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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

September 18, 2013

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## Constitution Week events continue next week on the Huntington campus

Constitution Week events will continue next week, highlighted by the President's Invitational Quoits Media Challenge, which will take place at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, on Buskirk Field. It will be preceded by the cutting of John Marshall's birthday cake on the Memorial Student Center plaza at 11 a.m. by President Stephen J. Kopp.

Quoits, a game in which rings of iron are pitched at stakes much like horseshoes, was the favorite game of John Marshall.

Also taking place next week are:

- 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23 – Announcement of the winner of the Judge Dan O'Hanlon Constitution Week and John Marshall Celebration Essay Competition in the Memorial Student Center's John Marshall Room.
- 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26 – The Robert C. Byrd Forum on Civic Responsibility in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre features Early Freedom Rider Ms. Joan C. Browning. Her address is titled "Oh the Places That Freedom Riding Take Me." Browning, who lives on a hillside in the Irish Corner District of Greenbrier County, writes and lectures at colleges and universities on her personal experiences as a white woman in the civil rights movement. On the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides, she was feted all across the country, including as a guest of Congress at the premiere of the documentary about the Freedom Rides, as a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show, and at a meeting requested by President Barack Obama. She has been a guest lecturer at more than 75 colleges and universities. In addition to speaking at the Byrd forum, Browning will speak at 7 p.m. that Thursday, also in the Francis-Booth Theatre. That address is titled, "The Constitution and Civil Rights."

Constitution Week events will conclude with the first Amicus Curiae Lecture, which will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8. The guest speaker will be James E. Simon, dean emeritus of New York Law School. His address will take place at the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

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## Reminder: Fall General Faculty Meeting Tuesday will feature State of the University address, introduction of new faculty

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Marshall University's fall General Faculty meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 24, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre of the Joan C. Edwards, Performing Arts Center on the Huntington campus.

During the meeting, new faculty members and administrators will be introduced, followed by State of the Faculty and State of the University addresses.

The tentative agenda includes:

- Welcome – Dr. Eldon Larsen, chair of the Faculty Senate
- Introduction of new administrators – Dr. Gayle Ormiston, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
- Introduction of new faculty – Deans or their representatives
- State of the Faculty address – Larsen
- State of the University address – Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp

Immediately following the meeting, there will be a reception honoring new faculty in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center.

The meeting also will be streamed live on the Web at [www.marshall.edu/it/livestream](http://www.marshall.edu/it/livestream)

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## University offices encouraged to decorate offices for Homecoming

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Marshall University Alumni Association  
Homecoming 2013 Office Decorations Contest

Marshall University offices, particularly those on the Huntington campus, are being encouraged to decorate their locations for Homecoming, using the event's theme of "Mardi Gras Marshall Style." There are prizes involved, said Nancy Pelphey, assistant director of alumni relations, in divisions for both large and small offices. There will be one grand prize winner, which will be the office with the most total points from all judges in all categories.

Plans call for the judging to occur beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. Call extension 6-2901 to make arrangements for your office to be judged.

*[Click to view complete flyer on the competition.](#)*

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## Reminder: Woodwind quintet to feature modern, period instruments tonight

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Three Marshall music faculty members will be joined by two guest instrumentalists for a program at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, that the performers are calling “Music from the Age of Invention.” The concert will take place in Smith Recital Hall on Marshall’s Huntington campus.



The performers include Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute, Dr. Stephen Lawson, horn, and Kay Lawson, bassoon, who all teach at Marshall. The guest performers are Curtis Foster, oboe, and Dr. Richard Spece, clarinet. The group has chosen to call themselves the Maelzel Metronome Woodwind Quintet, referring to the Age of Invention in the early 19th century, when inventions such as Maelzel’s time-keeping contraption and musical and technical innovations marked the artistic landscape in Europe.

Though woodwind quintet music has been well represented on Marshall’s Huntington campus in the past, Dobbs said, this particular program will be different since all involved will perform not only on modern instruments, but also on historical reproductions of instruments that existed in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The instruments vary considerably from their modern counterparts. They naturally sound differently and they require a whole new technique when playing.

This repertoire of music for five wind instruments began life in late 18th- and early 19th-century Paris when numerous multi-movement works featuring the five winds of the classical era orchestra – flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn – were composed by Anton Reicha, Franz Danzi and others. (Though the horn is not a woodwind instrument, the convenient name “woodwind quintet” has described the combination for many generations.) The program on Sept. 18 will feature works by Reicha and Danzi, as well as a third by Giuseppe Maria Cambini.

Dobbs noted that “historically informed” performances on period instruments, as these historical reproductions are called, are gaining more attention on many college campuses and on the classical music scene in many major American cities. “In essence, we hear the same sounds as the composers and musicians from the era and this informs our decisions on numerous aspects of the music and indeed permits us and our audience to understand the music in ways that may be obscured by the louder, more homogenized sounds of modern instruments,” he said.



