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Senator Bob Plymale stands in the middle of the Capitol complex with the Senate chambers in the background. Photograph by Rick Lee.
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Marshall Initiates Parentage Testing

Marshall University has announced the opening of Marshall University Parentage Testing Services, making it the university's first economic development biotechnology venture.

"Marshall University's Parentage Testing Services is taking the lead in demonstrating our strong commitment to biotechnology and economic development in West Virginia," Marshall President Dan Angel said. "The leadership and commitment of the professionals working at the Forensic Science Center brought this venture to fruition. The realization of this vision is an example of Marshall's continuing strides towards National Prominence."

Marshall University Parentage Testing Services provides DNA testing for paternity, forensic cases, immigration status, social security benefits, inheritance disputes, kinship relationships and personal identification.

The addition of forensic paternity testing also expands the services the Marshall University Forensic Science Center offers to law enforcement.

"Providing paternity and identification testing are a couple of the applications that employ the DNA technology available in our laboratories," said Dr. Terry W. Fenger, director of the Forensic Science Center and the Forensic Science program.

Dr. Terry W. Fenger

Marshall scientist named to international panel

Dr. Hongwei Yu of Marshall University has been appointed to an elite international professional committee, through which he will play a leading role in efforts to increase interaction between U.S. microbiologists and their counterparts in China.

Yu is one of only seven U.S. scientists serving on the International Membership Committee of the American Society for Microbiology. The committee also includes five scientists from Martinique, Russia, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina.

Yu said the Chinese Society of Microbiology has more than 10,000 members, but only 80 scientists from China are members of the American Society for Microbiology. "Currently, my role is to identify, recruit and network some of the existing and influential Chinese Society of Microbiology members to establish a permanent ASM ambassador program in China."

Once the American Society for Microbiology extends its services to China, it will gradually expand them to Japan and other countries in that region, Yu said.

Yu, who joined the Marshall faculty in 1999, is an associate professor in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics within the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He received a Distinguished Artists and Scholars award from the university in 2003.

Dr. Hongwei Yu

HSTA COMES TO HUNTINGTON AREA

The Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA), West Virginia's nationally recognized, community-based program that provides academic enrichment for underrepresented minority and disadvantaged 9th-12th grade students, is coming to Cabell and Lincoln counties.

A formal announcement of a joint project between Marshall University and West Virginia University that will bring HSTA to the two counties took place Nov. 20 and was attended by officials from both universities, community leaders and educators from Cabell and Lincoln counties.

"I am happy to see HSTA come to Cabell and Lincoln counties," said Dr. Betty Cleckley, Marshall's Vice President of Multicultural Affairs. "Since it has been established in 24 counties in West Virginia, a larger pool of African Americans and students of low socio-economic backgrounds are better prepared for college."

With the addition of Cabell and Lincoln, the program is now offered in 26 of West Virginia's 55 counties. Currently, more than 700 students participate, and nearly 500 successful HSTA graduates are attending higher education institutions utilizing HSTA tuition and fee waivers for undergraduate, graduate and professional training. Of those 500, 36 currently attend Marshall.

Previously, the educational support programs were offered for underrepresented and minority students in the 24 HSTA counties only at West Virginia University and West Virginia State College. Officials believe having the program available in Cabell and Lincoln counties, and at Marshall, will increase the chances of those students not only attending college, but succeeding in the health care field.
During his inaugural address, Dr. Angel asked the Marshall community, “Why not national prominence for Marshall University?” Everyone in the audience that day understood that part of the answer to this question depended on our research capacity, because national prominence depends on the ability to both create and disseminate knowledge. Marshall has a well-established reputation as an excellent teaching institution, but what about research? Research takes money and time. Do we have enough of either to make a serious move in that direction? Can we do it without risking our primary teaching mission? These were all questions triggered by Dr. Angel that April afternoon.

The response was phenomenal. Faculty from all across the campus answered in the affirmative. There was an amazing level of pent-up enthusiasm for more institutional emphasis on research and other creative activities. Many things have happened over the last three years that demonstrate that Marshall is strengthening its research capabilities. The most evident is in physical infrastructure development. Blessed by federal, state and private funds, Marshall is planning the construction of three new buildings that will support university research and biotechnology development. In addition to these wonderful facilities, there are many less-evident advancements. They include:

- Total extramural funding has risen from less than $20 million in FY 99/00 to almost $30 million in the last four and half months;
- 300 faculty/staff attended three grant-writing workshops in the past 12 months;
- 200 students presented their research and creative activities at three separate Marshall symposia last year;
- Marshall was just recognized for the quality of its undergraduate research by the Council on Undergraduate Research; and
- Marshall maintains a wide breadth of funded research that touches every county in West Virginia – economic assessments, health and social studies, environmental analysis, educational research, transportation studies and many others.

From my perspective, there are two basic reasons Marshall has been so successful in raising its research productivity. First and foremost, it is the result of an extremely hard-working faculty. Given the recent budget constraints, Marshall has not been able to recruit additional faculty. This means that the hours invested in grant preparation and the research itself must come after significant teaching commitments. Therefore, we are on the rise today because extremely dedicated people are working more nights and weekends.

A second major contributor to Marshall’s research growth is collaboration. Today, more and more grants are written by teams of investigators. These teams cross departmental, college and institutional boundaries. Marshall has major grants combining the talents of faculty in the College of Education with those in the College of Science and the College of Liberal Arts. We have a number of grants with faculty from West Virginia University and other state colleges and universities, as well as the University of Kentucky and the University of Tennessee.

In conclusion, Marshall faculty has responded to Dr. Angel’s question. We are well underway. Future growth is limited only by our ability to hire more people like the ones that are already here.

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Senator Bob Plymale has taken a stand for higher education and as chairman of the Senate Education Committee is in a position to deliver results.

Article by Tom D. Miller
Photography by Rick Lee

Even as a youngster, he had a great interest in the campus when his mother brought him with her to work. So it should be no surprise that state Senator Robert H. (Bob) Plymale continues to be a great friend of Marshall University.

Dr. Sam Clagg, professor emeritus of geography, remembers when Senator Plymale's mother, Sallie, was teaching at the former Marshall lab school on campus and her son would often tag along with her.

"Bob was interested in geography and Sam would let him come up on Saturdays and putter around with him," said Sallie Plymale, now retired and living in Kenova. She had a long career as an elementary school teacher at the lab school and later as a member of the Marshall University faculty after she earned her doctorate in educational psychology. "Bob was about 11 or 12 years old and Sam would turn him loose with the maps."
“Education, particularly higher education, is the foundation of economic development. If you don’t have a sound education system, you erode that foundation. I value education because it is one of the ways West Virginia can change its course.” Senator Bob Plymale

Both she and her son agree that Clagg was a “true mentor,” second only to the senator’s father, Shearl H. Plymale. So it was probably inevitable that Bob would enroll at Marshall to major in geography when he finished high school in Wayne County.

“He was an excellent student and had lots of initiative,” recalled Clagg. “He didn’t need to be directed or driven by others to succeed. I have followed his career for a long time and I consider him to be a great friend of Marshall.”

According to Clagg, just about everyone on campus now recognizes and appreciates all the work the senator does for Marshall University.

“I don’t know how he manages to accomplish all that he does,” said Clagg.

Certainly Marshall President Dan Angel realizes how valuable an asset Senator Plymale, a 12-year member of the West Virginia State Senate where he has risen to his present leadership position as chairman of the Senate Education Committee, is to the university.

“Bob Plymale has been involved with higher education since he’s been in the Legislature,” said Angel, who once served in the Michigan Legislature himself. “He’s knowledgeable and aware of the key issues we face. He’s been willing to take a stand for higher education and deliver results. Marshall and the entire state are fortunate to have him in the role of Senate Education Committee chair.”

Raised in a family with a number of people working in education, Plymale is clear about his feelings on the subject.

“Education, particularly higher education, is the foundation of economic development,” he said during an interview in his office at the Nick J. Rahall II Appalachian Transportation Institute, where he has been director since Oct. 1, 2001. “If you don’t have a sound education system, you erode that foundation. I value education because it is one of the ways West Virginia can change its course.” But since he is also a graduate of Marshall, there is even more reason to do everything he can to help the institution.

“This is my alma mater so I have a dual obligation to help it in any way,” he added.

First elected to the 34-member state Senate in 1992, he has served as chairman of various committees including Transportation and Pensions. He moved up from vice chairman to the position of chairman of the Education Committee in 2003 and is also one of six senators on the important Senate-House Budget Conference Committee that decides how much of the state’s tax money is to be spent. In that role, he has been able to work with Delegate Margarett Leach, a Cabell County Democrat.

“We were able to get $2 million in extra funding for the new Marshall medical center at Cabell-Huntington Hospital,” said Senator Plymale.

