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Peters to Deliver Chilton Lecture Feb. 27

Charles Peters, the Editor in Chief and founder of *The Washington Monthly*, will be the speaker for the annual W.E. "Ned" Chilton III Leadership Lecture Series. The free public lecture, sponsored by the Marshall University Graduate College, will begin at 7:30 p.m., on February 27 in Charleston at the Cultural Center in the Capitol Complex.



Charles Peters

A Charleston native, Peters graduated from Charleston High School in 1944, and after a two-year stint in the U.S. Army, received two degrees from Columbia University before earning a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1957. The son of politically active parents, Peters made his first foray into politics in 1960 when he simultaneously ran John F. Kennedy's campaign for president in Kanawha while making a bid for the West Virginia House of Delegates. He garnered two victories when both

he and Kennedy won their respective races.

Two years later he headed for Washington, "for three months or so with some possibility of doing some good, but without doing any harm," he wrote in his autobiography, *Tilting at Windmills*.

The three months stay in the nation's capitol stretched into a lifelong involvement with both politics and government. He became a Peace Corps evaluator and eventually became the head of the evaluator division.

His crowning achievement is *The Washington Monthly*, which he founded in 1969 and served as its editor-in-chief. Peters characterized the new publication as a "bold new experiment in political journalism." In a statement of intent published with the first issue, the magazine proclaimed "The Washington Monthly is a new magazine with a new purpose—to help you understand

our system of politics and government, where it breaks down, why it breaks down, and what can be done to make it work."

The *Monthly* quickly became a primer for political analysis and drew accolades from publications like *The New York Times* and *Time* magazine. As the *Monthly* developed into a leading political and media watchdog, it also served as a training ground for many of the nation's top journalists. Media luminaries including *Newsweek* senior editor Jonathan Alter, *Atlantic* editor James Fallows, and former *New Republic* editor, and current editor of *Slate* magazine, Michael Kinsley, all worked under Peters' tutelage.

In addition to his autobiography, Peters is the author of *How Washington Really Works*, and the co-author of *Blowing the Whistle; Inside the System; The Culture of Bureaucracy; The System; and A New Road for America: The neoliberal Movement*.

Recently he was the recipient of the first Richard M. Clurman award for his work with young journalists. He has been the recipient of the Columbia Journalism Award, was a Poynter Fellow at Yale University in 1980, the Delacorte lecturer at Columbia in 1990, and was a visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University in 1994.

Peters has written for *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *Harpers*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The Boston Globe*. A respected voice in the political world, he has appeared on NBC's "Today Show", "Donahue", "Prime Time Live", "CBS This Morning", "Nightline", "Larry King Live", "The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour", and on C-SPAN and the evening news of ABC, CBS, and NBC.

The Chilton Lecture Series is funded through contributions made in memory of Ned Chilton, who was a liberal in his

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Feb. Seminars Offered by Human Resources

A series of training and development seminars are being offered during February by Human Resource Services.

Understanding University Travel Policies and Procedures, on Feb. 13 will review travel policies and procedures to help travelers and those who prepare travel reimbursements understand policies and procedures to ensure prompt reimbursement of expenses. The facilitators are Kelley Francis and Belinda Callicot who will conduct the workshop from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Auditorium 402 of Drinko Library.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors is scheduled for Feb. 14 from 9-10:30 a.m. and is limited to 16 participants. Led by David Harris and Judy Blevins, the seminar will provide direction for identifying and preventing such behavior as well as providing a review of MU's policy. It will take place in 207 Old Main, the Human Resource Services Conference room.

Representatives of TIAA-CREF will be on hand in Huntington, February 20 and in South Charleston on February 21 for one-

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Gov. Wise to Participate in EMBA Graduation

Governor Bob Wise will be the guest of honor and featured speaker when the Marshall University Lewis College of Business honors graduates of the Executive M.B. A. program, Class of 2000, on February 9.

