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We Are...Marshall!

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Marshall Unveils Virtual Campus at Capitol

Marshall University unveiled its revamped and revitalized online learning experience during an electronic ribbon cutting ceremony March 16 at the West Virginia state capitol in connection with Higher Education Day at the legislature.

First Lady Gayle Manchin symbolically cut a ribbon to unveil Marshall's Virtual Campus during the event in the Governor's Reception Room. Marshall Interim President Michael J. Farrell presided over the ceremony, which highlighted MU's participation in Higher Education Day at the Capitol.

"By expanding access and resources to our most rural populations, Marshall University is meeting educational needs in a cost effective, scalable and quality centric model," Farrell said. "The online program features real interaction with outstanding faculty members in a collaborative, high-touch environment."

Others who took part in today's ceremony included Chancellor J. Michael Mullen; Senator Robert Plymale, Chair of the Senate

Education Committee; Dr. Steve Paine, Deputy State Secretary of Education, and Nancy Sturm, Gov. Joe Manchin's education technology coordinator.

In addition to online multimedia course materials, Farrell said, everything from registration to accessing the world's literature is just a click away. "Marshall University ONLINE expands lifelong learning educational opportunities for all students, from high school to senior citizens," the president said.

Marshall University ONLINE offers hundreds of totally online courses or technology enhanced courses to thousands of students worldwide.

"Online courses at Marshall University are designed for students who prefer to learn outside the physical classroom, according to their own schedules," said Matthew Christian, director of the Center for Instructional Technology. "Our goal is to offer Marshall University courses with a method of online delivery that will expand student access to our programs, courses, and services and that will provide them with a high quality educational experience."

The courses are developed by Marshall instructors and reflect the same scope and depth of material offered in the traditional classroom. Students earn the same college credit as they would earn in traditional on-campus classes. All of the learning tools students need – syllabi, course materials, e-mail,

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Interim President Michael J. Farrell (left) and West Virginia First Lady Gayle Manchin applaud the unveiling of Marshall's new Virtual Campus at Higher Education Day at the Legislature.

'Marathon Man' to Visit Marshall March 29

The athlete known as "The Miraculous Marathon Man," for his indomitable spirit and his hand-cranked wheelchair racing, Dr. Dick Traum, will be making appearances in the Memorial Student Center and on the South Charleston campus on Tuesday, March 29, as a part of DisAbilities Day.

He will follow up campus appearances with a speech and reception in Huntington at 7 p.m. in the Huntington Physical Therapy facility at 2240 Fifth Avenue. All events are free and open to the public.

Traum will speak at 11 a.m. in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center and at 3 p.m. at the Graduate College in South Charleston.

After losing his right leg following a car accident at the age of 24, Traum became the first amputee to complete a marathon race. After the accident, he began running to keep in shape and in 1976 he became the first amputee to complete the New York City Marathon—26.2 miles—in seven hours and 24 minutes. Since then he has run more than 100 long distance races.

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'Third House' Tickets on Sale

Tickets are available for "The Third House," the political satire scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 at the West Virginia Cultural Center in Charleston.

The event includes skits and songs that poke fun at state political officials.

"This is the 16th year for Third House. It's a great time for the members of the media and the members of the Legislature to get together and have a laugh," said Corley F. Dennison III, Interim Dean of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The event, sponsored by Marshall University's Journalism and Mass Communications Alumni Association, is a fundraiser for the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Tickets may be purchased at the House of Representatives Clerk's office, the Senate Clerk's office or the Governor's Press Secretary office at the West Virginia Capitol. For more information or special needs, call the Marshall University W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at (304) 696-2360.

Single tickets are \$25. Tickets may be purchased at the patron level for \$300 for 12 tickets including two VIP tickets for seats in the front of the auditorium with political leaders.

A reception follows the event in the Cultural Center Great Hall.

Dennison Named Dean of Journalism School

Dr. Corley Dennison, interim dean of Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications for the past year, has been named permanent dean of the School, Interim President Michael J. Farrell has announced.



Dr. Corley Dennison

A search committee selected Dennison for the position, which he has held on an interim basis since the death of former dean Hal Shaver a year ago.

"Corley Dennison is an outstanding educator who has dedicated his professional career to Marshall University," Farrell said. "I am very pleased to remove the interim tag and recognize our new dean. I am confident that he will continue the excellence in journal-

ism and mass communications that has been the hallmark of this academic discipline."

Provost Sarah Denman, too, said she is elated with the choice of Dennison as the School's dean.

