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Christina Murphy Named COLA Dean

Dr. Christina Murphy has been named the new dean of the Marshall University College of Liberal Arts. Murphy, who will replace retiring dean Joan Mead, will assume her new duties on July 23.

Currently the dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of English at William Patterson University in New Jersey, Murphy has previously worked at the University of Memphis as a professor and chair of the English department; Texas Christian University as the director of both the university and undergraduate writing programs; University of Mississippi as the head of the Humanities division, as well as a professor; and Mississippi Technical College as an assistant professor of English and associate director of the freshman English program.

She received her B.A. in English from Temple University where she graduated magna cum laude, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Connecticut.

"Dr. Murphy will be a valuable addition to the outstanding group of deans already at Marshall," said Dr. Sarah Denman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Her experience and talent will only serve to add to continued success of the College of Liberal Arts at Marshall University."

She is the author of seven books including the award winning "Writing Centers: An Annotated bibliography" and "The St. Martin's Sourcebook for Writing Tutors." She also had 11 chapters in books published, written 19 articles for various publications and has over 15 published book reviews. She has served as editor or as a member of the

editorial board for six academic journals and has given numerous keynote addresses, conference presentations, and workshops.

In addition, Murphy has achieved many honors including winning the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) "Outstanding Publication Award" in the category of academic advising manuals for "The Gradbook." She was also one of two finalists for the "1999 Jack Dyer Fiction Prize" in a national short story contest for her short story, "Candle Moon."

Peggy Mills Named Employee of the Month for May



Peggy Mills

Peggy Mills, records assistant II in the Registrar's Office, has been named Marshall University Employee of the Month for May, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.

Mills was nominated by her fellow employees in the Registrar's Office. In their nomination the group wrote, "The most elemental reason in a university environment for extending recognition to an employee is outstanding service to students. This nomination of Peggy Mills is based totally on her commitment to serve the students of Marshall University."

The nomination went on, "Since 1994, Peggy has been employed in various capacities at Marshall University. Her first position was in Adult and Extended Education where she found MU to be home and discovered her deep desire to help students. After six years in this department, she moved to the Graduate College and later transferred to the Registrar's Office."

Her consistently helpful attitude to both students and staff and her sunny outlook were cited as outstanding traits that help her do her job well. "In her current position Peggy performs a variety of duties related to the registration process. At times of peak registration activity,

Fall WVU Tuition Waivers Available

West Virginia University tuition waivers for the Fall 2001 term are now available through the MU Graduate College Office, according to Charlene R. Hawkins, Records Officer.

Full-time faculty and staff members are eligible for waivers with a maximum award of six credit hours. The application deadline in the Graduate College Office is Friday, June 22.

Application forms are available in the office at 113 Old Main, or may be obtained by calling ext. 2816.

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Jazz-MU-Tazz is Back

Whether you like your jazz glacier cool or smokin' hot, there will be something for everyone when Marshall's summertime fun event, the Jazz-MU-Tazz festival gets underway June 18-24 returning for the third year.

And a diversity of tastes is just what organizers have in mind for the festival which has attracted over 10,000 people to the area for the past two years. Highlights of this year's event will include an all-jazz Mountain State radio show live at Huntington's Harris Riverfront Park; cruises on the P.A. Denny; nights at a hot jazz cabaret, "Live at the Forum", and a special "Moonlight Bayou Cruise." Mountain Stage's Larry Groce will serve as a host to several renown jazz artists, including both international and local artists from West Virginia.

The opening event is "Appalachian Tales and Folklore" on June 18 with John Taylor's discussion of the social history of music and musicians as told through story and song. It begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

On June 19, festival-goers can experience a musical feast on "Night of Nostalgia" a musical tribute to the early jazz pioneers such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Glen Miller. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free.

If you want to do more than just listen, join in a jam session on "Open Mic Night", June 20, which will feature the jazz combo Bluetrane. They'll kick off the evening but anyone who wants to bring an instrument and join in, is welcome. This event also begins at 7:30 and is free. "Go Live @ the Forum" on June 21 will feature an evening of music and storytelling featuring Bluetrane and the all-female jazz band, Sherrie Maricle & Five Play. Audience members can play jazz trivia and hear fascinating jazz history from Stanley Kay, former relief drummer and manager of the Buddy Rich Big Band.



Diva Orchestra

Hosted by Larry Groce, tickets are \$15 and included will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided by Buddy's All-American Bar-B-Que. The doors open at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30.

