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We Are...Marshall!

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Marshall Sets Record Enrollment

Marshall's official enrollment of 16,551 for fall 2002 is an all-time high for the school, President Dan Angel announced this week.

The record enrollment is 513 more than the previous high mark of 16,038, set in fall, 2001.

"This is excellent news," Angel said, "particularly in light of the continuing decline (7 percent last year) in West Virginia high school graduates. The strong increase in choosing Marshall also says something about the high quality of our academic programs and the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and enrollment management team."

Marshall also enrolled 712 PROMISE Scholarship recipients, which likely added to the enrollment number

Marshall Starts Search for 90,000th Graduate

A representative from Marshall's 2003 graduating class will be selected to serve as a role model spokesperson for all previous MU alumni as the university celebrates 90,000 graduates in school history during this spring's commencement, President Dan Angel announced last week.

A nomination process is being used to determine the representative, Angel said. Commencement is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 10 in the Big Sandy Superstore Civic Arena.

"We will be selecting a 90,000th graduate representative and honoring them at the commencement ceremony and featuring them in the *Marshall Magazine*, fall 2003 issue," Angel said. "We look forward to reviewing those graduates who participate in this selection. This will be yet another green letter day for Marshall."

The nominees must be receiving their undergraduate degree with at least at 3.00 GPA and be in good academic

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Blood Drive Begins Feb. 19

Marshall will be host to a Red Cross blood drive, from noon to 6 p.m., Feb. 19 and 20.

The drive will take place in the Campus Christian Center. Students, faculty and staff and members of the community are invited to come and donate blood.

Walk-ins are welcome, although appointments may be made from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 11 and 12 in the Memorial Student Center lobby. Appointments also may be scheduled by calling ext. 3338.

For more information, contact Amy Saunders at ext. 4800.

said Barbara Tarter, Dean of Enrollment Management.

"Because of the implementation of the PROMISE, students who might not have been able to afford the opportunity to come to college were able to," she said.

Marshall Provost Sarah Denman said the record enrollment indicates more students are remaining in school at Marshall rather than choosing to leave before graduating.

"It speaks to the retention efforts of our faculty and staff and their concern for the academic well-being of our students," Denman said.

Cooley, Barnett Join Herd

Maurice R. Cooley, formerly Director of Marketing and Corporate Development at Pretera Center for Mental Health Services Inc. in Huntington has been named Director of the Center for African American Students Programs at Marshall and Steven Barnett has been named Associate Professor of Music and Director of Athletic Bands, President Dan Angel has announced.



Maurice Cooley

Cooley, a Marshall graduate, has more than 25 years of leadership, administrative and program development experience.

"We're delighted to have someone of Maurice's caliber joining us," Angel said. "And the fact that he's from right here in our community, we think, will make him really effective in his new role at Marshall."



Steve Barnett

"He's been a hard worker and has been very successful at Pretera," said Dr. Betty Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs. "One of the qualities he has is the ability to write for proposals and garner resources, which is especially needed now ... He should do very well here."

Cooley will be responsible for the development, implementation and management of the CAASP.

"I love Marshall University," Cooley said. "And I have been reading a great deal in recent years about Marshall's plan and vision for national prominence, to become one of the great universities in our land. I have been so excited about being a part of that... There's much work to be done, but I hope to be involved in serious studies about the needs, and I hope that I can be a major link in the whole formula of success of our students."

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Women's Basketball Office Honors Bart and Doris Andrews

A new women's basketball office suite, named for long time Thundering Herd supporters Bart and Doris



From left, President Dan Angel, Head Women's Basketball Coach Royce Chadwick, Doris Andrews, Bart Andrews, and Interim Athletic Director Bob "Kayo" Marcum open the Andrews Athletic Office Suite Feb. 1.

Atkins Memorial Scholarship Established

The John Thompson Fravel Atkins Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at Marshall University in memory of John Thompson Fravel Atkins, according to Dr. H. Keith Spears, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Atkins, who received an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Marshall in 1992, died on October 16, 2000 at age 32.

