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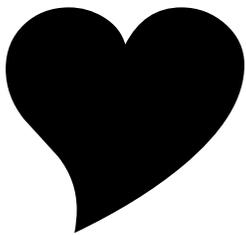
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Marshall Community Asked to 'Bleed Green, Go Red'

A series of events sponsored by Marshall University's College of Health Professions and the Student Health Education and Women's Centers, will continue on the Huntington campus during February in conjunction with American Heart Month. All events are open to the public.



The kickoff took place at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center. The date was designated as national "Go Red for Women" day to help increase awareness of the dangers of heart disease in women. In keeping with the day's theme, everyone was encouraged to wear red

apparel of some sort.

Each week during February a group of activities designed to increase awareness of heart disease and to educate participants about heart disease prevention will be offered. The schedule of events includes:

- Feb. 6 – Trainer talk, 12 noon, Memorial Student Center cafeteria; interested participants are

encouraged to bring lunch and discover the benefits of supervised exercise.

- Feb. 7 – Lunch seminar, "The Good and Bad Cholesterol: An Interactive Learning Workshop," 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., John Spotts Room, MSC; Clinical Lab Sciences Professor Jennifer Perry will lead a discussion of cholesterol.
- Feb. 8 – Health foods demonstration, time to be announced, Corbly Hall 101; dietetic interns will demonstrate how to prepare heart healthy foods. Seating is limited so interested individuals are encouraged to contact Marilyn Fox at 696-2620 or cohnp@marshall.edu or Kelli Williams at 696-4336 or dietetics@marshall.edu to reserve seats.
- Feb. 13 – Genetics and Cardiovascular Disease – 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., John Spotts Room, MSC; Marshall Community and Technical College Associate Dean Jean Chappell will present her research on these topics.
- Feb. 14 – Heart Health Walk – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Memorial Student Center lobby; Participants are

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Undergraduates to Participate in Research Day at Capitol

Twenty-five Marshall University students will take part in the fourth annual Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol in Charleston on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Marshall is one of twelve colleges and universities that will be represented at Undergraduate Research Day, which runs from 8:45 a.m. to noon in the Capitol Rotunda. In all, 106 students will participate.

Undergraduate Research Day allows students to present their discoveries in poster format and talk to legislators about their findings. The projects are original research and the posters have been designed for a general audience.

Students will present their posters in the areas of biology, psychology, computer science and information technology, forensic science, physics, chemistry, biochemistry, sociology/social work, engineering, history, African studies, political science, English, environmental studies and geology.

"This event offers a great opportunity for members of the state Legislature to interact with students attend-

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Spring Film Festival Starts Feb. 9

The week-long 2007 International Film Festival, which was originally scheduled to take place in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, has been relocated to the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The festival, which runs Feb. 9-15, features six films shown on a rotating schedule. "We are thrilled to be back in the Keith-Albee for our Spring Film Festival. The move makes perfect sense with new film equipment, the large movie screen and the success of the fall festival," said Angela Jones, marketing director for the Marshall Artists Series

Films to be featured are:

- *L'Enfant* (France) The film begins with the birth of a child, but its real story is the moral rebirth of a man. Dispossessed 20-year-old Bruno lives with his 18-year-old girlfriend Sonia, in an eastern Belgian steel town. They live off Sonia's unemployment benefits and the panhandling and petty theft committed by Bruno and his gang. Their lives change forever when Sonia has a baby.
- *Three Times* (Taiwan). Told as three love stories, each set in a different era—a 1966 pool hall, a

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Retired Marshall Professor Receives Humanities Award

Dr. Joyce East, who before her retirement last year was a professor of English and Director of the Humanities program at Marshall University Graduate College, was named the recipient of the 2006 Charles H. Daugherty Award in the Humanities.

The award was presented last fall as part of the West Virginia Humanities Council's annual Betsy K. McCreight Lecture at the Cultural Center in Charleston.

East served on numerous advisory boards including Project TEACH, the Center for Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia, and the South Charleston Museum. As an early member of the board of directors of the West Virginia Humanities Council, she provided guidance to the Council. She went on to lead successful Humanities Council grants, projects, including the popular Shakespeare teacher institutes.

