002. Deadline is July 26. Send story ideas to Pat Dickson, Editor, *We Are...Marshall!*, 110 Administration Building, South Charleston Campus, or send by e-mail to [pdickson@marshall.edu](mailto:pdickson@marshall.edu).



## Note of Thanks

The family of Barbara Newsom wants to thank everyone who helped during her illness and recent passing on June 10, 2002.

We would like to thank everyone who brought in food or sent flowers and cards during this time. Special thanks to the MU Classified Staff and the MU Physical Plant staff for the expressions of sympathy. Your heartfelt help is deeply appreciated throughout our family.

*Charles Newsom and Family*

## ***Marshall Professor's Jungle Guide is Top Seller in Category***

A Marshall professor's guide to traveling in the Amazon rain forest ranked as the top-selling book in its category for the last week of June, according to bookseller, Amazon.com.

The book, *Jungle Travel and Survival*, was written by Dr. John B. Walden, who has participated in more than 75 treks in remote regions of the Amazon basin spanning a period of 30 years. Publisher Lyons Press calls it "the only guidebook on how to survive in the jungle and walk out alive."

Walden is a professor in Marshall's department of Family and Community Health, the School of Medicine's associate dean for admissions and development, and director of the international medicine track in the school's family practice residency program.

Walden said in his years of advising people on how to prepare for jungle travel, he discovered there was a need for a concise guidebook to tell travelers in detail how to get ready for a trip, how to trek successfully, and how to survive in the jungle if they get lost.

"While there are excellent comprehensive resources on wilderness travel and survival, there simply wasn't any portable guidebook out there that told people how to get ready to cross log bridges 20 feet in the air, what to pack in a medical kit, how to interact with tribal peoples, and how to make a fire and cooking pot using plants if their situation gets desperate," he said. "Finally I decided to write it. I wanted to give readers strategies that would help them cope with the jungle environment, help them enjoy the incredible experience of trekking and, if all hell breaks loose, improve their chances of survival."

## ***Cowell Leaves Psychiatry Chair***

Dr. Daniel D. Cowell, who has been chairman of Marshall's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine since 1994, stepped down from that position on June 30. He will continue to serve as a professor in the department and as an associate dean.

Dr. Samuel Januszkiewicz will be the acting chair of the department during the search for a new chair.

"Dr. Cowell has served Marshall very, very well," said Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine. "We're extremely fortunate that he is remaining as a member of the faculty and as the associate dean overseeing graduate medical education and residency training."

The book has won glowing reviews to date. Library Journal reviewer George Jenks said Walden's book has much to offer the common hiker as well as the jungle traveler. "Walden ... offers knowledgeable advice on what to wear, how to build shelter, what plants and animals to eat, how to build fire, and how to handle extreme situations, such as the lack of food or drinking water," he said. Citing the book's medical advice, Jenks rated the book "recommended for all libraries."

In a similar vein, a reader review at the Barnes & Noble World Wide Web site said the book "should be required reading by Boy Scouts through SEALS."

## ***Thompson Appointed Band Director***

Tommy Thompson has been named Interim Director of Athletic Bands, according to Dr. Marshall Onofrio, Department of Music chair. Thompson began his duties July 1 and will serve on an interim basis for the 2002-2003 school year. He replaces Baruch Whitehead, who resigned after nine years at Marshall.

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for many years. I have had ample opportunity over the eight years I've known her to observe: her serious approach to her job; professional appearance; absolute trustworthiness; unfailing diligence, sense of responsibility, reliable punctuality—giving 'full measure' each and every day."

He continued, "Moreover, she is well known and liked by all departmental faculty and staff. If one were to describe her performance in a single word over the eight years I've known her—it would be: reliability. Her attendance record is also unmatched ... Ms. Westmoreland rates highly on each of the five criteria on which nominees are considered—including her work as secretary of the university's Staff Council. All of her relationships with staff, faculty, vendors, other departments, applicants, medical students and visitors are characterized by civility, politeness, a helpful attitude and cheerfulness."

