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# ***We Are...Marshall!***

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## ***President Angel Receives Alumni Award from Wayne State***

President Dan Angel received a 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award from Wayne State University this week. He was honored for his dedication to higher education and community service.



*President Dan Angel*

Angel received bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Wayne State in 1961 and 1963, and a doctorate in communications from Purdue University in 1965.

Charlene Turner Johnson, president of the Michigan Neighborhood Partnership, also will receive a Distinguished Alumni Award from Wayne State.

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Angel and Johnson were honored in a public ceremony on Dec. 11. Prior to the event they were honored privately at a dinner with Wayne State President Irvin D. Reid.

In 1997, Angel chaired the Albion (Mich.) Area Program for Progress on Water and Air Pollution. While in Michigan he also chaired the Calhoun County Community Action Agency Board of Directors. Later he served on the Dallas Area Federal Reserve Board. Currently he is on the boards of Fifth Third Bank, the West Virginia Roundtable and the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce.

This past spring, Angel was named a distinguished alumnus of the School of Liberal Arts at Purdue University.

## ***Marching Band Featured on CD***

Marshall's Marching Thunder will be one of the university bands featured on a new marching band CD by Jalen Publishing of Orlando, Fla.

Steve Barnett, Marshall's Director of Athletic Bands, is a staff arranger for Jalen Publishing and currently has 11 marching band arrangements published. The Marching Thunder will be featured playing Barnett's new publications on a

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## ***In Memoriam: Dr. Clair Matz***

The Rev. Dr. Clair W. Matz Jr., professor of political science at Marshall for 34 years, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 10. The Marshall University community is invited to attend a memorial service for Dr. Matz Saturday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Campus Christian Center.

## ***Grant Received for Martin Luther King Day Activities***

The Division of Multicultural Affairs, in collaboration with the A.D. Lewis Community Center in Huntington, has been awarded a grant to fund service projects related to Martin Luther King Day activities on Jan. 19.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which is part of USA Freedom Corps, awarded the grant, according to Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs. USA Freedom Corps is a White House

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*Marshall's Marching Thunder is featured on a new CD produced by Jalen Publishing. They're shown here in the Homecoming parade.*

# Drinko Academy Seeks Funding for Perry Project

The John Deaver Drinko Academy is seeking an endowment of \$1 million to fund a new program named in honor of Marshall's senior faculty member.

The Dr. Simon D. Perry Academic Program for Constitutional Democracy will honor Perry, who is chairman of the Department of Political Science. Perry, a Gilbert native and Marshall faculty member since 1962, also was the John Deaver Drinko fellow for the academic year 1994-95.



*Dr. Simon Perry, longtime professor of political science, will be honored by a new program on constitutional democracy bearing his name.*

“For most of us associated with Marshall, Dr. Perry needs no introduction,” said Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the Drinko Academy. “During a professional career spanning over 40 years, Simon Perry has taught more than 20,000 students! This remarkable achievement is made all the more meaningful because of the universally high regard in which he is held by students, faculty and administrators alike.”

The new program represents a unique and dynamic field in constitutional studies employing a new approach in political science called “historical institutions.” It is designed to study the impact of major American constitution build-

ers, including John Marshall, and the role of constitutional democracy in the evolution of American political institutions and civic culture.

The program includes four new core courses developed by Perry as well as 18 other courses offered in a variety of academic disciplines including history, English, philosophy, sociology and political science.

The university will provide a faculty position for the permanent professor and interest from the endowment will be used in part as a stipend for the chair. The university also will provide tuition waivers for two student assistants with interest from the endowment used in part as scholarship stipends.

Currently, Marshall has \$290,000 in gifts for the program, but still needs \$710,000 to reach the goal of \$1 million. Contributions may be made payable to the Marshall University Foundation, care of the John D. Drinko Academy.

“Collectively we have an opportunity to express our appreciation of Simon Perry by supporting an academic program named in his honor,” Gould said.

## Marshall Receives Fruth Gift



Cowana Brown (center), regional manager with Fruth Pharmacy, and Jerry Kelley (left), Fruth's vice president of human resources, recently presented a check for \$2,000 to Dr. Lynne Mayer, associate vice president for development, for the Fruth Pharmacy Scholarship Fund. The ceremony took place in the Erickson Alumni Center.

Two scholarships are available annually to Fruth Pharmacy associates and their families. Fruth, with 22 stores in West Virginia and Ohio, is headquartered in Point Pleasant and has been in business for 52 years.

Money for the scholarship fund is raised during Fruth's annual corporate golf outing.

## We Are...Marshall!

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of Jan. 9, 2004.

Deadline is Jan. 5.

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](mailto:pdickson@marshall.edu).



## Profile: Wanda Wells

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Wanda Wells

The newspaper ad said the job opening was for a two-month temporary position. For Wanda Wells, who was ready for a change after spending the past 25 years managing the offices of Timeco Inc., a local firm that manufactured electronic timing controls, the job sounded interesting.

She did get the job, but the position turned out to be not so temporary. Now 15 years later, she's still at the West Virginia Autism Training Center, headquartered administratively in Old Main, as administrative associate to Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill, Executive Director. Currently, Wells also supervises office personnel in the Old Main location, and at the two satellite centers in Fairmont and New Cumberland.

"I like working here; we're like a big family," she says with an easy laugh.

The Autism Training Center, she explains, provides services for individuals who have been diagnosed with autism, a neurological disorder which typically affects social interaction and communication. "We provide services for both the individuals and their families. We have a wonderful library which consists of a good selection of books and videotapes, as well as informational packets on various topics concerning autism," she says. "We offer inservices and training workshops statewide. Three classes in autism are also offered, which can lead to certification in autism through Marshall University."