Staff Council Sets Election for Feb. 6-7

The Classified Staff Council will be conducting an election to fill vacant positions in EEO Groups 10, 30, and 40 for the remainder of the 2006-2007 term. Elected candidates will serve on Council until June 30, 2007.

Electronic voting is scheduled from 7 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6 until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7. Electronic voting instructions are available on the Staff Council web page at <http://www.marshall.edu/staff-council/Evoting%20System%20Instructions.htm>

The nominees are:

- EEO Group 10, Administrative, Executive & Managerial: Ronnie Hicks, Plant Operations.
- EEO Group 30, Other Professionals: Karen Barker, Center for Advancement of Teaching & Learning; Terri Moran, Lewis College of Business; Jan Parker, Graduate College; Feon Smith, Multicultural Affairs.
- EEO Group 40 – Technical & Paraprofessional: John Bowen, Bursar's office; Jennifer Jimison, Financial Aid; Patsy Stephenson, Library.

"We are pleased to honor Dr. East for her dedication to the humanities in West Virginia," said the Council's executive director, Dr. Ken Sullivan. "The award amounts in practice to a lifetime achievement award, and Joyce East's work and commitment in this field prove her richly deserving of this honor."

Past recipients of the Daugherty Award are Henry Gates, Jr., Mary Lee Settle, Denise Giardina, Fred Barkey and Robert C. Byrd.

Mine Safety Courses Go Online

In an attempt to meet regional, national and international demand, Marshall University is now offering courses from its successful mine safety graduate program online.

Dr. Tony Szwilski, a registered professional mining engineer, interim dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering and the program director, said students from West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, California, New Mexico, Colorado and Alabama who are pursuing a graduate degree in mine safety can take some of the courses online.

"This is an exciting initiative," Szwilski said. "We at Marshall are grateful to Senator Robert C. Byrd for his passion and commitment to improving mine safety and health, which in large part led to the birth of this program. Thanks to Senator Byrd, this program is today a thriving part of mine safety and health education in West Virginia."

The program was created 27 years ago when Marshall and the Mine Health and Safety Academy in Beckley entered into a partnership that has resulted in graduate degrees opportunities in mine safety. To date, more than 130 people, including Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), state government and industry personnel, have participated in the program.

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Spring Artists Series Programs Move to Keith-Albee

The Mannheim Steamroller show, *Fresh Aire*, scheduled for April 10, has been moved from the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center to the Keith-Albee Theatre. The Spring Film Festival, which runs Feb. 9-15, also will take place at the Keith-Albee.

The changes have come about because planned renovations to the Keith-Albee, originally scheduled for the winter and spring months, have been pushed back to summer. The series' season closer, Luis Bravo's *Forever Tango*, also will move to the Keith-Albee.

The larger venue will allow more people to see these presentations. *Fresh Aire* was an immediate sellout when tickets went on sale in September.

Profile: Carol Skaggs

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Carol Skaggs

Need some white mice, computers, office furnishings, books on any topic, furnishings, lab materials, assorted equipment and any other sundry item you can think of? You're in luck because Carol Skaggs and her staff will see that, once it's ordered, you get it in a timely manner, delivered to your door.

Skaggs, who completed 30 years at Marshall last September, is the supervisor of Receiving, a department which co-manages inventory for the university. "We receive anything you can think of, we get it all," she says matter of factly. And just as items come in, they also go out again, a collection of disparate things that might include bugs or beetles on their way to a museum, lab specimens and chemical compounds being sent off to be analyzed, and occasionally even the Marco costume when it's in need of repairs or alterations.

In addition, "we shipped out football championship rings to some of the students who had left campus before receiving them," she recalls.

She has a refreshing take on the packages of all sizes and shapes that arrive daily. "We get a lot of things people in the university wouldn't think about, items that are needed to keep it running. The whole university is made up of so many diverse people and it's so rich in information that each box you pick up has its own little story."

Particularly the mice. Needed for various labs, they come in from time to time and Skaggs makes sure they are sent swiftly on their way. "They're not bad looking—they're furry and white—but I don't want to see their beady little eyes looking at me through the screen. I want to make sure they're taken care of but I don't want to play with them!" she says, laughing.