Bill Burdette, a special assistant to President Angel and one of the key members of the university’s team at legislative sessions, has been a fan of Plymale’s for the last several years in Charleston. They agree that one of the most significant accomplishments in recent years occurred in 1996.

“The Legislature passed a higher education bill (Senate Bill 591) and Senator Plymale inserted an amendment in that bill setting up a ‘coordinate affiliation’ between Marshall and the West Virginia Graduate College,” explained Burdette. “This allowed the two institutions to begin working together cooperatively.”

A year later, another bill was passed, merging the Graduate College and Marshall’s graduate school into the Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston.

“And Marshall’s presence in the Charleston area has been of great benefit to the university,” explained Plymale.
(Above) Senator Bob Plymale, D-Wayne, with his wife, Jennifer, daughters Lauren and Allison, and son James at the Capitol. (Right) Senator Plymale speaking on the Senate floor. (Photo courtesy of Senator Plymale.)
Burdette also cites Senate Bill 653, enacted in 2000, as having "dramatically changed the way state funds are allocated to colleges and universities. This has resulted in Marshall receiving significant 'new' dollars and a much larger share of the higher education budget. Senator Plymale was directly involved in the formulation of this legislation."

Plymale's business career has been in lumber and economic development until his most recent assignment at the Rahall institute, located just across the street from the Marshall campus. And the Plymale family ties to Marshall continue to grow. His wife, Jennifer, also a graduate of Marshall, is now director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health. The eldest daughter, Lauren, is now 23 and in her first year of law school at West Virginia University after earning her undergraduate degree at Marshall.

Daughter Allison, 21, is a junior at Marshall now majoring in journalism and advertising, so son James, who is 17 and a junior at Spring Valley High School now, seems likely to wind up on the campus in a couple of years.

Probably President Angel best summed up the sentiment on campus about Plymale's efforts on behalf of Marshall in his annual State of the University speech last September when he told the crowd: "I have to tell you that were he not in that position (as chairman of the Senate Education Committee), we would not have done as well as we did last year in the Legislature. We were able to restore significant money in our medical school, and we were able to secure additional money for peer equity. I've got to tell you, having our senator in that role is absolutely critical to our future."

And there is every reason to believe he will continue in that role. There are two senators elected from the 5th Senatorial District which includes all of Cabell County and a small portion of northern Wayne County. It has proven to be a "revolving door" for the other senator from this district during the past decade. First a Republican, Dr. Tom Scott, served a four-year term but his bid for a second term failed when Democrat Marie Red defeated him in 1998. Red also failed to win a second term, losing to current Senator Evan Jenkins in 2002. Jenkins, also a Democrat, will serve through 2006.

On the other hand, Plymale's third consecutive four-year term expires at the end of 2004 and he has already announced his intent to run for a fourth term.

Based on his track record so far, he will be favored to win another term and continue his strong support for Marshall University. 

Tom D. Miller, MU class of '59, retired in 1996 from The Herald-Dispatch after 38 years as the newspaper's chief political writer and continues to cover the West Virginia Legislature for West Virginia Public Broadcasting. He and his wife Carolyn, MU class of '58, live in Huntington.
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After 12 years in the West Virginia State Legislature, Delegate Margarette Leach is still speaking out on behalf of the people and Marshall University.

Article by Erika Celeste  Photography by Rick Lee

“It’s an oxymoron. I’m a politician, but I’m rather shy. I don’t like a lot of attention,” says Delegate Margarette Leach. Yet the small, silver-haired lady, who can often be seen zooming around the Statehouse in her personal transportation unit, can’t help but attract attention. It’s not that she sets out to be noticed, but rather that, in a time when others may not be so aboveboard, Margarette Leach does what she was elected to do: she speaks out when she sees injustice and she fights for the people.

Most notably, Leach sparked nationwide attention in 1988 when, as an elector for the Electoral College, she switched her votes, casting her ballot for Lloyd Benson for president and Michael Dukakis as vice president. She later explained that she did it to call attention to how easy it would be to change the outcome of an election when electors are not legally bound to vote for the candidate who won their state’s popular vote. She laughs when she thinks back on the event. “It was kind of embarrassing at first. I thought, ‘Oh Lord, everybody’s going to be looking at me.’ But then I thought, ‘people need to be made aware of it.’”

More recently the delegate from the 15th district has been outspoken when it comes to promoting a regional airport in Lincoln County, even becoming the chair of its steering committee.

Last year, when Governor Bob Wise admitted to having an extramarital affair, Leach was one of the few Democrats who spoke up, saying, “I think people in general are a little fed up with this type of behavior.”

But she is most proud of leading the fight to help bring the Children’s Health Insurance Program (or CHIP) to West Virginia.

Despite Leach’s active political career, she didn’t become involved until later in life.

“As a teenager I had no interest whatsoever in politics. I was interested in arts, sports and music.” Instead, Margarette Leach attended St. Mary’s and became a nurse. The closest she ever came to politics was registering to vote as a Republican – because that’s what her father was. But then she married Thomas Leach, and his family – Democrats – were active in politics. For a while she stayed in the
"A lot of people pay attention to chairs, speakers and presidents, but from the standpoint of impacting policy and providing for her district, she’s one of five or six people in the Legislature that have major influence and everyone listens to."

House Speaker Bob Kiss

background watching and learning. She raised two children, Timothy and Peggy, and became active in several community groups. "In 1968 I met Jim Sprouse. I thought, 'Well if he can run for office, it’s certainly not beneath me.' So I volunteered for his campaign." She also became active in the Cabell County Democratic Women's Club, the Huntington Museum of Art, NAACP and the National Organization for Women, to name a few.

Despite her many activities, she’d always wanted to go back to school, so she enrolled in a few classes at Marshall and discovered a new passion. "It was fun to be down on campus and meet a lot of grad students I now see around town as professionals. So it broadened my horizons." She never did advance her nursing degree, but she did learn how to weave wool and linens in an art class, and Marshall made a friend for life.

Not only did she join the Big Green Club and become an active alumni member, but she became the ultimate fan. "I now have a little green room with lots of banners and pictures, green carpet and even a green and white tree at Christmas time." Life was good for a while with a swarm of activities. Then in the spring of 1991, Margarett Leach made a discovery.

"I looked at the people who had filed (for the House of Delegates) and didn’t see any women on the ballot. I called my friends asking if they’d run, and they kept saying I should do it. I kept saying ‘no,’ but my excuses for not doing it myself kept getting lamer and lamer. Finally I said, ‘Well, if no women run, I’ll do it.’ The rest, as they say, is history. (Actually, another woman did run, but Leach mistook her unisex name for a man’s name.)

Eleven years later Leach is still keeping up the good fight, serving on the House committees of Finance and Health and Human Resources, the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability and as a Budget Digest conferee. Since she is a nurse, health care continues to be one of her strongest interests. This session she hopes to tackle insurance costs.

"Every time there [is a cutback] in health care, it always seems to be balanced on the backs of the people. It isn’t fair.

I think it should be spread around."

While most big issues take years to move through the legislative process, Leach has the perseverance to see them through. House Speaker Bob Kiss says, "A lot of people pay attention to chairs, speakers and presidents, but from the standpoint of impacting policy and providing for her district, she’s one of five or six people in the Legislature that have major influence and everyone listens to."

Another issue of great importance to Delegate Leach is higher education, especially the recent cutbacks. "For a while I was pleased that we were beginning to do more for higher education and now it looks like we’re coming to a screeching halt. We can’t stop, or it will slide backwards." While Leach hasn’t been able to prevent the cutbacks at Marshall completely, she has been able to help in some areas. She was instrumental in securing $125,000 from the Legislature for the school’s "Faces of Appalachia," an initiative to advance the study of ethnicity and gender in Appalachia. "I was raised in Appalachia. I was born in Bluefield. Our lifestyles are very different from much of the country. We have patches where women are treated equally, but a lot where they’re not. It’s not done on purpose, but it does need to change."

That effort, as well as countless other good deeds for Marshall, has President Dan Angel singing her praises. "She’s able to do more with a phone call than a lot of people are able to do with much more effort. We’re fortunate to have her. She does an outstanding job, simply exemplary."

But Margarett Leach says she often calls upon various departments at Marshall to help her learn about different issues. She’s always impressed with the fact that she’s never put off and that both sides of the issue are presented. Therefore she feels lucky to have the school, too, and promises always to fight on its behalf. "Nobody’s going to look after Marshall, unless the people who love it do. They can’t have lobbyists, so they need delegates like me."

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The "Faces of Appalachia" initiative is increasing the understanding and awareness of the ethnic and gender diversity of the region.

Did you know West Virginia is the only state in the U.S. that's completely in Appalachia? Did you know the typical stereotype of an Appalachian settler may not be very accurate? These are reasons to celebrate, especially since Marshall has become one of the country's premier schools in the growing field of Appalachian Studies and is now poised to bring us new understanding and information about our area.