The ceremony, which will take place in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center, begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a dinner. Graduates include Mukesh B. Agrawal, Christopher A. Cornelius, James E. Curtis, II, James D. Fawcett, Kenneth M. Kennedy, Ana G. Marino, Antonia W. McGlone, Marcus A. Perry, Terry L. Polen, Robin A. Ryder, Ann M. Stamm, and William B. Williams.

MU Community Welcomes Enrollment Management Head

Dr. Barbara Tarter has been named Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Enrollment Management, effective January 1. President Dan Angel presented her with the traditional Marshall green blazer at a recent ceremony in the Drinko Library.

Tarter comes to MU from Austin Peay University in Clarksville, Tennessee, where she held a similar position. She is charged with developing new efforts in student recruitment and



Dr. Barbara Tarter (center) receives her traditional Marshall Green jacket from Dr. Sarah Denman (left) and President Dan Angel at a reception in Tarter's honor on Jan. 27.

outreach. A major component of Marshall's move to national prominence is the need to promote the university to both West Virginia and out-of-state markets

She completed three degrees in six years from Ohio University where she received a Ph.D. in Organizational Communication with a minor in Business. She served as assistant professor of Communications at Southwest Texas State University and from 1987 to 1996 was Director of Admissions at Emporia State University in Kansas.

"I am excited about this job and the warm reception that I have received from all levels of the campus," Tarter said. "From Dr. Dan Angel to Dr. Sarah Denman, my immediate supervisor, I could not find a more receptive campus. The Directors in Enrollment Management are some of the best and together I look forward to developing a very successful team. The focus of Enrollment Management is on the recruitment, retention and graduation of students....we hope to recruit those students that

will be the most successful at Marshall. Through target marketing and attracting those students that will be successful, we should be able to increase both our retention and graduation rates."

Dr. Sarah Denman, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, noted that Tarter..."has lots of innovative ideas and a high level of energy. She really responds well to the needs of students. She's ready to develop for us a marketing plan for enrollment management."

Tarter adds, "I would encourage anyone with ideas on how we can improve our efforts in Enrollment Management to feel free to e-mail me at tarterb@marshall.edu or call me at exts. 2206 or 2700."

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Steve Shuklian, Associate Professor of Economics, presented a paper, "Karl Marx on the Foundations of Monetary Theory", at the Allied Social Sciences Association meeting held in New Orleans January 5-7. He also served as a panelist on a "Roundtable Discussion on the Consequences of Social Security Privatization."

Dr. Lawrence R. Schmitz, Associate Professor of Chemistry, has published a paper, "Heats of Formation of Organic Molecules Calculated by Density Functional Theory. III-Amines", in the *Journal of Physical Organic Chemistry* (J. Phys. Org. Chem. 2001, 90-96). Co-authors of the paper are Professor Norman L. Allinger, and Dr. Kuo-Hsiang Chen of the University of Georgia, and Dr. Jan Labanowski of the Ohio Supercomputer Center.

Dr. Raymond Busbee, Coordinator of Park Resources and Leisure Services, was elected president for 2001 of the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District Board of Commissioners at its January meeting.

Several MU representatives will be participating in the annual conference of the Eastern Educational Research Association to be held in Hilton Head, South Carolina on February 17. **James Sottile, Jr.**, is the chair of the session, "Self-efficacy in the Teaching of Science." Papers to be presented during the session include "Science Achievement and Self-Efficacy Among Middle School-Age Children as Related to Student Development", by Sottile, **William Carter** and **Jennifer Carter**; "Increasing Science Achievement and Student Development as Related to Practicing Teacher's Self-efficacy", by Sottile, William Carter and **George Watson**; and "The Student Development of Pre-service K-8 Teachers in Science and Self-efficacy" given by Sottile, **Dr. Larry Froehlich**, Watson, and William Carter.

Dr. Lynne S. Mayer, assistant vice president for Alumni Development, has completed the series of eight planned giving seminars offered by the College of William and Mary's National Planned Giving Institute (NPGI). The NPGI, founded in 1967 by the late Robert F. Sharpe, Sr., is the nation's leading provider of instruction in charitable gift and estate planning for gift planners.