"We're very happy that out of the search process Dr. Dennison rose to the top as the best choice of the search committee and all groups that participated in the interview process," Denman said. "I am confident that he can lead the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications to the next level of excellence. I look forward to working with him in the future."

Dennison, a native of Sutton, W.Va., has been at Marshall since 1985, teaching a full range of graduate and undergraduate journalism and mass communications courses during that time. He was assistant dean to Shaver from 2003 until Shaver's death on March 1, 2004.

"I really appreciate the support from faculty, students and the entire campus during this process," Dennison said. "I've been working in the interim role for a year, and I'm looking forward to starting some new ideas and projects for the school."

Dennison described his year as interim dean as "really good, productive and busy." During that time, the School of Journalism had its five-year review, introduced a fundraising effort known as J-Walk, and began the process

of moving The Parthenon headquarters from Smith Hall to the Communications Building.

Dennison received his B.A. in Mass Communications in 1976 from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., and his master's degree in English with emphasis in Speech Communications in 1984 from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Mo.

In 1992, Dennison earned his Ed.D from West Virginia University in Educational Administration, with a minor in Journalism.

After graduating from James Madison, he spent nine years in both commercial and public broadcasting. He assisted in putting four radio stations on the air, including NPR affiliate WMRA-FM in Harrisonburg, Va., and WKYY-AM in Amherst, Va.

From 1980 to 1985, Dennison served as operations director of the Broadcast Services Center at Northwest Missouri State University which included KXCV-FM, a National Public Radio affiliate, KDLX-FM and KNWT-TV-cable channel 8.

His production credits include the NBC Radio network, National Public Radio and multiple syndicated programs in numerous midwestern markets, including St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha, Neb.

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'Well at Work' Open House Set for March 30 in South Charleston

A "Well at Work" open house will take place on the South Charleston campus Wednesday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 319 of the Administration Building.

The Mountain State School of Massage will give free "chair" massages during those hours. Those wishing to participate can sign up by notifying Philann White at pwhite@marshall.edu. She will assign times and send out notifications.

In addition, representatives from the Dow Health and Fitness Center and Weight Watchers will be on hand to answer questions and sign up new members. Those attending the open house will have the opportunity to join "Well at Work" as well as learn about upcoming lunchtime workshops which will cover the following topics:

April 28 - Yoga - presenter, Rob Price from Namaste Yoga
June - Nutrition - Date and Presenter to be announced
Aug. 31 - Stress - Jo Anne McNemar - free 5 minute "chair" massages

Depta Poem Heard on 'A Prairie Home Companion'

Poet, playwright and novelist Vic Depta, who teaches classes for the English Department, had one of his poems, *Tuition Costs*, read by Garrison Keillor on the nationally broadcast "A Prairie Home Companion," earlier this month. The poem is from Depta's book, *The Helen Poems*, which was published in the mid-90's.

Depta is the author of seven poetry collections, two collections of plays, and a novel, *The West Virginia Trilogy*. His most recent poetry collection is *Azrael on the Mountain* (2003). He is Professor Emeritus from the University of Tennessee-Martin.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of April 1, 2005. Deadline is March 25. Articles or other materials for consideration should be sent to Pat Dickson, editor, at the South Charleston campus or by e-mail to pdickson@marshall.edu.



Service Awards Luncheon Slated for June 9

Marshall University's 21st annual Service Awards Luncheon will be held Thursday, June 9th from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

The following is a *tentative* the list of university staff members who will receive awards:

For 15 Years of Service: Lisa Allen, Jeanette Augustine, Karen Beach, Richard Begley, Frances Browning, Debra Chapman, Betty Cleckley, Sandra Clements, Robert Collier, Janet Combs, F. Layton Cottrill, David Cremeans, Teresa Dennis, Brenda Flemings, Melissa Gebhardt, Barbara Hicks, Thomas Jessup, Terry Kates, Anna Lawhon, Robbie Layne, James Parker, Carolyn Plybon, Ann Pofahl, Bonnie Ross, Sabrina Simpson, Olive Smith, John Stepp, William Thornhill, Sandra Toppings, Meena Wadhwa, Susan Weinstein, Vickie White, Charlene Wideman, Margaret Wilmink, Janis Winkfield, Suzann Workman, and Katherine Zimmerman.