The scholarship is designed for West Virginia and Kentucky residents who have received their GED within five years of receiving the scholarship. The recipients will be selected by the Office of Student Financial Assistance once the fund becomes endowed.

Atkins' mother, Carol Atkins, praised adult education in general and Marshall's "visionary" Applied Science curriculum, which benefited her son after he received his GED. John Atkins eventually became a real estate broker and established a thriving masonry company, she said.

Contributions should be made payable to the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., and designated for the Atkins Memorial Scholarship. For additional information, contact ext. 6214.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of Feb. 21, 2003. Deadline is Feb. 14. 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.



Andrews, was dedicated Feb. 1 at a ceremony at the Cam Henderson Center.

The Andrews Athletic Office Suite, located in the former Big Green Room space on the Henderson Center's concourse level, will serve as the new home for women's basketball staff offices and operations. The 2,000-square-foot suite also includes a reception and concessions area that will serve the Henderson Center skybox seating area.

"Bart and Doris Andrews are truly two of the best friends that a coach, a basketball program and a university could ever have. We are so proud to have them as members of the Marshall University family," said Royce Chadwick, head women's basketball coach. "They are two outstanding, generous and unbelievable individuals and I am very excited about continuing the growth of our women's basketball program and university with them."

President Dan Angel, Athletic Director Bob Marcum and Chadwick joined the Andrews family for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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and social standing with the university. Graduates may be self-nominated or nominated by others.

A review committee comprised of a Marshall University Alumni Association board member, a MUAA staff member, a MUAA faculty member, a Marshall classified staff member, a student government association representative, a member of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., will be established.

The nominations, due by March 30, 2003, should include a maximum 300-word typed essay on why the nominee should be chosen for this honor. A nomination form can be accessed through www.marshall.edu/alumni.

All nomination forms and essays should be sent to Alumni Relations, Attn.: Lance West, Vice President for Alumni Development.

Music Events Announced for February

The Department of Music has several performances scheduled for February. All events will be held in the Smith Recital Hall.

They include: Clarinet/Oboe studio recital, 8 p.m. Feb. 7; Faculty Recital: Stephen Lawson, horn, 8 p.m. Feb. 10; Verdehr Trio, 3 p.m. Feb. 16; Birke Symposium Piano Recital, Lois Svard and Leslie Petteys, 8 p.m. Feb. 18; Wind Symphony, 8 p.m. Feb. 26; Senior Recital: William Shato, guitar, 8 p.m. Feb. 27.

For additional information, call ext. 3117.

Note of Thanks

My mother, Zetta Armstrong Lowry, died on Jan. 22, 2003. I want to thank those that sent condolences, cards, flowers, fruit baskets, thoughts and prayers, especially those in COEHS and FCS. The offerings were comforting and appreciated. My family and I wish to say thanks for the kindnesses.

Glenda L. Lowry

Profile: Peggy Wilmink

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Peggy Wilmink

One student introduced her as his "Marshall mom." Others regularly stop by her office to talk about academic concerns, personal problems, financial worries, and the topics that typically weigh on students' minds, particularly for those who are making their first forays into higher education.

And Peggy Wilmink, together with the staff of Student Support Services (SSS), is always there for them. Their students are special to them because under the program's criteria, they are first-generation college students navigating what can sometimes be an intimidating experience for the novice student.

Through a selection process, students become eligible for the program based on, among other things, financial need as well as a guideline that they should be the first person in their immediate family to attend college. The program has been in existence on Marshall's campus since 1970 and currently has 176 students. Wilmink has been with the program for 2 years.

"Those in our program can be considered at-risk students, so we're here to guide them through the whole university process and give them academic, personal and career counseling—whatever they need," Wilmink says. "We have a lot of activities for them, enrichment events, workshops, seminars and occasional trips. There is a computer lab available for their use and we have had workshops on stress, and self-esteem."

The chief goal of the program is to keep the students in school, she emphasizes. Beginning with their freshman year, students meet with her at least once a week. The staff will be available to them until they graduate. "We want to give these students a good foundation so they'll continue with the program until graduation and be successful in their careers. We see them so frequently, in effect we become their home away from home."