United Way Raises \$66,000

Marshall's United Way campaign successfully raised \$66,000 according to Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs and coordinator of this year's United Way of the River Cities Campaign.

"In particular, we thank the campaign coordinators, captains, and other volunteers for their valuable leadership," Cleckley said.

The money, according to Cleckley, will go to help support a number of area organizations and groups. Among those receiving support are the Homeless Coalition, the Tri-State Literacy Council, the Barnett Child Care Center, and an array of other health and human service agencies.

"We appreciate the generosity of all who contributed," Cleckley said. "In so many ways the money raised will improve the lives of people in this area. Thank you all for caring!"

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Profile: Sherri Ritter

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Sherri Ritter

Attitude is everything, Sherry Ritter believes, and a good one will take you a very long way.

The positive-thinking instructional technologist, who is based in South Charleston, credits her cheery outlook at least in part with helping her get an education and land a job she really likes.

After joining the marines in the late 70's, Ritter met and married a fellow marine. Her educational odyssey began after she and her family lived a nomadic military life for several years.

"Because we traveled, I didn't have an opportunity to get an education. I had only a high school diploma," she says.

But she did have a real interest in the huge, and clumsy mainframe computers which were on the cutting edge of technology back then. And a knack for working with them even though they were primitive by today's standards.

"I was always interested in computers and when I was in the military I worked with them.. This was in the days before we had the desktops and I was a programmer. You had to punch information on a card and if you mispunched it you had to do it all over again," she remembers.

A native of Barboursville, Ritter met her husband when they were both bound for Japan on a military tour. Serving tours in several locations, including Hawaii, though, didn't offer much opportunity to further her education. It was only after she returned to West Virginia with her two young sons to care for an ailing sister, and went through a divorce, that Ritter sized up employment possibilities and found they weren't great.

"I really wasn't qualified for anything but poverty jobs and I didn't want that," she says. "I wanted to get an education."

So she became a Marshall student, taking classes toward an associate degree in computers. And promptly found a supportive academic family.

"Everyone here was wonderful. I was working five or six part time jobs but everyone at the university was so helpful. People went out of their way to help me...they were behind me all the way."

"At first I decided all I needed was that two year degree. I figured I could get a good job with it. But people here kept encouraging me to do more and more. They really wanted me to go further. It was so interesting I just couldn't stop."

A Regents B.A. degree soon followed. With two degrees completed, it was only logical that Ritter would continue adding letters to her name, this time earning an M.A. in adult and technical education.

Her graduate work eventually led to a graduate assistant post and then some teaching duties, which she loved.

"I started out doing part time jobs on the Huntington campus, then got the GA position. I helped out in the classroom and ended up doing quite a bit of teaching. I taught a lot of community college classes. I also taught computer classes for state troopers at the State Police Academy."

But even with her grueling schedule of work and classes, Ritter always made time for "mom" things like

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Film Festival Begins Feb. 9

The Marshall Artists Series Spring International Film Festival, which will feature award-winning films from Spain, China, Iran, Serbo-Croatia, France and Cuba, gets underway at the Cinema Theatre beginning February 9. The week-long festival, which will run through February 15, offers a broad array of films with topics for every taste, everything from poignant dramas and teenager's romantic adventures, to a slapstick style comedy. All the films have English subtitles and will run several times.

The films include **Butterfly** (Spanish), which takes place in the months leading up to the Spanish Civil War. An elderly school teacher takes an 8-year-old boy under his wing, spending time with him in the countryside where the old man reveals the miraculous beauties of nature to him. As the school year ends, troops roll into town and his carefree life, as well as his family's life, is irrevocably altered.

Not One Less, which is from China, follows a teenage substitute teacher who is promised a bonus if all of the regular teacher's students are still present when the professor returns. She finds she must travel from a remote village to the big city in an obsessive quest to locate one of the children and, in the city, discovers how much she still has to learn.

Color of Paradise is a fable of a child's innocence and a complex look at faith and humanity. Visually magnificent and wrenchingly moving, the film tells the story of a boy whose inability to see the world only enhances his ability to feel its powerful forces. (Iran).