Marshall's highly-regarded Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia is certainly celebrating. Last year, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded the Center a Challenge Grant – one of only
four universities in the nation to receive such a grant during that application cycle. The first-year grant fund ($150,000) was matched by monies from the West Virginia Legislature and the West Virginia Humanities Council. The money will be used to support “Faces of Appalachia.” This program is a comprehensive initiative by Marshall and the Marshall-based Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) to advance the study of ethnicity and gender in Appalachia.

Because NEH grants are designed to assist the recipient in raising substantial financial support over a given period of time, “Faces of Appalachia” will be an ongoing, future-oriented initiative for Marshall. The resulting $2 million endowment will sustain multiple levels of work, from scholarly research and graduate-level teaching to a distinguished chair in the College of Liberal Arts, expanded post-doctoral research opportunities for newer scholars and the continuing education in the humanities of the region's K-12 teachers.

But what, to the lay person, does this initiative really involve, what does it accomplish - and why is it so important?

On a general level the goal of “Faces of Appalachia” is “to encourage and support research and the dissemination of that research about basic diversity in Appalachia,” says Dr. Lynda
Ann Ewen. The Marshall Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Anthropology and co-director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia points to the huge influx of foreigners into the state in the early 20th Century as examples of diverse peoples in our state who might have been marginalized or missed – people who run against the typical Anglo stereotype.

Ewen and co-director of the Center Dr. Linda Spatig, who together wrote the successful NEH grant proposal, hope the initiative increases understanding and awareness of the complexity of who Appalachians are, both to get rid of stereotypes and to expand knowledge – especially about those people who have been what Spatig calls “invisible” in past research. They named four particular prongs of “Faces of Appalachia” in the proposal.

First, the initiative will encourage university teaching about gender and ethnicity and Appalachian studies by establishing an endowed chair in Marshall's College of Liberal Arts. This will help combat the shame many young people feel about growing up in our region and their ignorance of the greatness of Appalachian history and culture. "I never learned anything about my heritage," Ewen laments. "Literature, music, art – this area has given a great deal to this country that people just don't know about."

Second, all ASA-affiliated university post-doctoral scholars will be free to compete for research funding. Young instructors with brand-new Ph.D.s often get paid very little; if a scholar has an interest in some aspect of gender or ethnicity this grant can make conducting research and writing for publications about the research financially feasible. According to Spatig, who is also the project director for "Faces of Appalachia," possible topics might include adding to the historical knowledge available for elementary students about women, girls or ethnic and religious minorities in Appalachia, broadening social studies curricula, or looking at Jewish groups, Italian coal miners or Latina textile workers.

A third aspect of the initiative involves using the scholars' finished research to affect Appalachian children's views of their region in a positive way. ASA colleges and universities, both public and private, can compete for "Faces of Appalachia" funding for a summer conference/workshop for K-12 teachers. Successful applicants will have relative freedom to determine the focus of their school's conference.

Lastly, a fairly small amount of grant money will be used to support a half-time staff person to handle the work involved with processing all the applications for competitive monies.

Of course without the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia, Marshall wouldn't have garnered its stellar reputation in Appalachian studies and may never have been a candidate for such a prestigious grant. The Center was funded until recently by Rockefeller Foundation grants, which were used over 10 semesters to bring 10 scholars to Marshall who carried out projects about gender and ethnicity in some aspect of the humanities. One of the most impressive things to spin off the center's work is a book series on these subjects at the Ohio University Press. The anthology of all 10 research papers produced by the Rockefeller scholars is currently in press.

The next large step for the initiative is raising $450,000 by July 31, 2004, to fulfill the NEH grant requirements. The plan to do so involves three steps: asking for small donations that add up over time, approaching individuals with substantial resources, especially those with an interest in this area, and making contact with major foundations that support gender and ethnicity studies.

State organizations are also responding to the NEH's nod of approval. At the spring meeting of the West Virginia Humanities Council Board of Directors, the board voted unanimously to support the "Faces of Appalachia" project. In fact, because of its importance both to Appalachia and to Marshall, they offered $25,000 instead of their usual $20,000 grant amount. (The money didn't come from their federal NEH funds, but from other resources.) This money, along with $125,000 from the state Legislature, thanks to the Cabell/Wayne delegation, was used to match the NEH's first year challenge grant money.

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Last, a fairly small amount of grant money will be used to support a half-time staff person to handle the work involved with processing all the applications for competitive monies.

Of course without the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia, Marshall wouldn't have garnered its stellar reputation in Appalachian studies and may never have been a candidate for such a prestigious grant. The Center was funded until recently by Rockefeller Foundation grants, which were used over 10 semesters to bring 10 scholars to Marshall who carried out projects about gender and ethnicity in some aspect of the humanities. One of the most impressive things to spin off the center's work is a book series on these subjects at the Ohio University Press. The anthology of all 10 research papers produced by the Rockefeller scholars is currently in press.

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(Above) Procter & Gamble headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio where Charles Hedrick worked for 30 years. (Photo courtesy of Procter & Gamble)
(Above Right) Dr. Dan Angel (left) with Marshall University supporters Mary Jo and Charles Hedrick.
Charles and Mary Jo Hedrick work quietly behind the scenes to honor outstanding faculty members and change students' lives through their generous donations.

Written by Kathy Young Carney • Photos by Rick Haye

Brian J. Richards strides across Marshall University's campus with the poise of personal success. The Wahama High School graduate eases into a comfortable classroom spot and works toward wrapping up her junior year as a psychology major. Her attention focuses only on her academic requirements for graduation and not the economics of college life. That's because Richards is a member of an elite group of five West Virginia scholars. As a Hedrick Scholar, Richards and the others receive money that can cover education costs beyond tuition.

"This scholarship has allowed me to be more independent in the financing of my education. To me, independence equals self-confidence, which in turn allows me to do better in my studies," Richards wrote in an e-mail interview. "Furthermore, the simple fact that I was endowed with such a prestigious scholarship improved my self-esteem and my overall outlook on my academic abilities."

Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick are Marshall alumni who quietly try to tend to the needs of students and faculty. The Cincinnati, Ohio couple remembers their years on the Marshall campus. Charles is from the class of '42. Mary Jo is a member of the class of '44.

"We owe a lot to Marshall and Cabell County," Charles says, while concerned that he would sound too noble. "Usually to help education you pay taxes for the next generation. But we live in Ohio and don't pay West Virginia taxes. So one way for us to repay was to give scholarships."

The couple is adamant about not labeling any Marshall structure with the Hedrick name. "We thought one of the most important things was to give students the money to go to college."

The funding for the Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick Scholarship comes in part from Charles' former employer, Procter & Gamble. Charles worked as corporate manager of employee relations and retired in 1985 after 38 years with the company. The corporation matches his annual contributions to Marshall as part of its giving program.

The Hedrick Scholarship provides funds to Marshall University students while they pursue bachelor's or graduate degrees. Eligible recipients must be West Virginia residents in addition to meeting and maintaining high academic standards. The Hedricks put their own unique touch on the award with priority given to students who live in counties where the Hedricks have ties or roots. Students in Cabell, Logan, Putnam and Wayne counties get first crack at the scholarship. However, if no one from those four counties applies or is eligible, students from other West Virginia counties are considered. Only one student is added to the recipient list each year.

Maria Ramey, a Lincoln County freshman, is the most recent student to benefit from the Hedricks' generosity. As for other Hedrick Scholars, being a top student means other monies are available too, but they don't have the flexibility of the Hedricks' generosity.
"The Hedricks are honored with a plaque on the Pathway of Prominence.

"The Hedrick Scholarship is to fill any gaps in funding that the other scholarships and grants do not cover," Ramey writes in response to questions over the Internet. "The Hedrick Scholarship, along with the John Marshall Scholarship, helps with housing and textbook costs, since the PROMISE Scholarship only pays for tuition and fees."

Ramey says she was encouraged to apply for the scholarship by Martha Woodward, Executive Director of the John R. Hall Center of Academic Excellence. Woodward handles all of the university's honors and academic scholarship programs.

"All scholarships are good," Woodward says, "but something supplemental like this is so helpful. And people don't generally think about that. It takes the student's mind off of money and lets him or her go to school and do good things."

"The Hedricks certainly are wonderful people who have changed students' lives in ways they'll never know. These are really good kids who are going to make us proud and make the Hedricks proud."

The Hedricks are involved in funding two other programs on campus in addition to the Hedrick Scholarship. The Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award is named in honor of Charles' father, a former Marshall professor who founded the graduate school. The award annually recognizes an exceptional faculty member with a $5,000 award. The Hedrick Tutoring Program is one that is close to Mary Jo's heart since it involves education majors helping elementary-aged children. She is a former teacher.

The Hedricks are reluctant to discuss their donations to Marshall, even though they have been recognized for their monetary support and are remembering Marshall in their wills.