A trip back to yesterday's era of colorful speakeasies is on tap for Friday, June 22, when The Evening of Cabaret returns to the Back Box Theater in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Guests will be greeted by a doorman and will enjoy cabaret-style music reminiscent of the famed jazz club that was home to such legends as Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday. Larry Groce will host the show which has an all-star cast including West Virginia's own jazz icon, Bob Thompson. A special appearance will be made by the legendary jazz dancer, Chester Whitmore. Tickets are \$25 and seating is limited. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

On Saturday evening, Mountain Stage returns to Huntington's Harris Riverfront Park Amphitheater with another live all-jazz show featuring five jazz acts of both national and international acclaim. Audience members are invited to bring picnic baskets to the festivities which begin at 6 p.m., with the gates open at 5 p.m. Mountain Stage begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults with children 5 and under admitted free.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24, several cruises will be offered on the PA Denny. Afternoon outings on Saturdays include cruises at 12 noon and 2 p.m. with boarding beginning a half hour before cast off. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. A sunset cruise that evening from 5 to 7 p.m. will feature the smooth rhythms of The Peck Quartet. Boarding begins at 4:30 pm. and tickets are \$25. A Moonlight Bayou Cruise departs Harris Riverfront Park at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$25 which includes authentic Cajun food.

Family cruises are being offered again on Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m. with Bluetrane on board. Tickets are \$5 for

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We Are...Marshall!

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The next issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of June 29, 2001. Deadline is June 22. Send story ideas to Pat Dickson, Editor, *We Are...Marshall!*, 110 Administration Building, South Charleston Campus, or send by e-mail to pdickson@marshall.edu.



adults, and \$3 for children.

Tickets for all events are currently on sale and can be obtained by calling 696-6656 or stopping by the box office of the Joan C. Edwards performing Arts Center on Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. In addition to several corporate sponsors, Jazz-MU-Tazz is brought to the community by the Marshall Artists Series, MU's College of Fine Arts and the Department of Music.

Faculty, Alumnus Awards Bestowed

Two faculty members from the Lewis College of Business received the Ashland Inc. Outstanding Graduate Advising Awards at hooding ceremonies held in Huntington and Charleston last month. Dr. Ramchandra Akkihal and Dr. Ashish Chandra were honored along with George William Minner, Jr., who received the Distinguished Graduate Student Alumnus Award, and John S. Ensign, who was named the Graduate College's Distinguished Graduate Student Alumnus for 2001. The advising awards were given in recognition of outstanding service to a faculty member from the Huntington and South Charleston campuses.

Akkihal, who is from the Huntington campus, has taught in the College of Business for 33 years and served as Director of the MBA program between 1985 and 2000. One of his nominators said, "In 1989 he introduced the Executive MBA. This 'Saturday only' program was the first of its type in the region and allowed working professionals to gain the degree within a two-year period. In 1997 he pioneered the delivery of the MBA courses by interactive television to remote sites throughout the state." The current director of the MBA program, Dr. Michael Newsome, said, "Dr. Akkihal has a reputation for assessing the strengths and weaknesses of each student and for leading each student down the path that takes full advantage of that individual's strengths."

Chandra, who joined the Marshall University faculty this academic year, was cited by a nominator as being "dedicated to his students and (he) does everything in his power to accommodate our needs. He is instrumental in initiating student research for publication in journals and proceedings. He is always available for meetings to discuss various aspects of the ongoing research. Helping his students achieve scholastic excellence is one of Dr. Chandra's greatest qualities." Another student lauded him for his help in getting a paper for publication submitted to a national conference. "He was actively involved in the conference and assisted other students in their research. This was a tremendous opportunity and allowed me and other graduate students to have a

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NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of myself and my family, I want to express sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone at Marshall for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, and genuine concern after the sudden death of my dad.

Rhonda Mullins

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this is a very stressful position. Regardless of the stress, Peggy consistently maintains a pleasant, helpful attitude. The positive attitude displayed by Peggy daily provides inspiration to her coworkers. It is a joy to work with Peggy. She has the ability to find the positive aspects of even the most negative situation."

Her nomination noted that, "In May 2000, Peggy was diagnosed with cancer. After surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, Peggy returned to the work she loved in February 2001."

At home right now, she continues to talk about her love for Marshall University and its students.

In conclusion, her co-workers wrote they nominated her,....."because of the exemplary manner in which she performs her job."

President Dan Angel presented her with a plaque, \$100, and a balloon bouquet. She will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

HRS Summer Workshops Offered

A series of diverse training and development classes will be offered by Human Resource Services in the upcoming weeks, including TIAA-CREF One-on-One counseling sessions.

Classes to be offered include Basic Banner Navigation, (limited to 15 participants) June 21, 2-4 pm., Presentation Room 349, Drinko Library, Pat Gebhart of Computing Services, facilitator. This class is intended for new Banner users from all areas of the University.