The two guest artists are very involved in performance on period instruments. Foster lives in Seattle, Wash., and has performed with many of the important historical music groups in the United States, including the Baroque orchestras of Seattle, St. Louis, Baltimore and Madison. He is a graduate of Indiana University’s Early Music Institute, where he studied with Washington McClain. Spece teaches at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus and performs regularly with a host of groups including Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Ama Deus Ensemble, California Bach Society,

Magnificat, Classical Consort, Concert Spirituel and Opera Lafayette. He is also a founding member of Circa 1800 Chamber Winds.

The two guests are sponsored by contributions from the Marshall University John Deaver Drinko Academy and First Presbyterian Church in Huntington.

A slightly abbreviated repeat performance will occur at First Presbyterian Church, part of the MUsic Alive! Series, at noon Friday, Sept. 20. The church is located at 1015 5th Ave.

Both programs are free and open to the public. Call the Marshall University School of Music and Theatre at 304-696-3117 for more information.

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*Photos:* Guest artists Curtis Foster (above) and Dr. Richard Spece will appear with Marshall University music faculty members Wednesday, Sept. 18 and again on Friday, Sept. 20.

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## In Memoriam: Bernie Elliott



Bernie Elliott, a longtime Marshall employee who was Coordinator of Operations for the Memorial Student Center and a renowned local photographer, died Sunday, Sept. 15.

He once told a coworker that he came to Marshall as a student and loved it so much he never left. In 1975 he took up photography as a hobby and went on to become a familiar presence on the sidelines of Marshall athletic events chronicling teams with his camera through the decades. He also was responsible for some of the iconic photos that depict the Student Center and the Huntington campus. His photographs had appeared in Marshall Magazine.

A MU alum, he became a staff member in 1977.

An obituary and information on visitation and services may be found at [http://www.timeformemory.com/fh\\_obituary.cfm?obitid=38532&fhid=16&locationid=16](http://www.timeformemory.com/fh_obituary.cfm?obitid=38532&fhid=16&locationid=16).

Also, a video tribute may be viewed at <http://animoto.com/play/IyDSFQLMUvSgzlWdLMU6BA>

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## Marshall School of Medicine researchers present findings at American Heart Association meeting

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Researchers from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, in collaboration with international partners in China and Italy and colleagues in the United States, presented their findings at the 2013 American Heart Association's High Blood Pressure Research Scientific Sessions last week in New Orleans. Marshall was represented by eight presentations.

"We are very pleased that all eight of our research abstracts were accepted for presentation at this world-class conference," said Dr. Nader G. Abraham, vice dean for research at the School of Medicine. "Marshall is truly expanding its medical research footprint and is being recognized at the international level."

Abraham said research from Marshall scientists and clinicians includes findings on heart disease, obesity, fatty liver and hypertension.

"Much of our research here at Marshall is focused on the issues that plague our population in West Virginia and really the entire Appalachian region," Abraham said. "For instance, the project that the dean, Joseph Shapiro, and I have been working on with researchers from Beijing and the National Institute of Environmental Health Science in North Carolina has found that there are small, special fatty acids that can improve heart attack mediated damage to prevent further damage, which may eventually lead to developments in new therapies and prevention."

*[Click for a complete list of the abstracts.](#)*

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## Proposals sought for 'Body Shots VIII' next March

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The Women's Studies program is accepting proposals for presentations exploring mermaids for Body Shots VIII, which will take place Thursday, March 6, in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

Body Shots is a collaborative project that combines the work of Marshall faculty, students and community members in an interdisciplinary, multimedia exploration of a provocative topic. Presentations can come from individuals or groups and make use of visual and performing arts, literature, science or popular culture.

Mermaids have intrigued people around the world since ancient times, according to Body Shots literature. The appearance of the legendary half woman, half fish could portend evil or signal miraculous good fortune. Mermaids have long fueled the lust of the lonely sailor and continue to

inspire poets, musicians, artists, dancers and filmmakers. The mermaid's image is a favorite of tattoo artists and has even been appropriated as a corporate logo.

For details on submitting a proposal, contact Dr. Robin Conley by e-mail at [conleyr@marshall.edu](mailto:conleyr@marshall.edu).

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## Wellness Fair slated for next Wednesday on the Huntington campus

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A Marshall University Wellness Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center, Don Morris Room.

It will include a flu vaccine clinic, sponsored by Marshall Health Family Medicine. No appointment or pre-registration is necessary. Simply complete a [Consent Form](#) to present along with proof of insurance medical card at time of service. (Not limited to PEIA insured employees.) Refer to [Flu Vaccination Information](#) to review "what you need to know" about the influenza vaccine, including risks of vaccine reaction.