"We don't want to blow our own horn," Mary Jo explains. Charles adds, "Too often people pay more attention to money than they do to the purpose of what is achieved. We just don't want people thinking in terms of how much money we are going to commit to Marshall.

"The only thing we've permitted the university to do in response to our giving, and we did so very reluctantly, was let them put our name on the Pathway of Prominence which says we're giving over a million dollars. But we aren't talking beyond that."

Dr. Lynne Mayer, associate vice president for development, has worked with the Hedricks as they have given money to the university. She says they are people with a real passion to want to give back to the community.

"They are such high-quality people and have such a wonderful warm spot in their heart for Marshall," Mayer says. "They want to really reward quality. It's exciting."

"I have not had the honor of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick yet, but I would very much like to meet them and let them know how important this scholarship is and how much I appreciate it," Ramey writes.

"I feel extremely honored to be deemed a Hedrick Scholar," Richards writes. "Especially since there are so few of them, and the selections that are made must be strict and difficult. As I said before, the simple fact alone that I was picked bolsters my self-confidence and self-esteem."

"I am really privileged to be called a Hedrick Scholar," agrees Ramey. "I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick for making this scholarship available and for supporting the Marshall community."
The Hedricks

Students roaming the halls of Marshall College in the 1920s knew the little fellow crawling around as Charles Embury Hedrick's son. The family lived across the street from campus, where the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center now stands. The senior Hedrick was a professor instrumental in establishing Marshall's first graduate program.

Charles Barnhart Hedrick enrolled at Marshall at an early age by attending the Marshall Laboratory School, a place where student teachers could practice. He was there for the first six years of his education.

He returned to Marshall after completing Central Junior and Huntington High schools.

"I had to take education because Dad wanted me to be a teacher," Hedrick explains as he recounts his college classes. "I was interested in either law school or business. So I was in pre-law, business and education."

Young Hedrick led his Class of '42 as valedictorian. He graduated summa cum laude and earned a bachelor's degree. Later he received an M.B.A. in Industrial Management from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, in 1947. Between stints as a student he was a Lt. Commander with the U.S. Naval Reserve and was in the Pacific during World War II.

The Hedricks have one son whose name follows Hedrick tradition. His first name is Charles and his middle name is his mother's maiden name. Charles Locke Hedrick manages a computer center at Rutgers University.

"He has a legitimate Ph.D. degree from Carnegie Mellon (University). Dad had a legitimate Ph.D. degree from what is now Vanderbilt (University). And I have what I call an illegitimate one from Ohio Northern (University)," Hedrick laughs.

"His is an honorary one," Mary Jo explains as she joins in the chuckling at an old joke.

Charles B. Hedrick has had a lot of honors throughout his life. He retired from Procter & Gamble after a 38-year career with the company that kept him in Cincinnati, Ohio.

As corporate manager of employee relations, Hedrick was responsible for three different areas. He was in charge of personnel administration, international personnel and industrial relations.

Hedrick has served on the Board of Directors for Ohio Northern University along with Bethesda Hospital and Tri-Health, both in Cincinnati.
Marshall's Campaign for National Prominence passed two-thirds of its goal of $100,000,000 on January 1 of this year. The campaign total was $71,346,016 at press time. Here are just a few of the many gifts - which have taken many forms including bequests, gifts in kind and gifts for specific purposes or for general university needs - making up the total.

1. The university has renamed Marshall Stadium the Joan C. Edwards Stadium in recognition of her many significant gifts to Marshall.

2. Tim and Sandy Haymaker, Jim and Verna Gibson, Bill and Joyce Willis and Selby and Donna Wellman were honored with plaques on the Pathway of Prominence. Centrally located on the Huntington campus, the pathway recognizes those whose gifts to Marshall have totaled $1 million or more.

3. Drs. Elizabeth and John Drinko, longtime and loyal friends of Marshall, are members of the Pathway of Prominence and have supported projects such as the John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, the annual Drinko Symposium and Celebration of Academics, and the John Deaver Drinko Library, among many others.

4. Marshall instituted the Thunder Club for those with qualifying gifts to the university's athletic program. Shown here are Chris Yaudas (right) and Head Football Coach Bobby Pruett.

5. Dow Chemical Corporation has given an additional acre of land at the South Charleston Campus. This gift-in-kind will enable the university to proceed with the campus' master plan.

6. Bob and Lena Shell, Jim and Verna Gibson, and Menis and Judy Ketchum have led the way with funding toward new uniforms for Marshall's Marching Thunder.

7. Hugh Stillman (left), Jim and Gladys Haymer, and more than 80 others are members of the President's Circle, which recognizes leadership gifts to Marshall of $100,000 and more.

8. Harvey White has provided a major gift to support the endowment for the Dr. Simon D. Perry Academic Program on Constitutional Democracy.

9. Nelson Bond has given his personal papers to the Marshall University Libraries. Bond, a renowned author who attended Marshall in the 1930s, is considered one of the founders of modern fantasy and science fiction.

10. Ruth Butler's long record of gifts to Marshall was among the reasons for her being named West Virginia Philanthropist of the Year for 2003. She is shown receiving her President's Circle Jacket from Elsie Pruett (left).

11. The Marshall University Graduate College Foundation received a bequest from Lillian Ostrin to support the Glenwood Estate in Charleston.

12. C. Donald and Sandra Soto Hatfield, both Marshall alumni, have made a commitment of $15,000 through their Revocable Living Trust. They have planned to establish through their estate the C. Donald Hatfield and Sandra Soto Hatfield Scholarship Endowment Fund. This fund will provide annual awards to students in Music, French or Journalism who have demonstrated financial need. In addition, Sandy and her two sisters, Shirley Soto Lusk and Tomasina Soto Michel, also Marshall alums, have just established an endowed scholarship, the Sue Soto Scholarship for Strings, in memory of their mother.

Visit the campaign Web site at www.mucampaign.com to learn more.
Two-Thirds Mark
Man of Steel

Steel of West Virginia CEO Timothy Duke has created a unique internship program that has earned him a place in Marshall's Business School Hall of Fame.

Article by Tim R. Massey • Photography by David E. Fattaleh

Aesthetically, the two entities facing each other across Huntington's broad Fifth Avenue between Hal Greer Boulevard and 19th Street couldn't be more opposite. Despite Steel of West Virginia's modern multi-million dollar operation inside, its industrial complex stands in stark contrast to Marshall University's stately downtown campus.

However, the two couldn't be more compatible neighbors thanks in large part to the efforts of Steel of West Virginia President and Chief Executive Officer Timothy Duke. One of his first actions when he was hired as comptroller at the company in 1987 was to establish an accounting internship program with Marshall's Lewis College of Business. He has since moved up the corporate ladder and was hired at his current position in 1997.

Over the years, 40 Marshall accounting students have taken advantage of the program in which they work part time while school is in session and full time during the summer. Several interns have since taken jobs at Steel of West Virginia, while others have used the experience to build their resumes and find good-paying jobs at companies in other parts of the country.

Duke says establishing the program was one of the best decisions the company has made in the past 16 years.

"We get the 'cream of the crop' students from Marshall," he says. "I travel a lot, and I have interviewed students from places like Harvard and Yale. I would match the students I get from Marshall with any of them.

"They come in here and work in marketing, engineering and accounting. They're not here to make coffee. If they want a cup, they can get it for themselves. They do meaningful work."

For his devotion to the program and many other services to Marshall, on Oct. 21, 2003, Duke was inducted into the Marshall University Graduate School of Management Business Hall of Fame.

Rick Slater, a partner with the Charleston-based Simpson and Osborne accounting firm, says he nominated Duke for the Hall of Fame after working with him and observing his actions over the years.

"He is a man of high integrity," Slater says. "When Tim Duke says he will do something, he always keeps his word. I have watched him work for a number of years, and I have seen his interns perform. That program is a model for other companies to follow.

"Mr. Duke is highly regarded in the business community, not only in Huntington but elsewhere in the state. He was instrumental in getting some of the worker's compensation legislation changed in the Legislature."

Cal Kent, former dean of Marshall's Lewis College of Business and now Vice President for Technology Commercialization, agrees with Slater.

"Tim Duke richly deserves the honor," Kent says. "I was fortunate enough to inherit the Steel of West Virginia intern program when I came to Marshall. It is a real asset to our students.

"Not only do they get some financial help to pay for their education, they get a real valuable working experience. They
don't do scut work. They don't put on a suit and sit around. They are allowed to contribute to the company's operation."

Kent, who serves as president of Huntington's City Council, says the program is successful because of Duke's insistence that interns be working employees.

"Tim has always been very flexible with the students' hours," Kent says. "They are allowed to work around their class schedules. He also has spoken to many classes over the years, and several of our students have been hired by Steel of West Virginia."