Skaggs is very happy with the department's newest location. They share spacious quarters in a building that also houses the art department's ceramics and sculpture studios, located on Second Ave. and 21st Street. "The art department needed more room, as we did, and we got an area which is wonderful for our purposes. And the artists are really good neighbors."

One big task her department undertakes twice a year is the popular "yard sale," where surplus and other university items that are no longer needed are put up for sale to the general public. It's an eclectic list of things that range from computers and all types of equipment to some rather unusual objects people buy for furniture.

"The yard sale is a very good thing," Skaggs says. "Many students come looking for unusual items they can use in their rooms or homes. There was a dentist's chair that some students bought as a novelty furnishing. I can't imagine why," she says laughing, "but people find uses for all kinds of things."

Sale items usually include computers, they're older but still usable Skaggs says. "It's a chance for people here to 'clean out their closets' and we end up with such things as hospital beds, museum tables, chairs of all types, even 'rescu babies' used by the med school.

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Spring Film Festival

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1911 brothel, and present day Taipei, the film stars the same actors in all three sections. The director suggests that time passes differently when you are deeply in love.

- *The Death of Mr. Lazarescu* (Romania). Mr. Lazarescu, a 60-ish widower living alone in Bucharest with his cats, one evening feels sick enough to call an ambulance. This is the beginning of his Dantesque odyssey deep into the bowels of a big city medical establishment.
- *Don't Tell* (Italian). This film is based on the celebrated Italian novel "La Bestia nel Cuore." It's the story of a woman's journey into her past and the aftermath of confronting personal demons long hidden beneath the surface of her psyche. Because of its eerie feel it's been compared to Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo* because the audience can't be sure that what they're seeing is really happening.
- *Quinceanera* (USA) A young Latino girl prepares for her fifteenth birthday and her Quinceanera, a rite of passage event to be held in honor of her entry into womanhood. As the event approaches Magdalena is consumed with thoughts of her boyfriend, her Quinceanera dress and the Hummer limo she hopes will show up on her special day. Life seems so simple until fate delivers an unwelcome surprise—she is pregnant.
- *Sophie Scholl – The Final Days* (Germany) This is the true story of Germany's most famous anti-Nazi heroine. Julia Jentsch turns in a luminous performance as the young coed turned fearless activist. Using long-buried historical records of her incarceration, director Marc Rothmund expertly re-creates the last six days of Sophie Scholl's life, a journey from arrest to interrogation, trial and sentence.

Tickets for full-time Marshall students are free and Marshall faculty and staff pay \$5.50. Individual tickets cost \$7 and no advance tickets are necessary. Season ticket holders will be admitted 30 minutes prior to each film. Individual tickets can be purchased 15 minutes prior to each film.

Following is the schedule of showings:

- Friday, Feb. 9 – 5:30, L'Enfant; 7:30, Three Times; 9:45, Don't Tell
- Saturday, Feb. 10 – 2:30, Death of Mr. Lazarescu; 5:30, Quinceanera; 7:30, Sophie Scholl – Final Days; 9:45, L'Enfant
- Sunday, Feb. 11 – 2:30, Sophie Scholl – Final Days; 5:30, Don't Tell; 7:30, Three Times; 9:45, Death of Mr. Lazarescu
- Monday, Feb. 12 – 5:30, Quinceanera; 7:30, Three Times
- Tuesday, Feb. 13 – 5:30, L'Enfant; 7:30, Death of Mr. Lazarescu
- Wednesday, Feb. 14 – 5:30, Don't Tell; 7:30, Sophie Scholl - Final days
- Thursday, Feb. 15 – 5:30, Quinceanera; 7:30, Death of Mr. Lazarescu

Carol Skaggs

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We don't always make a lot of money, but it's a regeneration of funds."

The upcoming spring sale is scheduled for sometime in late March and items are currently being picked up.

Her job is anything but boring, says the energetic and enthusiastic Skaggs. But her busy life would be much more complicated if not for her biggest booster—her husband Ronald. "I'm so lucky that I have my own private cheerleader in my husband. He takes care of everything at home and makes sure everything goes smoothly for me. He even fixes dinner and has it waiting for me when I come home each day!"