For 20 Years of Service: Betty Adkins, Louis Aulick, John Bailey, Linda Beaver, Merry Brown, William Burdette, Mary Cassell, Edna Diane Cole, James Eans, Jeffery Ellis, Jan Fox, Patricia Gallagher, Karen Haney, Fonda Hedgecock, Ronnie Hicks, Karen Johnson, Randy Layne, Joseph Marshman, Chris McGuffin, Charles Newton, Richard Petit, Timothy Rider, Victoria Seguin, Evelyn Tooley, and Gary Weis.

For 25 Years of Service: Larry Barnhill, Phyllis Bias, Timothy Calvert, Dennis Casey, Jerri Clagg, Carla Cook, Denver Cooper, Russell Dobbins, Deborah Dorsey, Bernie Elliott, Frances Hensley, Thomas Irwin, James Jones, Edna Justice, Karen Kirtley, Darla Kuryla, Sharon Lake, Thomas Laney, William Lewis, Ted Massey, Sherri Noble, Richard Osburn, Wanda Peters, Martha Pierson, Jacqueline Smith, Keith Spears, Dennis Turner, and Jack Wilson.

For 30 Years of Service: Kathy Adkins, Linda Bondurant, Patsy Dickson, Russell Dorton, Joseph Dragovich, Jeffery Edwards, Nadine Hamrick, Shannon Harshbarger, and Cynthia Warren.

For 35 Years of Service: Clarence Martin.

Staff Council to Choose Chair, ACCE Representative

An election to choose the Staff Council Chair for the 2005-2007 term and classified staff representatives for the Advisory Council for Classified Employees (ACCE) and the Institutional Board of Governors (IBOG) will be held Thursday, April 7.

H.B. 2224 mandates that the Staff Council Chair will be by direct election by all classified staff employees.

Nomination forms have been sent to classified staff by campus mail. The forms should be returned to the Staff Council Office no later than Friday, March 25. Nominations will not be accepted after that date.

Mike Dunn is the incumbent for Staff Council Chair and is eligible for re-election.

Sherri Noble is the incumbent for the Board of Governors seat and is eligible for re-election.

Stephanie Neal is the incumbent for the Advisory Council position and is eligible for re-election.

The Election Committee hopes to have electronic voting available for this election. Information and instructions on e-voting will be available on Outlook or through campus mail.

Retirees: Constance Anderson, Linda Beegle, Linda Bondurant, Lynn Boyes, David Chase, David Cremeans, Brenda Dolan, Dorothy Godgluck, Delbert Harless, Fonda Hedgecock, Kay Hesson, Roger Hite, Barbara J. Lanham, Barbara S. Lanham, Edna McClain, Sandra Means, William T. Moore, Patricia Mulcahy, Kenneth O'Neal, Guy Priestley, Tim Rider, Sharon Sluss, Lola Stratton, Patricia Walker, Phyllis Wehrmann, Margaret S. Wilmink, Martha Woodward, and Sue Wright.

To be eligible for awards employees must have completed 15, 20, 25, 30, or 35 years of service to Marshall University by May 1, 2005. (*Marshall University Graduate College service counts as Marshall University service.*) If it appears that someone has been left off this list, please contact Joe Wortham at 696-5402.

Baker Recognized by Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia

Dr. Elaine Baker, professor of psychology and director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at Marshall University, was one of five West Virginia faculty members honored as finalists in the Professor of the Year competition sponsored by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia.

The foundation each year honors an outstanding faculty member at a West Virginia college or university. Wayne de Rosset, associate professor of English at Glenville State College, was named this year's Professor of the Year at a banquet in Charleston that recognized the five finalists.

"I appreciate the recognition, and I applaud the West Virginia Faculty Merit Foundation for its ongoing commitment to quality teaching in higher education," Baker said.

The award carries a \$10,000 cash prize, which is presented by the foundation with financial support from Columbia Gas Transmission.

In addition to De Rosset and Baker, the other finalists were William D. Martin, professor of Anatomy at the West

Pennington Appointed to Foundation Position



McRae Pennington

McRae Pennington, a Greenup County, Ky., native, has accepted a recently created position with the Marshall University Foundation, Inc.

Pennington is the new Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. She started her new job, in which she works to facilitate relationships between the Foundation and corporate donors, on March 7.

Before coming to Marshall, Pennington worked in Dayton, Ohio, as a regional sales executive with LexisNexis. A licensed attorney in Kentucky, she worked for the Jefferson County Attorney's Office in 2000-2001 and later was a financial advisor for companies in Maryland and Kentucky.