One such student was Matthew Pasley of Wayne, who is now a staff accountant with American Energy Co. in St. Louis. He worked as an intern at Steel of West Virginia.

"Matt would have loved to have worked here, but he had to go somewhere else where the economy was better," says his father, Bob Pasley, the Wayne County Clerk. "Matt applied at four companies in St. Louis and they all wanted him."

"The experience he got at Steel of West Virginia was invaluable. He worked in several departments there and learned the steel business from the ground up."

A Pittsburgh, Pa., native, the 52-year-old Duke says he is flattered by the Hall of Fame induction and treasures the etched book plaque presented to him during the ceremonies at the Charleston Town Center Marriott.

"I try to help out at Marshall when I can," he says. "I've been a guest speaker in several classes and I'm an advisor to their accounting club. I try to pay them back for all the students we have had working here. They are in great demand when they graduate from Marshall."

"Actually, we should have an alumni association for the former interns. The graduates who have gone to other states usually stop by here when they're in town. It's always a joy for us to see them again."

As devoted as he is to the internship program, Duke has deep concerns these days trying to keep the Steel of West Virginia business financially afloat. Rising energy prices and the cost of scrap metal is making his job much tougher. The Huntington-based company depends on a good supply of affordable scrap metal that can be recycled into use as fabricated steel.

"Asian countries, especially China, are buying up all of the scrap metal they can find," he says. "It's making it difficult on us. We buy scrap metal like old stoves or refrigerator doors that can be reused in our furnaces."

Under Duke's guidance, the company invested $65 million in 1997-98 to modernize its plant to stay competitive in the volatile steel business. Its computerized furnaces enable the company to produce almost any kind of specialized steel product in addition to manufacturing fork-lift rails, truck-protection railing and highway guard rails.

"If we hadn't made those updates five years ago, we probably wouldn't be in business today," he says.

Even with the state-of-the-art furnaces, Steel of West Virginia still struggles to keep up with $60 million-a-month electric bills and natural gas prices that have nearly tripled since the mid-1980s. It maintains a workforce of 494 people despite the pressures to stay competitive.

Many credit Duke's adroit decisions and demanding leadership with keeping Steel of West Virginia viable. Bruce Groff, the company's director of human resources, says his boss demands excellence from everyone, including himself.

"All you would have to do is watch Tim play golf to know how competitive he is," Groff says. "He wants to be the best in whatever he does."

The son of a Pittsburgh policeman, Duke worked his way through Penn State University and earned a Master of Business Administration from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Along the way, he worked full-time in Pittsburgh steel mills, at a pharmacy, as a janitor and at United Parcel Service. And he still managed to graduate with honors. He and his wife, Julie, have been married 31 years. Their two sons, Robert and Brian, are both college graduates. Robert, who earned an MBA from Carnegie Mellon, works as director of strategic planning for a company in West Palm Beach, Fla., and Brian is a purchasing manager for a company in Charlotte, N.C.

Julie has completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees in education from Marshall since the couple moved to Huntington.

"Tim is devoted to his family," Groff says. "He has lunch with Julie every day, and they visit the boys whenever they get a chance."

Duke also keeps an impressive book of jokes to use when he is called upon to speak in public. It helps him share his sense of humor, even when the business picture is anything but rosy.

"I have the distinction of being president of the only steel company in West Virginia that is not in bankruptcy," he says with a wry smile. "I just hope we can keep it going."

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on the rebound

by tim stephens

photos by rick haye
The basketball program is stepping up to Conference USA competition and coaches Royce Chadwick and Ron Jirsa stand ready for the new challenge.

Royce Chadwick would have loved to have inherited the kind of team that Ron Jirsa did this season.

Chadwick, Marshall's women's basketball coach, is turning around a program that was in the bottom third in the nation three years ago. Jirsa, Marshall's men's coach, is trying to build into a championship contender a program that has been mediocre for years. Which coach will get there first remains to be seen, but they're pulling for each other.

Both coaches know winning. Jirsa led Georgia to two National Invitation Tournament appearances. Chadwick guided Stephen F. Austin to seven NCAA Tournament appearances and has more than 400 victories. Can they duplicate that success at Marshall?

"I wouldn't have come here if I didn't think we could win," said Chadwick, who sleeps with a notepad beside his bed so that he can jot down ideas at any moment. "We have the foundation laid for a very bright future."

Chadwick, though, isn't long on patience. Back-to-back losing seasons weren't unexpected in Chadwick's first two seasons. A third one is out of the question. Chadwick's first two recruiting classes rank in the top 50 nationally. Now, he is blending those young players, such as Huntington's Keyshawnna Curry, with a handful of veterans, such as senior Catie Knable, hungry for an end to the losing. The results are promising. Early-season victories over Wake Forest and Texas A & M have fans buzzing.

Chadwick, who once figured to become an accountant, is eager to count the victories as he has so many times before. Chadwick has won more than two-thirds of the games in which he has coached. Chadwick loves winning, but not as much as he hates losing. "It's hard to believe I've coached in 600 games," Chadwick said. "That's 600 shootarounds. Who knows how many practices? I've had a lot of help in all of those games."

A native of Floydada, Texas, Chadwick was the women's basketball national coach of the year in 1992. He led Stephen F. Austin to the Sweet 16 in 1996. No wonder that when Marshall needed a coach to replace Julienne Simpson, Chadwick was the person President Dan Angel sought most.

"We look forward to achieving national prominence with Royce Chadwick," Angel said.

Chadwick has tradition to build upon. Sarah Evans-Moore led the Thundering Herd to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1996.
"I wouldn’t have come here if I didn’t think we could win. We have the foundation laid for a very bright future."

Royce Chadwick

Before her, Judy Southard built a fledgling program into a Southern Conference power.

Chadwick’s team started quickly this season, winning its first five and eight of its first nine. The veteran coach knows, though, frustration is but one losing streak away. Chadwick learned that from his father, Kelly, who tried to discourage his son from the coaching profession before giving in and helping him land his first college head coaching job – at Panhandle State. There, Chadwick learned quickly, especially when it came to people skills. Chadwick has sharpened those skills, as anyone who has attended one of his practices knows well. Chadwick is quick with a handshake and a “how are you?” Such charm sets well with players, too. With women more so than men? Not necessarily. Chadwick simply enjoys the women’s game more than the men’s.

“The girls always want to get better,” Chadwick said. “They pull together and get the job done.”

That aspect of the game Chadwick cherishes even more than winning. He loves to see players improve and he pushes them hard to do so.

“I try to put as much pressure on them as I can for them to reach their full potential,” Chadwick said.

Ah, living up to potential. That’s something Herd fans perceive Marshall’s men’s program hasn’t done since the late 1980s. Coach Rick Huckabay captured fans’ affection like no other, leaving successors Dana Altman, Dwight Freeman, Billy Donovan and Greg White to make erstwhile, yet futile, efforts to recapture the
glory of victory. Altman stuck around just one season. Coaches Freeman and White were looked upon as leaders of underachieving teams.

Can Jirsa do what those four couldn’t? Time will tell. If he can’t, he and his players might die trying.

Jirsa stresses fundamentals, hustle and hard work. He insists that players dive for every loose ball, fight for each rebound, battle through every pick. Jirsa describes his favored style of play as “smash-mouth, old-school.” This, the fans probably will like, as long as it leads to victory.

Under White and Freeman, Marshall featured a collection of stellar talent – Tamar Slay, J.R. VanHoose, John Taft and the like. Jirsa desires more than talent. He demands teamwork, whether it be from the all-conference superstar or the 12th man off the bench.

Jirsa must combat the scrutiny of the fans and boosters who pigeonhole coaches into various categories. Bob Zuffelato, they said, was a terrific recruiter, but not much of a coach. Same for Freeman and White.

Jirsa, 43 and a native of Ledyard, Ct., doesn’t need the fans’ lofty expectations. He brings enough to the court already.

“Marshall has gotten a coach with a tremendous work ethic and values,” said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, who coached with Jirsa at Virginia Commonwealth, Tulsa and Georgia. “Ron’s a proven winner. He has a great eye for talent and I think he will be very successful.”

Smith’s recommendation was a key factor in MU athletic director Bob Marcum’s decision to hire Jirsa.
"I'm excited about Ron," Marcum said. "We set certain criteria for the job and he meets them. He has head coaching experience at the highest level and he is a proven recruiter. I believe our fans will be pleased to have him."

Jirsa knows the fans likely will allow a bit of a honeymoon period, as long as his initial season isn't a disaster. Expectations, this season at least, aren't particularly high. That, undoubtedly, will change as fans clamor for the success of the past.

"Marshall University has a program with a proud tradition and unlimited potential for future success," Jirsa said.

While fans might prefer the past, Jirsa is focused squarely on the future. He displayed that with his first recruiting class – four players from throughout the South. While fans asked about scoring averages and rebounding abilities, Jirsa's emphasis was predictable.