Participating groups in the wellness fair include:

- MU Bruce Chertow Diabetes Center (*Glucose Checks and Nutrition*)
- Marshall Health Cardiology (*Heart Health*)
- Marshall Health Neuroscience (*Stroke Indicators*)
- Marshall Health Orthopaedics (*Bone Health*)
- MU Recreation Center (*Interactive Demonstrations*)
- MU School of Pharmacy (*Over-the-Counter Drug Safety*)

The event is sponsored by the Marshall Health Department of Family Medicine, Division of Occupational Health and Wellness, and Human Resource Services.

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## Reminder: Classified Staff election under way

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The Classified Staff Council is currently holding an election through Friday, Sept. 20, to fill seven vacancies on the Council. The staff members elected to these positions will finish the remainder of the current term, which will end on June 30, 2015.

Vacancies to be filled include:

- One vacancy in EEO 10 – Executive, Administrative & Managerial;
  - Nominees are: Catherine Lawson (College of Health Professions) and Tanya Ramsey (Finance). Write-ins are permitted as well
- One vacancy in EEO 40 – Technical and Paraprofessional;
  - Nominees are: Whitney Lawson (Autism Training Center) and Rebecca Lusher (Facilities). Write-ins are permitted as well.
- Two vacancies in EEO 50 – Clerical;
  - Nominees are: Jason Baldwin (Accounting) and Nicole Perkins (Admissions). Write-ins are permitted as well.
- Three vacancies in EEO 60/70 – Service & Development
  - Nominee is: Donna Megquier (Physical Plant). Write-ins are permitted as well.

Electronic voting will be available from now through Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Midnight. **All voting will be electronic.** There will be no paper ballot voting.

### **Voting Instructions:**

Here are the instructions to vote using the E-Vote system on ANY computer with Internet access:

- 1) Go to [www.marshall.edu/mymu](http://www.marshall.edu/mymu).
- 2) Select “Continue to the new myMU Portal” to login with the username and password you usually use for logging on to the Marshall computers, OR Select “to login to the old myMU portal click here” to use your MUID (901#) and PIN
- 3) Click “Login.”
- 4) Once logged in, select the Employee tab near the top of the myMU home page.
- 5) There will be a block titled “E-voter.” Click on that box to access the E-voter website.
- 6) Follow the E-Vote instructions on the screen.

For questions regarding the election, contact Joe Wortham, Election Committee Chair at [wortham@marshall.edu](mailto:wortham@marshall.edu) or ext. 6- 5402; or Katie Counts in the Staff Council Office at [easter@marshall.edu](mailto:easter@marshall.edu) or ext. 6-2222.

## School of Pharmacy sponsors safe medicine conference

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The School of Pharmacy, along with several other conference partners, is sponsoring the 2013 International Symposium on Safe Medicine (ISSM) which began yesterday in Charleston. The conference, which has historically been held in the state of Maine, brings together pharmacists, physicians, toxicologists, educators and others for sessions on prescription drug use, abuse, return and disposal.

Dr. Kevin W. Yingling, dean of the School of Pharmacy and a speaker for the event, said the escalation of prescription drug abuse across the United States makes it imperative for health care professionals to collaborate with others in the field.

“There are many facets of the prescription drug abuse issue that need to be addressed,” Yingling said. “This symposium exposes health care professionals to educational topics like best practices in medication prescribing, creating public policies about drug diversion, the roles of pharmacists in medication therapy management and even environmental issues impacted by the unsafe disposal of medications.”

Dr. John V. Schloss is professor and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Science at the School of Pharmacy and is one of the organizers of past ISSM conferences in Maine.

“Prior to joining the Marshall University School of Pharmacy, I was heavily involved with the conference planning in Portland,” Schloss said. “There are many parallels between Maine and West Virginia that contribute to their common problem in prescription drug abuse. This symposium has facilitated cross-disciplinary approaches to solving the drug abuse problems, not just in West Virginia, but across various states.”

The conference also features speakers from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, the MU Forensic Science Center and the College of Health Professions. Additional speakers are from the Pew Prescription Project, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and various companies and universities.

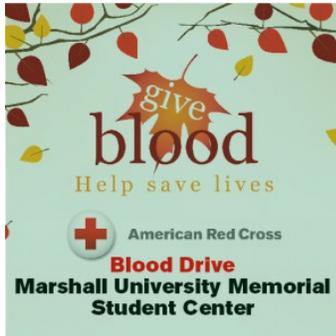
The symposium is being held in conjunction with West Virginia’s Integrated Behavioral Health Conference.

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## Blood drive taking place on Huntington campus today and tomorrow

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The Red Cross is conducting a blood drive on the Huntington campus today, Wednesday, Sept. 18, until 5 p.m. and tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

To make an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the code MUHERD after clicking "Enter a Sponsor Code."

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The next issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed Sept. 25, 2013. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23.