Wilmink came to the program after her job as coordinator of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) ended when the program was phased out and became the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) two years ago.

Employed since 1984 at Marshall, she thought briefly about retirement but after an opening came up for a counselor at the SSS program, she applied and was hired. Wilmink says she was back doing the work she loved.

"I really like doing individual counseling, working with students one on one," she explains. "It is the most wonderful job. I can't imagine that I wasn't supposed to have this job." As reluctant as she was to leave the JTPA program, which was part of the community college, she found her new

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Spring Film Festival Begins Feb. 14

You can leave the snow and cold of the Mountain State and travel the world without ever leaving Huntington because the Spring International Film Festival is coming to the Cinema Theatre, Feb. 14 to 20. The festival will feature films from Iran, France, Germany, Italy, Australia and Argentina.

The films include:

"Baran" (Iran). Lateef, a young Iranian construction worker, meets and falls in love with Rahmat, an Afghan illegal immigrant, after discovering she is a girl disguised as a boy so she can remain in the country. When his company is ordered to fire all employees of Afghan descent, his love only leads to more heartache. In Farsi with English subtitles.

"8 Women" (France). At an isolated mansion in the snowy countryside of 1950s France, a family is gathered for the holiday season, only to find their beloved patriarch has been murdered. The killer can only be one of the eight women closest to him. In French with English subtitles

"Mostly Martha" (Germany). Martha, a head chef for an upscale restaurant, relies on her culinary skills as her primary means of communication. After her sister dies in a car accident, she is left to care for her lively eight-year-old niece. In German with English subtitles.

"The Son's Room" (Italy). The story tells of the grief of a family in northern Italy who must come to terms with the death of their son. In Italian with English subtitles.

"Lantana" (Australia). This critically acclaimed murder mystery centers on a flawed cop whose investigation somehow touches on a web of romantic entanglements involving himself and others. In English.

"Nine Queens" (Argentina). This film tells the story of two small-time swindlers, Juan and Marcos, who team up after meeting in a convenience store where Juan is successfully pulling off a bill-changing scam. In Spanish with English subtitles.

All films are shown multiple times on the following schedule:

Friday, Feb. 14: 5:30 p.m. "Baran"; 7:30 p.m. "8 Women"; 9:45 "Mostly Martha"

Saturday, Feb. 15: 2:30 p.m., "The Son's Room"; 5:30 p.m. "Lantana"; 7:30 p.m. "Nine Queens; 9:45 "Baran"

Sunday, Feb. 16: 2:30 p.m., "Mostly Martha"; 5:30 p.m., "Nine Queens; :7:340 p.m. "The Son's Room:"; 9:45 p.m. "8 Women"

Monday, Feb. 17: 5:30 p.m. "Lantana"; 7:30 p.m. "Nine Queens"

Tuesday, Feb. 18: 5:30 p.m. "Baran" 7:30 p.m.; "8 Women"

Wednesday, Feb. 19: 5:30 p.m. "Mostly Martha"; 7:30 p.m. "The Son's Room"

Thursday, Feb 20: 5:30 p.m. "8 Women"; 7:30 p.m. "Lantana"

Marshall University and staff can receive two half-price tickets with employee identification. All full-time MU students are admitted free with a valid MU ID and part-time students are admitted for half-price with a valid MU ID. General public tickets are \$7. Tickets can be obtained at the Cinema Theatre, 1023 4th Avenue, one-half hour prior to show time. For more information call the MU Artist Series at ext. 6656 or visit their Web site at www.marshallartistseries.org.

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position a good fit from the beginning.

"From the first day people in Student Support made me feel so welcome. On my first day of work there were flowers on my desk from one of the staff. So as sad as I was to leave it, I found there was life after the community college!"

Along with other SSS staff members, Director Joe Dragovich, Educational specialist Sharon Lake and Administrative Assistant, Linda Bondurant, Wilmink works to see that students get lots of individual attention and problems are tackled as they arise. Wilmink teaches a section of University 101 just for students in the SSS program along with Dragovich.

"We're here to help students any way we can," she says enthusiastically.