"I'm very impressed with their work ethic and their love for the game," Jirsa said of his newest recruits.

One critical difference in the 2003-2004 Marshall men's and women's teams when compared to the past few seasons might be summed up in one word – intensity. Both teams have battled hard, not especially unusual for squads under new coaches. The key is, will that intensity remain in the future? Chadwick's record indicates that it will, while Jirsa's no-nonsense approach almost certainly mandates an all-out effort from each player. As each coach brings in his own recruits – both still have players from the former staffs – fans likely will get a better handle on the coaching styles of each.

How well such intensity translates into victories figures to be a determining factor in how quickly each program turns around.

Tim Stephens is the Huntington area director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
When Marshall fans mention the Thundering Herd’s move from the Mid-American Conference to Conference USA, the talk usually turns to football.

Basketball, men’s and women’s, figure to be major players in MU’s new league, as well.

“Conference USA will be a step up for us competitively,” Marshall men’s coach Ron Jirsa said.

Marshall plans to move to C-USA beginning with the 2005 football season. The Herd men provided C-USA members with a glimpse of what they can expect earlier this season when they won at C-USA member Alabama-Birmingham. While that victory was a confidence booster for the Herd, much work needs to be done. Marshall’s men haven’t been to an NCAA Tournament in 17 years and never have won a Mid-American Conference title since joining the league in 1996. Winning a title in C-USA could be an even greater challenge.

“The game with UAB was a measuring stick,” Jirsa said. “It helped us get a better idea of where we need to go to be competitive in Conference USA. We can’t put too much into it, though, because it was just one game.”

More uncertainty exists as C-USA changes. Marshall and Central Florida are leaving the MAC to join a league that also is bringing in Rice, Southern Methodist and Tulsa to a conference that includes East Carolina, Houston, Memphis, Southern Mississippi, Tulane and UAB. Charlotte, TCU and Saint Louis are leaving, along with basketball powers Cincinnati, Louisville, DePaul and Marquette, significantly changing the face of the conference.

Herd officials are excited about the move to a higher-profile conference.

“This move allows Marshall exposure in a wider range and in larger markets,” Marshall athletic director Bob Marcum said. “The Mid-American Conference has been a great league for Marshall, but we are excited about our new membership in Conference USA and the opportunity to develop new rivalries.”

Marshall women’s basketball coach Royce Chadwick likes the move. He said Conference USA offers more post-season opportunities for his team.

“A MAC team with a 26-0 record that loses the championship game of its tournament goes home, while a Conference USA tournament loser with an undefeated regular season gets an NCAA at-large berth,” Chadwick said. “I think the MAC is strong in basketball and C-USA is strong in basketball, but the difference is the way they are perceived coast to coast and that’s what’s so exciting for us. The perception of Conference USA is that it is a much stronger league.”

Chadwick said the MAC is more of a “smash-mouth,” physical league, while C-USA features a more fast-paced style. Chadwick also put aside concerns about travel in C-USA, where Marshall’s nearest opponent, East Carolina, is an eight-hour drive from Huntington. Most MAC schools are within a five-hour drive of Marshall’s campus.

“In mileage, Northern Illinois is closer to us than is Houston,” Chadwick said. “But Houston is much easier and quicker to get to.”
A Message from Tom Harris [MUAA president]

Photo credit: Kent Bryant Photography

It's hard to believe the current fiscal year at Marshall is at the halfway point. Since July we have experienced a number of exciting events that have moved our university closer to national prominence.

The construction of the Edwards Cancer Center is well under way adjacent to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and four beautiful new dormitory buildings were completed and dedicated through the generosity of Jim and Verna Gibson, Tim and Sandy Haymaker, Selby and Donna Wellman, and Bill and Joyce Willis. In addition, a much-needed dining hall has opened, bearing the name of longtime Marshall friend Buck Harless. We cannot thank these loyal supporters enough for their dedication and vision in helping improve the quality of education and programs at Marshall.

As you know, a primary goal of the MUAA is to complete the funding phase for the new Erickson Alumni Center so construction can begin this year. While I am pleased to report that we are more than halfway to our goal of raising $3 million, much needs to be done in a very short period of time. We need the support of all of our alumni and friends in order to make this important project a reality. You can help by designating a portion of your gift to Marshall University to the EAC Building Fund. We want the new center to be a "home away from home" for visitors to our campus. I personally believe it is important for all alums to participate in building our new center, regardless of the size of the gift. Please carefully consider providing your financial support. Your generosity will count as a gift to the Campaign for National Prominence. For more information contact Lance West at the alumni office at (304) 696-5407.

Another important goal for the association this year is to develop a long-range plan that will provide strategic direction for the next five years. Thanks to the efforts of Jeff Sawyer, Jeff Porter and other members of the Long Range Planning Committee, we will be publishing our plan on our newly designed MUAA Web site. Look for more details in the near future.

I also want to thank Paul Beckett and the Homecoming Committee for their hard work in making Homecoming 2003 one of the best in recent memory. In spite of reduced funding, Paul and the committee were able to put together an exciting weekend consisting of quality events. Look for Homecoming 2004 to be even better!

And finally, I would be remiss if I did not take the opportunity to thank the fine staff working on your behalf. Nancy Pelphrey, Kimberly Hudson, Jerry Schroyer and Jenny Drastura have done a magnificent job of keeping things going in the face of reduced funding. Lance West deserves our thanks for his willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done.
Hundreds of Marshall alumni and friends have invested in the campaign to construct a new Erickson Alumni Center at Marshall University. The goal for this very special facility is $3 million and we are more than halfway there.

It is the intention of the Alumni Association’s Board of Directors to provide a first class facility of which all alumni, friends, students, parents, faculty and staff can be proud, and which can serve a very visible role as a gathering place for many years to come.

Having just honored our 90,000th graduate at Marshall, we’ve undertaken this challenge as we celebrate that milestone. Our numerous alumni and friends need a home away from home, and we are asking all to consider making an investment today in this project. We believe it is critical to have as many supporters toward this project as possible to realize the $3 million goal, so all contributions of any size are important and welcome.

Within this facility are various naming opportunities to recognize families, friends, peers or businesses. A complete list of all current contributors and naming opportunities is available on the MUAA Web site – www.marshall.edu/alumni.

Thank you to those who have already given to this project. Your involvement with the Alumni Association plays an important role in the future of the university. We welcome your participation and look forward to having you at the dedication of this new facility.

We welcome your input and encourage you to stop by the Erickson Alumni Center to see us. You are important to Marshall.

ALUMNI WEEKEND
April 2-3, 2004

Whether you are into swing dancing or not, you can still have a swinging time during Alumni Weekend next April 2-3!

Some new events have been added to the calendar, ranging from academic to athletic.

Thursday, April 1
The John Deaver Drisko Symposium will be held at 2 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Drisko Fellow Dr. Edward Bingham of the Department of Music will give a presentation and musical performance, "Reflections from the Bridge: Observations on the Creative Process." A reception will follow. Free and open to the public.

Friday, April 2
The Elizabeth Gibson Drisko Honors Convocation will be held at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The featured speaker will be Jane Alexander, former president of the National Endowment for the Arts and accomplished actress. This is the 10th anniversary of the Celebration of Academics. A reception will follow. Free and open to the public.

A Champagne Reception will be held for all contributors to the Erickson Alumni Center Campaign at the President’s Home from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 3
The Class Luncheon will honor the 50th reunion class (1954) and the 60th reunion class (1944). They will be joined by the rest of the Grand Class – those who graduated before 1954. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The cost is $20 per person.

The Trolley Tour will run from 1:30 to 3 p.m. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to see the changes in your alma mater. Sign up today, as seating is limited.

The annual Green & White Spring Game will be held at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium at 4 p.m. Cost is $5 per person.

The President’s Social will be held at the Memorial Student Center Plaza from 6 to 6:45 p.m. The Alumni Banquet to honor our distinguished alumni and friends will follow in the Don Morris Room at 7 p.m. The theme, “Swing Time at Marshall,” will be in full force. The cost for this event is $40 per person or $70 per couple.
ALUMNI WEEKEND • APRIL 2-3, 2004 • “SWING TIME AT MARSHALL”

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Friday, April 2

Champagne Reception • 5 - 6:30 p.m. • President’s Home • Held for all contributors to the EAC

Green and White Spring Game

Class luncheon honoring 50th reunion (1954), 60th class (1944) & Grand Class (pre-1954) • Noon - 1:30 p.m. • Don Morris Room (MSC) • Members of the classes of ’44 and ’54 receive one complimentary ticket.