Black Cat, White Cat (Serbo Croatian and Romany) tells the story of the slapstick adventures of small time Gypsies in a Yugoslav village on the Danube River. Two rival families get caught up in a confusion of slick deals, arranged marriages and uncertain deaths. After a failed business deal, a debt is owed to a local gangster and is settled by offering his son in marriage to the gangster's sister.

Alice and Martin (French) teams Juliette Binoche and Alexis Loret in a film in five acts. The action turns on the character of Martin, a young man with a terrible secret. Years previously he murdered his father, but the crime was covered up by his family. In Paris, he meets Alice who gives him a reason to live. But when

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MU Theatre Brings "Dancing at Lughnasa" to Stage

"Dancing at Lughnasa", which looks at the turbulent lives of five sisters living in Ireland in 1936, will be presented by the Marshall University Theatre on February 21, 22, 23, and 24 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. All performances begin at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and seniors, and free to Marshall students. Special rates are available for groups of 20 or more. Tickets went on sale February 7.

The play concerns the Mundy sisters, each a vividly individual personality, who are eagerly awaiting the return of their brother, now gone for 25 years in the dark regions of Africa. The sisters, who live on a rugged farm near Donegal, expect him to return in triumph after converting the tribes he lived among to Christianity. Their hopes are dashed when he returns with other beliefs in place. The play, written by Brian Friel, is a story of unfailing courage and belief in one another, where forgiveness and love conquer the worst of circumstances.

The director is Bess Peterson-Reynolds, director of Musical Theatre and Dance at West Virginia Wesleyan and currently a guest artist with the Department of Theatre. She will also direct the upcoming MU School of the Performing Arts in June.

Tickets may be obtained by calling ext. 2787. Box office hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Sherri Ritter

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helping her sons with their studies and cheering them on at their various sporting events. School was important but her family came first.

Her master's degree completed in 1997, Ritter soon after became a full time member of the MU staff. Working multiple jobs and caring for her sons, she had made it from a high school diploma to a graduate degree in seven years.

These days Ritter is busy working with the software needs of the university. She is actively involved in WebCT, the distance learning program Marshall is using, and is part of the team receiving accolades for its innovative use. She's also on call to answer questions pertaining to Microsoft Office or any of the programs supported by Computing Services.

She tests software for faculty to see if it is suitable for use in their classrooms. Digitizing video, scanning, digital photography and creating CD's for WebCT instruction are other services Ritter and Computing Services can provide.

"Basically I teach people how to use technology in the classroom," she relates. "I really like to teach. I like to watch people's faces when they get it."

Now that her sons, Gary and Matthew, are older, she can take time for some of her favorite pastimes, including travel. She has criss-crossed the country visiting friends and right now is looking forward to a junket this summer that will combine two of her favorite things. It's a cruise in the Caribbean which will feature gospel singing.

"I can't think of anything I'd rather do," she says of the upcoming trip.

Although her path these past several years hasn't been an easy one, her strong religious convictions and her buoyant optimism have kept her dreams alive.

"You can be happy wherever you are if you just have the right attitude about it," she believes. "That's one lesson I've carried with me, traveling with the military. I knew that if I had a good attitude I could always find the good and if I developed a bad attitude, all I wanted was to get away from it. Even in a place called paradise, like Hawaii, the people with good attitudes would take advantage of everything and would go out and enjoy what was offered. But there were people even in Hawaii who had a bad attitude about being there and they had a terrible time. I think it was the same thing when I started Marshall. A few years ago I was really down and it would have been easy for me to say 'why bother,' but I didn't. People encouraged me, I kept going and I just told myself that attitude is everything with people and it is. Attitude and faith—they're the two things that have got me through!"

Excused Absences

Absences after 6 p.m. for January, 9, 13, 16, 17, 31, February 14, 17, 22, 28, and portions of January 12, 29, Feb. 3, 11, March 5, March 8-10, have been excused by the university for the following students: Eric Akers, Justin Altizer, Brooke Bailey, Jessica Blevins, Michael Bonar, Joshua Cassidy, Heather Cooper, Rachel Cooper, Alicia Dempsey, Matt Downs, Darren Driskell, Keven Ellenburg, Brian Endicott, Jonathan Evans, Beth Fellure, Aimee Forshey, Stefanie Gessel, Sarah Greathouse, Leslie Hall, Charles Herr, Eric Hoffman, Joshua Honaker.

