



Library Workshops

The Marshall Libraries' Office of User Education is sponsoring educational workshops during the spring 2003 semester. These workshops are open to Marshall University staff, students, and to the members of the Huntington community. Upcoming workshops include:

What's New in Government Documents? – (60 min.) This workshop, brought to you by Dr. Majed Khader, will take place in Government Documents in the Morrow Library from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on January 17th, March 7th, and April 4th.

Do You Know How to Google? – (60 min.) This introduction to searching the Internet will focus on how to use the popular search engine Google to do research or to surf for fun. This workshop will be held in Drinko Library #138 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 14th, March, 14th, and April 11th.

Seating is limited, so please make a reservation by contacting Jennifer Sias, User Education Librarian, at sias3@marshall.edu or call 696-6577.

University to administer the Educational Information Channel on Adelphia Cable channel 25. In keeping with the vision of the Communications Board, the mission of channel 25 shall be to heighten public awareness of the activities of local educational institutions and to provide programming of an educational nature for viewers of all ages. Channel 25 reaches up to 28,000 households in the Huntington area and has the potential to provide a powerful new communications tool.

It is anticipated that channel 25 will eventually be used to deliver classes, performances, public speakers, and programs about current events and important issues. Channel 25 will also provide a venue for artistic and creative student works, public service announcements, local and nationally produced educational programming, and for programs that promote Marshall University events.

Channel 25 is provided to the city as a service and part of the franchise agreement between Huntington and Adelphia. Marshall University is partnering with the city of Huntington, Cabell County Schools, and a growing list of other institutions to provide valuable information and programs of interest for the community. The Educational Information channel is a commercial free channel available for all local educational institutions.

Oversight and operation of channel 25 is through the Office of Distributed

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Education and Instructional Television and Video Services at Marshall University. For more information, please contact the above office at 696-3150.

Virtual Museum at MU



Buffalo Creek in Logan County, WV, has had its share of coal mining tragedies. In February 1958, the Amerherst Coal Company's mine at Lundale had a slate fall that killed six miners. Ten years later in December of 1968, the Buffalo Mining Company had three killed in a mine fire at nearby Lyburn.

Yet, the most devastating disaster occurred on February 26, 1972. After a rain-soddened impoundment dam of the Buffalo Creek Coal Company collapsed, 138 million gallons of black waste water cascaded down the narrow hollow. By the time the water subsided at the Guyandotte River, 125 persons were dead, another 1,000 were injured, more than 500 homes were completely demolished, and nearly 1,000 others were damaged. Property damage exceeded \$50 million. Yet, these sobering figures do not begin to describe the human suffering from such a catastrophe.

During the thirtieth anniversary of the tragedy, the Marshall University Libraries decided to make the Buffalo Creek flood its premier exhibit in its new Virtual Museum project. This project is designed to exhibit important events of local history, using resources in the University Libraries, particularly in Special Collections. These resources include textual materials, print images, audio recordings, and video resources, which are all designed to allow the viewer of the Virtual Museum to experience events in a new and exciting manner.

The opening page of the exhibit is a map of Buffalo Creek. This is the jumping off point to the rest of the exhibition. On the map each town has a "hot button," which when pressed brings up some brief information on the town, such as the source of its name and the names of locally operating coal mines. More importantly, it also gives a list of those persons killed during the flood. These names are arranged into family groups, portraying the devastating effect of the killing waters on entire families.

However, this is just the beginning of the exhibit. From the opening page, viewers can also go to other exhibits. One such exhibit is a detailed chronology of the construction of the three dams on Buffalo Creek. The interested reader can follow the events, year by year, leading to the situation that eventually resulted in the collapse of the dams in 1972.

Another web page draws on excerpts from personal accounts of the flood, such as statements of survivors before government hearings. Other excerpts come from the depositions made in connection with the two court cases that were filed by the flood's survivors. Special Collections is the repository of these important, irreplaceable historical documents, which number in the hundreds. In the coming months, additional excerpts from these depositions, as well as selected entire depositions, will be posted, enticing viewers to return to the page.

The exhibit provides the viewer with the official report of the Governors Ad Hoc Commission of Inquiry into the flood. This 180-page report includes a historical summary of the event, summation of reports, and expert analysis of the dam's failure, as well as recommendations to prevent a similar flood in the future. It is illustrated with a number of excellent photographs, maps and charts. The viewer will be able to read or print out a

copy of this little seen, but highly important historical document.

Finally, one of the main highlights of the exhibit is the page devoted to video images. These were taken by news crews from WSAZ-TV, who arrived at Buffalo Creek shortly after the flood to report and record its aftermath for their television viewers. The exhibit provides selections from film footage, drawn from collections of the station's news film in Special Collections at Marshall and in the WV Archives. These compelling images of persons, places, and activities have not been seen since the event. These images can now be seen and experienced by the viewer of the Virtual Museum.

The Buffalo Creek Flood exhibit is only the beginning of Marshall University's Virtual Museum project. In the coming months, exhibits will be opened concerning the effects of the 1937 Flood on Huntington, WV. For Marshall University alumni, an exhibit will also be developed giving a visual history of Marshall's most identifiable structure, Old Main.

To enter the Buffalo Creek Flood exhibit, you must have access to the Web. The exhibit's URL or address is: <http://www.marshall.edu/speccoll/VirtualMuseum/BufaloCreek/HTML/index.html> For more information on Marshall's Virtual Museum, please contact Lisle Brown at 696-2344 or via e-mail at brown@marshall.edu.

CLC Offers IT Classes



The Marshall Community & Technical College's Computer Learning Center (CLC), which is located on the Marshall University Graduate College campus in South Charleston, will be offering a variety of information technology classes

this fall. Upcoming scheduled courses include:

- February 5: Word 2000 Introduction
- February 7: Access XP Introduction
- February 10: Photoshop Intro
- February 14: Access 2000 Intro
- February 19 & 20: Cold Fusion Intro
- February 21: How to Conduct a Web Meeting
- February 26: Word XP Intermediate

For more information or to register for classes, please call Martha Pierson at 746-2062 or via e-mail at mpierson@marshall.edu.



Marshall University Fall Open House

Marshall will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, March 1. Information will be available at the Open House on the admission process, financial aid, academic programs, residence halls, campus life, and other facets of Marshall life.

To obtain more information, call 1-800-642-3499 or 304-696-3160 or visit online at <http://www.marshall.edu/admissions>.

Outreach Outlook Updates

The deadline for submitting information to be included in Outreach Outlook is the third Friday of each month.

If you know of colleagues or friends, on-campus or off-campus, that would like to receive future issues of Outreach Outlook, please have them contact Kelli Mayes, Director/Outreach Programs, at 696-3325 or via e-mail at mayes@marshall.edu.

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