President’s Social Hour • 6 - 6:45 p.m. • MSC Plaza

Complimentary

Saturday, April 3

Alumni Awards Banquet • 7 p.m. • Don Morris Room (MSC)

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To make reservations and for more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations: (800) MU-ALUMX (682-5869) or (304) 696-2901

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Homecoming 2003 – "As Green As It Gets" – was a week filled with decorations, student activities, a blood drive, alum run, parade, receptions, breakfasts, luncheons, banquets, reunions and parties, a new King and Queen and last but certainly not least, a football game! Here are some great pictures from a great week. For more, visit marshall.edu/alumni/HC2003recap.asp.

1. President Dan Angel and Sabrina Simpson, admissions assistant (third from left), meet with student ambassadors. The Welcome Center participated in the Alumni Association's Office Decorating Contest and won "The Most Attractive Office" award in the Small Office Division.

2. Bill Willis, Selby Wellman, and Jim and Verna K. Gibson attend the Coaches Breakfast at the Erickson Alumni Center. The breakfast kicks off the Homecoming weekend activities.


4. The 2003 Homecoming Court. Brooke Bailey from Scott Depot, W.Va., and Ricky Boggs from Sum Black Church, W.Va., were elected Homecoming Queen and Mr. Marshall by the Marshall student body.

5. During halftime ceremonies, trophies were presented by Student Government for the Best Marching Band and the Best Float. Members of Student Government and the Alumni Association gather on the sideline following those presentations.

6. Paul Beckett, chairman of the Homecoming Committee, and Kimberly Hudson, member of the Alumni Relations staff, greet everyone as they enter "Lunch Under the Tent."
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Hong (John) Xie

MAJ 1995

Hong (John) Xie never dreamed that coming to the United States would change his life so much, but it has and he is very grateful.

John graduated from Beijing Normal University in China, and took a position as a radio announcer in Beijing. He stayed for nine years, but felt he really had no future there, especially after he was moved from one position to another when the government suspected he was sympathetic to the Chinese Democracy Movement. He knew some Americans for whom he had done some translating, and they suggested he brush up on his English and apply to some colleges in the United States. After applying to only a few, he was accepted into the graduate journalism program at Marshall.

"Studying journalism in a free society is so different from China, where the media are just a mouthpiece of the government," said John. "The professors and students at Marshall were very serious about this responsibility and realized the role they would play as members of the press for the entire society. And the topics we discussed -- we never had that in China. There is just no comparison in the laws and ethics in journalism between here and China."

John particularly remembers Professors Wallace Knight and Dwight Jensen, Dr. George Arnold and Dr. Hal Shaver. "The professors were knowledgeable and very patient with me as a foreign student."

He anticipated going back to China after completing his degree, but was offered a job with Voice of America in Washington, D.C. VOA, part of the International Broadcasting Bureau, reaches people in 55 languages around the world with news and information. John began as a broadcaster, conducting interviews and doing news stories in the Mandarin dialect, spoken in about 80 percent of China. He is now senior editor for the organization.

"I really liked Huntington," said John. "I only spent two years there but I remember the people as being so nice and friendly. Their kindness represents the best of the people in this country."

John and his wife, Joy, reside in Virginia with their son, Bailey.
Alumni Awards April 3, 2004

Eleven alumni and students will be honored at the Alumni Awards banquet on Saturday, April 3, 2004.

The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to attorney William “Bill” Willis and CNN news correspondent Sean Callebs. This award is given to Marshall alumni for outstanding national achievements in their particular fields of endeavor.

Bill Willis, ’48, practices law, concentrating in commercial litigation in courts throughout the United States. He is a retired partner with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City and still serves as senior counsel.

After graduating from Marshall summa cum laude, Willis attended Harvard University where he received his juris doctor degree cum laude in 1951. He received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Marshall in 1997.

He has been involved in numerous high profile cases, including the AT&T break-up decree, National Football League player disputes and the Exxon Valdez case, as well as a number of securities and banking law cases and antitrust litigations.

Willis is married to Joyce Litteral and they have three children.

Sean Callebs, ’83, is an Atlanta-based national correspondent for CNN NewsSource, the world’s most extensively syndicated news feed service with more than 750 network affiliates and independent stations nationwide. In 1993 he won an Emmy Award for coverage of Midwestern floods, and was honored the same year with a gold medal at the New York Film Festival for a special on Alaska dealing with the after effects of the Exxon Valdez spill.

Before joining CNN, Callebs was an anchor and editor for WSAZ-TV in Huntington-Charleston, W.Va., and, before that, an anchor and producer for CNN and NBC affiliate WIS-TV in Columbia, S.C.

The Community Achievement Award will be presented to educator William Smith and speech pathologists Jaqueline “Jackie” Scaggs Frazier and Vickie Hinzman Pullins. This award is given to alumni for success in their fields of endeavor and personal contributions to their respective communities.

Jackie Frazier and Vickie Pullins graduated from Marshall with degrees in speech pathology in 1974. They both went on to earn their master’s degrees in that field. In 1990 they decided to form a private practice in speech pathology in Charleston. Since then, LinguaCare Associates Inc. has been providing services to children in public school systems and to adults in nursing homes and hospitals. LinguaCare employs six full-time and nine part-time speech pathologists, serving four hospitals and nine county school systems. They also provide training to Marshall and West Virginia University students and continuing education programs to speech pathologists nationwide.

Frazier and Pullins are active in their communities supporting various programs to encourage children and youth.

Frazier is married to Barney Warren Frazier and has two children. Pullins is married to Charles Adrian Pullins and has three children.

William Smith, assistant superintendent of Cabell County Public Schools, graduated from Marshall with a bachelor of arts degree in 1973 and a master of arts in 1976. He received a Gifted Education Certification in 1977 and an educational administration certification in 1989. He is responsible for, among other things, the development and implementation of the instructional program for preschool through adult basic education; Title I programs; special education programs; and student services such as alternative education, at-risk student programs and drop-out prevention.

Smith received the Marshall University Black Alumni Association Achievement Award in 1985 and the Huntington Black Professional and Business Women’s Association Recognition Award for Contributions in the Field of Education in 1986. He is a member of the West Virginia State Department’s Education First Committee for The National Goals 2000, and a member of Leadership Tri-State. Among his numerous community activities are chairperson of the board of advisers for Marshall’s Community and Technical College; chairman of the board for Tri-State Occupation and Industrialization Center (OIC); and a member of the Martin Luther King Symposium Committee, the Tri-State area Council of Boys Scouts of America, the HOSPICE of Huntington board of directors and the Huntington/Ironton Empowerment Zone Inc.

He is married to Victoria L. Smith, ’75.

The Distinguished Service to the Community Award will be presented to businessmen Gary G. White and Joseph L. Williams Jr.

Gary White, ’97, is president and chief executive officer of International Industries Inc., a natural resources and manufacturing company with locations in five states, headquartered in
Gilbert. He is a member and immediate past chairman of the Marshall University Institutional Board of Governors and second vice president of the Marshall University Foundation Inc. In addition, he serves as vice president of the Larry Joe Harless Community Center Foundation Inc.; chairman of the board of trustees of the Appalachian Hardwoods Manufacturers Association; and a member of the board of directors of West Virginia Media Holding LLC, RAF America’s Riverton Coal Company and The West Virginia Coal Association, among others.

White was appointed by former Gov. Cecil H. Underwood to his transition team in 1996-97 and by former Gov. Gaston Caperton to the West Virginia Board of Education.

In 2003, he was honored as the recipient of the City of Hope “Spirit of Life” award and was inducted into Marshall’s Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business Hall of Fame.

White and his wife, Jo Ann, reside in Logan with their daughter.

Joseph Williams, ’78, is chairman, president and chief executive officer of BASIC Supply Company Inc. in Huntington. He also serves as director of First Sentry Bank in Huntington, Adams National Bank in Washington, D.C. and the West Virginia Capital Corporation. He is a member of the Marshall University Institutional Board of Governors, the Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation board of directors and the State of West Virginia Workforce Investment Council.

Among his many awards and recognitions are the Marshall University Most Outstanding Black Alumni Award in 1984; Who’s Who Among Black Americans; a profile in The Herald-Dispatch’s “Movers & Shakers” feature (1988), and the paper’s “50 Most Influential People in the 20th Century” (1999).

Other accomplishments are founder and director of the Ebony Golf Classic, former member of the Huntington City Council and former mayor and assistant mayor of Huntington. Williams is married to Shirley Ann Johnson Williams and they have four children.

The Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award will be presented to Dr. Marcia Harrison, professor of biological sciences. Harrison has been a member of the Marshall community since 1986. Her professional service to the community includes director of the West Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair, director of the West Virginia Junior Academy of Science and a member of the Educational Committee of the American Society of Gravitational Space Biology. On campus she is chair of the NASA Space Grant Committee, manages the College of Science Greenhouse and the teaching lab “Cell Central,” and serves on the advisory group for the new biotechnology building, among other responsibilities. She also excels as a mentor and advisor to her students.

John “Dick” Mayberry (BA’58) of Berkeley, Calif., just finished his 48th year of teaching. He still coaches basketball and conducts basketball camps and clinics for Meadowlark Lemon.