Cowell noted that in addition to being a valued and valuable member of his department, she has demonstrated competence and commitment to the University as well as to the medical school.

President Dan Angel presented Westmoreland with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100. She will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

## ***Snowshoe Institute***

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scheduled to provide a unique learning experience..

The institute is a collaborative effort of Marshall University, West Virginia University, the West Virginia Humanities Council and Intrawest, the parent company of Snowshoe Resort. Several groups and individuals from the universities are featured on the program.

With events running from early morning until late evening, participants can choose from events that include sessions in sculpture, art appreciation, theater and comedy, as well as discussions of literature, science, history, politics and economics. For the more adventuresome, there are naturalist presentations. Self-improvement and spiritual seminars are also offered. Five sculptors will bring outdoor sculptures to various locations around Snowshoe and will then conduct tours of their works.

The institute is the brainchild of Sally Love, a longtime member of the Marshall University Graduate College Foundation's board of directors, who holds degrees from both Marshall and West Virginia University. After attending the Chautauqua Institute in New York several years ago, she was convinced a similar event could be staged in West Virginia and Snowshoe seemed to be a natural fit. With cooperation from Intrawest, the Humanities Council and the two state universities, three boards made up of volunteers were set up to fund raise and to plan and oversee activities.

"I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity for both universities to showcase their professors and to provide internships for students" Love said.

Donald Van Horn, dean of the college of fine arts at Marshall, was tapped to head the program board which spent several months planning and implementing the events.

He said multiple activities going on simultaneously throughout the day will give people a wide range of events from which to choose, which is one of the goals of the institute. Late afternoons will feature "intimate performances" such as a string quartet, a play or a readers' theater. Evenings will be devoted to musical groups with the exception of August 2 when The Capitol Steps, a political satire group from Washington, D.C., takes center stage.

"At the Snowshoe Institute you can develop a schedule that keeps you busy from 8 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock at night," Van Horn said.

Families are an integral part of the institute, Love says, and that's why an array of children's

activities has been included. In fact, Sunday afternoon's closing events feature the Appalachian Children's Chorus and the youthful River City Ballet.

Tickets are available in a variety of packages. Multi-day tickets are based on consecutive days of attendance and children ages 5 and under are admitted free. To purchase tickets, call Snowshoe Reservations at 877-441-FUN.

A complete schedule of events and ticket prices are available at [www.snowshoeinstitute.org](http://www.snowshoeinstitute.org).

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Thompson, a retired public school marching band instructor, has been writing the drills for the Marching Thunder for two years. Before retiring three years ago, he taught music at Vinson High School for 17 years, Hurricane High School for seven years, Fort Gay High School for two years and Spring Valley High School for one year.

"This is something I have always wanted," Thompson said. "This opportunity came open and I applied for it."

Thompson says he hopes to improve the Marching Thunder by making the performances more fan oriented. He plans to play more music that people recognize so they will be entertained and watch the halftime performances. He also wants the band to perform at bigger events, such as nationally televised parades and professional football games to broaden exposure and aid recruiting to increase the size of the band.

## ***Governor's Academy***

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Along with the students, professors also are selected as instructors by a state committee. This year, six professors from Marshall, six teachers from high schools in West Virginia and a faculty member from West Virginia University, along with one professor from Russia, are serving as instructors.

Marshall professors chosen to take part in the academy are Marcia Harrison, Dan Hollis, Kathleen Kneafsey, Ian Levstein, Mike Murphy, and Larry Stickler.

Marshall was chosen as host of the academy in 2002 and 2003 by bidding for the program through a proposal highlighting what Marshall has to offer.

For being host to GHA, Marshall receives a \$260,000 grant from the state. Assistance is provided by the West Virginia Russia Foundation for the Russian students and faculty and the university pays for the remainder of the expenses.