Because the center operates statewide, many of the 55 employees work in the areas in which they live.

"When I first came here, families who came to the center were often housed in an apartment we had in Holderby Hall. They would come for assessment and training for two to three weeks" she recalls. "Eventually it was decided that it would be more productive to work with individuals and their families in their own environments. Now families are seldom here and training is done either in their homes or the schools."

The center works with people of all ages, Wells explains. The result of the hard work of families of children with the disorder

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## Marshall Awards 1st Certificate in Medieval, Renaissance Studies

Angell Stone has been awarded the first graduate certificate in Medieval and Renaissance Studies in a ceremony conducted recently. Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate School, made the presentation.

The certificate program was approved by Marshall's Graduate Council last November and draws upon the faculty and resources of five graduate academic departments to promote the interdisciplinary and cross-cultural studies of the period from Late Antiquity to the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The program aims to leave certificate holders with a basic understanding of European life during the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period, as well as a familiarity with key literary works and the political, economic, social, religious, and cultural contexts in which they were produced, according to Dr. Kateryna Schray, Associate Professor of English.

Among other requirements, students complete a capstone experience, tailored to their interests and area of emphasis. To complete her capstone requirement, Stone presented a scholarly paper on the Anglo-Saxon epic poem "Beowulf" at the spring conference of the West Virginia Association of College English Teachers.

In addition to a wide variety of class-related activities, the Medieval and Renaissance Studies program has planned an active first year, highlighting off-campus events by visiting the Renaissance Faire at Tamarack, sponsoring a field trip to the performance of Beowulf at the Clay Center in January, and helping to host the West

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## Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. David N. Bailey, Assistant Dean of Continuing Medical Education, has been invited to participate as faculty in the "Understanding ACCME Accreditation" workshop, in Chicago Dec. 12-13. The workshop is being sponsored by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. The faculty members selected were chosen for their experience and knowledge of CME. The faculty will lead breakout discussions on topics of the ACCME Essential Areas and Elements and the Standards for Commercial Support. Their roles also include acting as counselors to a group of participants throughout the workshop and answering questions on a one-on-one basis.

## **Wanda Wells**

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der, it was the first statewide program of its kind in the nation, created 20 years ago through the state legislature. The center has also expanded its work to include the epidemiology of autism. This year, West Virginia became the first state to establish a registry of residents diagnosed with autism.

Wells and the other Huntington-based employees stay busy providing support services for those who work in the field. "People in our office work very hard," she says. And that's why she likes to add her own personal brand of appreciation for their efforts. Birthdays at the autism center are celebrated with style, thanks to Wells' creativity. And Administrative Assistants' Day and Bosses' Day also get their just dues.

She's been known to stay on her own time until midnight putting finishing touches on her creations. And the results are original, fanciful, and much appreciated by the recipients. With her distinct flair for decorating, she recently treated coworkers to a laid-back Hawaiian scene, including island-type snacks. For Bosses' Day, she and fellow workers created a garden complete with flowers and a faux rock pathway. The group enthusiastically enjoys office decorating during alumni weekend. In fact they won a prize a couple of years ago with their rendition of a rocking café, complete with a real jukebox. "One of the employees actually brought that from home," Wells says admiringly.

The soft-spoken Wells is modest to a fault, however. "Everyone pitches in to help," she insists. "I just like for people to know that they are appreciated. And the little festive touches mean a lot."

A native of Huntington, Wells currently lives in Chesapeake with her husband, Earl Ray. She feels fortunate that her daughters Andrea and Ginger, along with granddaughters Hannah, 8, and Alexandra, 6, all live nearby. She likes the familiar saying, "If I had known grandchildren could be so much fun, I would have had them first!" She's active in her church, the First Huntington Christian Baptist Church, where she plays piano and is also secretary. She's worked with the youth group there for several years, teaching a class of 7- to 10-year-olds, and has directed Vacation Bible School. In addition, Wells has spent many summer weeks as dean of girls at the church camp.

An enthusiastic gardener, she likes to spend leisure time browsing garden care centers. "Little is planned," she says. "I just like to look until I see something that catches my eye. Then I see how it will fit in the garden."

And it's that openness to trying something new that's marked her tenure at Marshall. Since the two-month stay turned into 15 years, she's found she has indeed been a very good fit for Marshall.

## **Medieval Certificate**

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Virginia Shakespeare and Renaissance Conference on the Huntington campus in April.

"This is the only program of its kind in West Virginia," said Schray. "Consistent with Marshall's quest for national prominence, the English department hopes to establish a Medieval-Renaissance Studies Center here at Marshall University, and this certificate program is an important first step in that effort."

## **Marching Band**

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CD that will be mailed to more than 20,000 high school and middle school bands nationwide.

Last year Barnett's marching band arrangements were played by bands from more than 30 states as well as bands in western Europe and the Far East.

Barnett, who assumed his duties on July 1, is a member of the College Band Directors National Association.

## **Martin Luther King Day Grant**

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initiative to foster a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility.

"We are looking forward in 2004 to a great celebration of King's life, one that will reflect his commitment to service and bring his teachings to life," Cleckley said. "This grant will help Marshall University serve the Tri-State communities by implementing programs dedicated to achieving Dr. King's principles of social justice, peace and equality in a manner that will positively affect the Appalachian community, families and our youth."

The Corporation for National and Community Service awarded grants to nearly 100 non-profit organizations and public agencies nationwide as part of its annual effort to transform the holiday in honor of King into a national day of service.

"There is no better way to honor the memory of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. than by serving others," said James Manning, acting CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "As Dr. King once said, 'Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.'"