Pennington is a 1993 graduate of Raceland-Worthington High School in Raceland, Ky., a 1997 graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., and a 2001 graduate of the University of Louisville's Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

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Terry is Academic Coordinator for Physical Therapist Program

Kelly Terry, who has taught in the Marshall Community and Technical College's Physical Therapist Assistant Program as an adjunct faculty member for the past four years, is the program's new Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education.



Kelly Terry

Terry's teaching assignments have included orthopedic rehabilitation, patient care skills and physical therapy procedures. She has been an active member of the program's Advisory and Admission's Committees, and has been employed with Tri-State Rehab Services as well as Genesis Rehab Services where she treated a variety of orthopedic and geriatric diagnosis. She has also provided athletic training services to

Lawrence County High School in Kentucky.

Travis H. Carlton, assistant professor and PTA Program coordinator, said Terry brings a wealth of experience and an established rapport within the clinical community to Marshall.

"As a highly respected clinician within the physical therapy profession, Kelly is a wonderful addition to our program," Carlton said. "Kelly's primary role will be to provide instruction and to coordinate and supervise the students' clinical affiliations."

Terry graduated from Marshall in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Athletic Training, and obtained a Master of Science in Health and Physical Education from Marshall in 1998. She completed her Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2001 from Slippery Rock University in Pittsburgh.

McRae Pennington

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"This work feels more important than the traditional corporate job. The university's such a large part of the community," she said.

"It is the Foundation's intent to be more active in building corporate partnerships for Marshall," Glen Kerkian, executive director of the Foundation, said. "McRae's recent position with LexisNexis and experience with several national companies gives her a good grounding in understanding how foundations operate."

Corley Dennison

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Dennison served as president of the Marshall University Faculty Senate from 1997 to 1999. He was named the assistant dean of University College in 1999 and served in that position until 2003.

Baker Recognized

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Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine; Kenneth H. Yount, professor of political science and history at Alderson-Broadus College; and Elizabeth Fones-Wolf, associate professor of history at West Virginia University.

Wyatt Writes Book on Buckskin Boy Scout Council

With lots of help from family and friends, Marshall University psychology professor W. Joseph Wyatt turned his late father's plans to publish a book into reality.

The 235-page softbound book, published in November 2004, documents the history of the Buckskin Boy Scout Council of West Virginia from 1919 through 2004. It is titled *Buckskin Boys: A History of the Buckskin Council, 1919-2004 Boy Scouts of America*, and was published by Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., Inc., of Charleston, W.Va. Former Explorer Scout Stan Cohen is the publisher of Pictorial Histories.

The book is a compilation of hundreds of photographs, along with other memorabilia, much of which was collected by Wyatt's father, William H. "Bill" Wyatt, before his death on Jan. 14, 2000.

More information is available by e-mailing Wyatt at wyatt@marshall.edu.

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assignments, tests, and communications are contained in each course.

The relaunched Web site reflects a "new day dawning" in the ongoing implementation of the Marshall online program. In 2003, MU adopted WebCT Vista, the market leading enterprise level learning management system.

Marshall currently is host to Vista for other higher education institutions from around the state – a cost saving measure that is proving the model of efficiency. Its implementation of WebCT Vista will be showcased in the *University Business* magazine in April.

Marshall has been named as a national "Digital Content Leader" two years in a row, and its Public Online Library Technology (PLT) Certificate Program earned the Southern Growth Policy 2005 "Innovations Award" for the state of West Virginia.

'Marathon Man'

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In 1983 Traum founded the Achilles Track Club to help other disabled individuals realize their athletic aspirations. There are now 110 chapters on six continents and over 10,000 members with such disabilities as visual impairments, cerebral palsy, arthritis, amputation and cancer. Through his organization Traum has helped organize therapeutic sports and group events for various groups, include disabled Iraqi war veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"A disability does not have to be a handicap," Traum says. "If we can bring people with disabilities into the open and have them feel like normal, or mission will be successful. They get reinforcements and a sense of self-esteem from their physical accomplishments."

"Dick Traum is an inspiring individual who has accomplished amazing things in the course of his life," Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate School, said. "He is especially interested in starting a chapter or two of his Achilles Track Club in West Virginia. If anyone is interested in discussing this opportunity with Dr. Traum, they are encouraged to e-mail me and I will be happy to serve as facilitator."

To volunteer or to arrange a meeting with Traum, contact Deutsch at deutschl@marshall.edu. More information is available on the organization on their web site: www.achillestrackclub.org.