In a quirk of fate, Skaggs has always been with the Receiving department since she began as a student assistant in 1972. At the time she was a full time student majoring in history and geography. She quit school when her daughter Christy was born and stayed out of the workforce for a few years before returning to Receiving as a secretary. Her job and people skills, along with her dedication to her duties, helped her move up to the position of supervisor, where she's been for the past 27 years.

And her commitment to get a degree wasn't forgotten either. With gritty determination she started the long climb back up the academic ladder by taking one course a semester. It took 23 years to do it, but finally in 2000 she was the proud possessor of a Regents B.A. degree. She's a big booster of the staff who run the Regents degree program. "They gave me a chance to use the experience I had to get my degree."

Skaggs is originally from Greenbrier County, where her family still has a farm. Her father moved the family to Huntington in 1967 where he worked for Marshall until his retirement 13 years later.

The last five years have been difficult ones for the Skaggs family. They lost their granddaughter Brittany in 2003 and both her parents and her father-in-law also have died during that time. Today daughter Christy and her husband live in Pedro, Ohio, with their son Michael, who is "ten going on 15," his amused grandmother says.

And the Skaggs may be among the relatively few families that sport a real working jukebox in their living room. "My husband is 'nut' about jukeboxes; he loves them! We go all over to pick them up...They're a big part of our life, we really enjoy them." They're not collectors as such. They find ones they want on e-Bay and quickly sell whatever current one is gracing their living room.

It's not surprising that Skaggs, as a history major, is a real Civil War buff. She and her husband have visited most of the major battlefields and plan some future trips back for more leisurely exploring. In addition they collect Civil War memorabilia.

"We're real flea market fans...I buy antiques I like ... their value isn't important. I don't expect to sell them and make money, although I do watch the antique road show programs on TV. You never know!" To date she has added such diverse items as a victrola, a copper canner, a grinding wheel and assorted old dishes to her growing collection.

Skaggs is looking forward to getting her 30-year service award at the upcoming annual luncheon which honors years of service. She's seen major changes take place during her tenure here. There are more students now and technological advances have made most jobs easier. "When I started work the inventory was on 3 x 7 cards. With all the computerized systems now it's hard to remember we actually worked that way.

"I've been fortunate at Marshall...Marshall is one of the greatest places to be in terms of people and the strides we've made. The plane crash was such a tragedy—it was so very hard—but we've picked ourselves up and moved on."

Heart Health

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encouraged to walk the campus wearing red; information on exercise activities will be available and those who complete the walk will receive a prize.

- Feb. 14 – Trainer talk, 12 noon – 1 p.m., Memorial Student Center cafeteria; after completing the walk, participants can bring a lunch and hear what trainers can do for them.
- Feb. 15 – Dean Ornish Foods demonstration, time to be announced, Corbly Hall 101; dietetic interns will demonstrate how to prepare foods that are part of the Dean Ornish diet and will provide information on how lifestyle change can reduce the risk of heart disease. Seating is limited so interested individuals are encouraged to contact Marilyn Fox or Kelli Williams to reserve seats.
- Feb. 21 – Heart Health Fair, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., Memorial Student Center lobby; information on how to prevent heart disease will be offered and glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure testing will be available.

Undergraduates

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ing the state's colleges and universities and have the opportunity to see the kinds of one-on-one activities that take place between students and faculty," said Dr. Michael Castellani, professor and chair of the chemistry department.

Castellani, co-chair of the event's organizing committee, said legislators have shown a lot of interest in the students and their projects in the three previous years.

"We've been thrilled with the interest shown by members of the state Legislature," he said. "Visits with the students have increased each year, showing the level of interest legislators have in higher education in West Virginia."

Mine Safety Courses

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President Stephen J. Kopp said offering the mine safety graduate courses online to students in other states is a key step in making sure mine safety graduate courses online to students in other states is a key step in making sure mine safety nationwide continues to improve.

"It is exciting for Marshall University to be able to use the latest distance learning technologies to offer this important program," Kopp said. "The demand for the program is clear and we hope and expect that many students will take advantage of this opportunity."