A Licensed Professional Counselor, (LPC), Wilmink brought a wealth of diverse experience to her new job. A native of Huntington, she received a B.A. degree in Vocational Home Economics from Marshall in 1964. After marriage to her husband Tom, she opted to be a stay-at-home mom for a while caring for the Wilmink children, Tom, Rob, and Jane. For seven years she did work part-time for Cabell County Board of Education, teaching adult basic education and administering the GED test. She still does some testing work as an independent tester for ACT and the Automobile Service Excellence exam, which is given to people who work with automobiles.

Wilmink began her career at Marshall in 1982, working as an adjunct instructor while pursuing a master's degree in counseling which she received in 1983. She later moved from teaching to the JTPA program, where she bloomed.

Now that her children are grown and she is the grandmother of five, ranging in ages from 2 to 8, she's trying to make more time for herself and her family. A cottage in Nova Scotia, inherited from her mother, has become a cherished summer retreat for the whole family.

In addition, Wilmink admits to being a "huge Marshall basketball and football fan. We go to all the games we can, including away games." They were among the throngs of dedicated fans who made the trek to Mobile a year ago for the bowl game, but this year even such an enticing trip had to take a backseat to grandchildren.

"We wanted to go so much," she says ruefully. "But four of our grandchildren were in holiday programs, two in Charleston and two in Huntington during that time. We stayed home, of course, and watched them perform." Avid fans that they are, in the Wilmink family, the Herd can be outplayed only by the grandchildren.

In her home, Wilmink has put her degree in Home Economics to good use. "I like being a homemaker," she says with her usual upbeat attitude. "I love taking care of my home. I sew when I can." In fact in preparation for a family portrait, she just finished making jumpers for her four granddaughters and a vest for her grandson using a Nova Scotia tartan plaid. And she's an active member of the Huntington Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and plans to become even more involved as time permits.

"We have a good life," she says thoughtfully, perhaps thinking about one of her favorite sayings. "There's a wonderful saying someone gave me years ago: 'I will make the place I am the place I want to be.'"

Theatre Starts 'Rumors' Feb. 19

A rollicking Neil Simon comedy, "Rumors," will be presented by the Marshall University Theatre Department Feb. 19 to 22.

The ensemble play tells the story of four couples who have been invited to the home of their close friends, Charley and Myra, to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. Upon arrival at the friends' house they find Charley bleeding, Myra missing, the help gone and nothing prepared for the evening. The guests try to sort things out before the police arrive, and eventually everything is straightened out by the final funny scene.

Directed by David Cook, the performances take place in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Marshall students get in free with a valid ID. The box office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 5 p.m.

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A native of Lewisburg, Cooley graduated from Marshall with a bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1970, then served three years active duty in the U.S. Army as a psychology specialist. He returned to Marshall and earned a master's degree in counseling in 1975. He began his duties at Marshall on Jan. 21.

Barnett currently is Assistant Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Mississippi, where he works with the Pride of the South Marching Band and serves as music arranger. He will begin his duties at Marshall on July 1.

He earned a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Mississippi in 1979 and his master's degree in music from Mississippi College in 1992.

Barnett said he was impressed by the enthusiasm he saw Herd fans bring to the Mid-American Conference championship game at Marshall in December and was excited about the direction in which Marshall is headed.

"From President Angel on down I was extremely impressed with how nice and sincere the people were, and I'm excited about the situation Marshall is in—not just its athletic program and the band, but the school as a whole," Barnett said. "... Marshall is primed to take off. What they have challenged me to do is to take the band right alongside to the national level."

Dr. Marshall Onofrio, chair of MU's music department, said Barnett's enthusiasm, talent and passion for music education will be put to good use at Marshall. In addition to duties with the athletic bands, Barnett will be teaching courses in the music education curriculum, and will assist with student teacher preparation. Onofrio added that Barnett employs a flexible approach to athletic bands programming, and audiences can look forward to a wide variety of music and styles.

"Steve Barnett is going to make an immediate impact!" Onofrio said.

Barnett will return to the Huntington campus on Feb. 28 and March 1 as a guest conductor for the second annual Festival Band Weekend, sponsored by the Department of Music.