Vernon Jackson, Christa Jones, Shavana Jones, Kristopher Kimbler, Megan Lanier, Michael Lilly, Stacy Lilly, Ashley Lusk, Adam Martin, Leah Merritt, Isaac Morgan, Melanie Murray, Katherine Myers, James O'Brien, Jasmine Parsons, Richard Ryan, Erika Sites, Heather Smith, Allison Spadaro, Winifred Staats, Tiffany Stewart, Leslie Styron, Andrea Tetrick, Charles Thompson, Deanna Ullman, Charles Walker, and Emily Wilkins.

Chilton Lecture

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personal beliefs and a staunch defender of the downtrodden. The former publisher was nationally recognized for his outspoken positions on social issues.

The graduate college collaborated with members of Chilton's family and the late publisher's friends in establishing the lecture series. Peyton, who was a longtime chairman of the college's advisory board, leads the committee in overseeing the lectures. Elizabeth Chilton, widow of the late publisher, and their daughter, Susan Chilton Shumate, serve on the lecture committee along with former friends and colleagues of Chilton.

Human Resources Seminars

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on-one individual counseling sessions. In Huntington, the sessions will be in Rooms 2W9 and 2W10, MSC. To schedule an appointment, call TIAA-CREF directly at 1-877-209-3136 or visit their website at <http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc/>.

Survivor...Don't get Voted Off the Island (Know Your Cubicle Protocol) will be conducted by Rhonda Scragg from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in room 319 on the South Charleston Campus on February 23. The seminar will cover such topics as meeting the challenges of concentration and lack of privacy in your cubicle; respecting the "invisible" doors and ceilings of your colleagues and getting their cooperation to respect yours; and what not to do or say on the "island."

You asked for it...New and Improved Performance Assessment Process will be held February 27 from 9-10 a.m. and will be limited to 16 participants. This workshop, conducted by Jim Stephens, provides supervisory personnel with a review of the latest version of the MU performance policy, approved Nov. 1, 2000. The presentation, which will be in 207 Old Main, will include instructions for using the new forms for both exempt and non-exempt positions.

For additional information or to receive registration forms, contact Human Resource Services. Registration can also be done on-line at <http://www.marshall.edu/human-resources/td>.

Film Festival

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she becomes pregnant, Martin's guilty conscience begins to plague him and threaten his sanity.

Life is to Whistle (Cuba) is narrated by 18-year-old Bebe, who guides the audience through the romantic mishaps of three characters whose lives intersect on the Day of Santa Barbara, at the end of the century. This film was an official selection at several major film festivals including *Cannes* and *Sundance*.

The schedule of showing times is: Feb. 9, *Butterfly*, 5:30; *Alice and Martin*, 7:30; *Black Cat*, *White Cat*, 9:45. Feb. 10, *Color of Paradise*, 2:30; *Life is to Whistle*, 5:30; *Not One Less*, 7:30; *Butterfly*, 9:45. Feb. 11, *Black Cat*, *White Cat*, 2:30; *Color of Paradise*, 5:30; *Alice and Martin*, 7:30; *Not One Less*, 9:45. Feb. 12, *Butterfly*, 5:30; *Life is to Whistle*, 7:30. Feb. 13, *Not One Less*, 5:30; *Alice and Martin*, 7:30. Feb. 14, *Color of Paradise*, 5:30; *Black Cat*, *White Cat*, 7:30. Feb. 15, *Butterfly*, 5:30; *Life is to Whistle*, 7:30.

Tickets are available at the door before each film begins. Tickets for individual films are \$6 and season ticket holders can get 12 films for \$50 plus tax. Full time MU students with a valid MU ID are admitted free. Part-time students, faculty and staff are admitted for half-price with a valid MU ID.