1960s
Dr. Rebecca H. Goodwin (BA’62, MA’75, Ed.D.’02), a part-time teacher in the Leadership Studies program at the Graduate College, is the recipient of the Edgar L. Morphet Dissertation Award, given annually by the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration to recognize scholarship in the dissertation stage of advanced academic work.

Jack Dickinson (BA’66), bibliographer for the Rosanna Blake Confederate Collection at Marshall, has published The Civil War Diary of James P. Stevens, a transcription of an actual soldier’s diary. Jack is the author of eight books and numerous articles on the Civil War.

Carl Tom Ashley (MS’67) of Richmond, Ky., runs the United States arm of Pivotal Resources Ltd. of Cambridge, United Kingdom, a consulting firm specializing in digital printing.

Terri Robinson (MA’68) introduced her second historical novel at this year’s Kentucky Book Fair held in Frankfort in November 2003. Haunted Hunting Ground is a story set in mid-1700 Kentucky County, Va., about a long-hunter and what he discovers in the land called eerie, dark and bloody.

Sam Zimmerman (BS’68, MBA’74) of Wilmington, N.C., had a hole-in-one on the Wilmington Municipal Golf Course with a 4-iron at 165 yards.

1970s
Robert F. Cosmai (BA’71) of Coto De Caza, Calif., was promoted to president/chief executive officer of Hyundai Motor America after serving five years as vice president of national sales.

Dianna L. Smith Wood (BA’71) was selected as Kanawha County’s 2002-03 Educator of the Year. She is the county’s Title 1 reading specialist and has been employed by the county for 32 years.

Priscilla M. Roberts (BA’73) of Alexandria, Ky., received the Golden Apple Award, sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Education Alliance, the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and The Kentucky
The Hunter Award was created by the MUAA for the purpose of recognizing outstanding achievements and providing incentives for continued service from faculty to the community, the university and students in their respective fields. Award nominees were evaluated on their professional service to the community and their service to the university and its students.

Two Nancy Pelphrey Herd Village Scholarships will be awarded. Michaelyn Ann Butcher, '06, will be presented with the Cheerleader Scholarship. A pre-communications disorders major, Butcher is active in a number of campus and community projects, including reading programs in elementary schools, campus blood drives, care packages to troops, Branches (domestic shelter), the Robby Page Memorial Walk, Sweatequity Day and the Wild Dawg Safe Trick-or-Treat Night.

Nicholas Slate, '05, will receive the Marching Band Scholarship. He is an integrated science and technology major. His activities and accomplishments include director of the Handbell Choir at Aldersgate and Barboursville First United Methodist churches; teaching assistant for Marshall IST courses; and assistant instructor for the Sissonville High School marching band. He is employed in Charleston, providing contract-based technology services.

The Cam Henderson Scholarship Award goes to John Ryan Stewart, a senior from Barbourville and a member of the Herd golf team. He is active in the Student Advisory Committee, the Golden Key Honor Society, and has made the Dean's List every semester in college while majoring in accounting and finance.

The Cam Henderson Scholarship was established by the Alumni Association in the name of legendary football and basketball coach Cam Henderson. It is given yearly to the student athlete who best exemplifies the spirit of scholarship while participating in athletics.
Dr. Patrick Bonasso  M.D. 1978

As the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine nears the graduation of its 1,000th physician, we thought we might take a look at the very first graduate of the School of Medicine, Class of 1978.

Dr. Patrick Bonasso, who has joked that he is the first graduate since there were no A's, is proud to have received all of his education in West Virginia. A graduate of Fairmont Senior High School and West Virginia University, he wanted to move to a different part of the state and felt Marshall had more to offer and would be more of a challenge. "I wanted to be one of the pioneers in the first graduating class," said Bonasso. "And I was attracted to Marshall's emphasis on primary care and preparing the physicians to return to their communities after graduation.

"The novelty of being in the first class was very refreshing," said Bonasso. "And the 3:1 ratio of professors to students was wonderful. It is usually the other way around at medical schools. Bruce Ratcliff, Gary Gilbert, Ted Haddock and other private physicians were a tremendous influence on my going into OB/GYN. The late Dr. David Charles was so dynamic, in fact, that half of the class of 18 went into obstetrics.

"There have been quite a few changes since the days when part of the School was housed in the old C&O Hospital Building on Sixth Avenue," said Bonasso. "When I came back to the School of Medicine in 2001, it was so much bigger, so much more sophisticated - and the facilities were phenomenal."

Bonasso has been practicing for 18 years in Fairmont with WomanCare Inc., the only OB/GYN clinic in Marion County. He and his two associates, Dr. Staci Stewart and Dr. Elizabeth Jarem, also have a satellite office in Bridgeport.

He is still involved in medical education as well. He has served as a clinical associate professor at the West Virginia University School of Medicine since 1987, and takes students from Marshall, Alderson-Broaddus College and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine for OB/GYN clinics and rotations. He is a fellow of the American College of OB/GYN and a member of the Marion County Medical Society, the West Virginia Medical Association and the Pittsburgh OB/GYN Society.

Bonasso and his wife, Barbara, have seven children ranging in age from 13 to 27, and four dogs.
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1. Men's basketball coach Ron Jirsa (left) attends the Northeast Ohio Club reception in August. He is pictured here with Charlie Slack, '56, former basketball standout for Marshall College. Charlie continues to hold the NCAA record for the most rebounds per game.

2. This past October, the Hilton Head Alumni Club met and shared many stories about Marshall and discussed the Campaign for National Prominence. Pictured here are Dr. Jack and Lisa Kroening. Jack is modeling his raffle winnings—a Marshall shirt and hat.

3. Rodney Hamrick, club president, is pictured with other members of the Herd faithful at an event for the Central Ohio Club. This group will be assisting the Alumni Association during the MU vs. Ohio State game in 2004.

4. A group of dedicated alumni gather prior to the Central Florida football game. Coach Bobby Pruett gave some insight as to what to expect during the game. Pictured are Jim Alexander, Bob Brammer, Tim Haymaker and Pat White. The Central Florida Club had a great event the following day just before the game.

5. Pictured are a group of club presidents who attended the 2003 Club Weekend at Marshall University. Dr. and Mrs. Angel graciously hosted a luncheon at the President's Home.

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Some interesting points from the yearbook:

  - 1906 enrollment: 978
  - Total value of school property: $265,000
  - Number of volumes in library: 7,000
  - Sports: Football, basketball, baseball, tennis, croquet and golf, the latter two "confined to those who were more desirous of the sport as a mere form of exercise, than for any competitive reason."

- Football schedule: University of Cincinnati; Portsmouth, Ohio; Ashland, Ky.; Georgetown University; Morris Harvey College
  - 1908 Class President: J.R. Davis
  - Class of 1908 Colors: Old gold and white

This column is designed to give you the opportunity to share pleasant memories of your student days at Marshall College/University. You can send your memory, 500 words or fewer, to Marshall Memories, MU Alumni Association, One John Marshall Dr., Huntington, WV 25755; or e-mail drastura@marshall.edu.

Members of the Class of 1908 at their 1958 Reunion, Frederick Hotel. Photo provided by Lindsay L. Lapole III, grandson of Clyde Wellman, class president.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Larew, Herman O. Fast, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spangler, Ollie May Myles, Zuma Garrett Adkins, Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. Ona Bias, Norma Cox Stevens, Anna La Rue Tully, Sybil Ball, Miner Smith, Earl Wilkinson, Frank Grass, Miss Kimbill, Dr. Smith, Mrs. Miner Smith, Dr. J., Ben Robinson, Mary Donaldson, Bessy Franklin, Dr. Florence Van Bibber, Pearl Calloway Cadell, Janie White, Va Wellman, Mr. Hymes, Va Bryant Hymes, Max Wilcoxen, Mrs. Wilcoxen, Mr. John Foster, Ernest Bradley, Mamie Spangler, Clyde Wellman, Otis Jernigan, Eunice Riggs Knight, George Welker, Jane Gotshall, Bernice Coe McConnell, Frankie W. Anderson, Willa Woodwards, R.J. Largent, Mrs. C. E. Hayworth, Nellie Goddard, Hubert Sayre, Flossie Cox

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Planning for the next 25 years.

In 2004, St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute celebrates its 25th year of providing advanced cardiac care to the Tri-State.

Thousands of people have benefited from lifesaving cardiac procedures performed by the highly skilled and dedicated physicians associated with St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute.

As we plan for the next 25 years, St. Mary's Medical Center is pleased to announce construction of a three-story, 87,000 square foot facility on the corner of 29th Street and Collis Avenue, that will house St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute, a Wellness Center, and new Emergency/Trauma Department.

This facility demonstrates St. Mary's commitment to providing the finest, state-of-the-art cardiac care to the tri-state region.

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