Four-Part Progressive Counseling Process (limited to 16 participants) will be held Thursday, June 21, 8:30-10:30 a.m. and Friday, June 22, from 2-4 p.m., with Jim Stephens, Human Resource Services as facilitator. This workshop for supervisors and managers is intended to acquaint them with the four-part counseling sequence in order to nurture a quality work experience.

Peak Performance Workshop will be held on the Huntington campus and via teleconference in South Charleston on Tuesday, June 26 from 9-11 a.m. Limited to 30 participants, the workshop focuses on learning and understanding techniques that help eliminate fatigue, improve performance, and reduce the risk of injury. Topics to be covered are: Learn your Body's Needs for Optimal Performance; Minimize Strain and Stress; Tips on Increasing Energy; and Preventing Fatigue. The facilitator is Dr. Brett Short, Doctors' Speakers Bureau. It will take place in 263 Smith Hall in Huntington, and in GC134 in South Charleston.

Leadership Chain (limited to 20 participants) will be offered Thursday, June 28 from 2-3:30 p.m. in room 106 Corbly Hall, with David Harris of Human Resource Services as the facilitator. A partial list of topics to be covered are Skills to be an Effective Supervisor; Communication Skills; Conflict Resolution; Delegation;

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scholarly publication," the nomination said.

Minner earned his B.B. A. from MU in 1978, a MBA in 1986 from the College of Graduate Studies, now part of Marshall, and a M.S. in Accounting from MU in 1988. From 1991 he served as chair, president, and CEO of Suburban Federal Savings Bank in Collingdale, PA. Currently he is the Chief Financial Officer for three companies, the Greenhouse Group for the Greenhouse Spa located in Arlington, Texas; Alternative Business Solutions, Inc., and the Mortgage Bankers Holding Corporation. His wife Judy is also a Marshall graduate, having earned both a B.B.A. and a MBA.

Ensign received two degrees from Marshall, graduating with an Engineering degree in 1969 and a MBA in 1973. After graduation he joined Armco, Inc. holding various positions on his way to becoming Vice President of Armco Atlantic Resource, a division of the company responsible for assisting multi-national firms investing in auto-related production facilities in the U.S.

In 1986 he joined the Ruscilli Construction Company, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio and eventually became president of the corporation in 1998. He is certified as a Professional Engineer with licenses in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is active in community affairs and his civic service has earned him numerous prestigious awards. His wife, Jane, a high school principal in Columbus, also is a MU graduate.

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Time Management, and Dealing With Change.

TIAA-CREF One-on-One counseling sessions for those with retirement planning questions will be available on Tuesday, June 19 in 207 Old Main, and on Wednesday, June 20 at 207 Old Main and also at University Physicians and Surgeons. To schedule an appointment, call TIAA-CREF directly at 1-877-209-3136 or visit their website at <http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc>.

On-line registration for the other classes may be done at <http://www.marshall.edu/human-resources/td> or paper forms may be returned to the Human Resource Services office in 207 Main.

MOVC Sponsors "Run to the Point!"

The MU Mid-Ohio Valley Center is gearing up for its "Run to the Point!" 5k walk/run race which is scheduled for June 23 as a unique two-state event. The entry fee is \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the race with all proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Participants will start the day off at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of the Gallipolis Kroger following a walk/run route that will take them across the Silver Memorial Bridge to West Virginia, ultimately ending up at the Pt. Pleasant Battle Monument. The first 125 people to register will receive t-shirts and there will be a bevy of prizes in

Huntington, S. Charleston Computer Classes Offered

Summer computer classes offered by the Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development and the Computer Learning & Continuing Education Center, MU Community and Technical College, have been announced for Huntington and South Charleston. Workshops will not be held on July 4. Huntington classes and their instructors include:

Basic Computers, all taught by Shane Jeffrey - Introduction to Computers Workshop, Part I, July 28, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, \$49; Introduction to Computers Workshop, Part II, August 4, 9 a.m., \$49. Intermediate Computers, July 31-August 21, 4:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., \$59.

Introduction to MS Windows 2000, July 16-August 20 (no class July 23), 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Larry Baumgarner.

Microsoft Suite, Introduction to Excel, July 6-July 18, 4:30 to 6:20 p.m., \$99; Excel Overview Workshop, June 23, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$89, Rodney Phillips; Introduction to Outlook Workshop, June 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$69, David Irvin; Intermediate Word, July 17 to August 14 (no class on July 24) 6:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m., \$69, Larry Baumgarner; Introduction to Visual Basic, Part I, June 30, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, \$59, Larry Baumgarner; Introduction to Visual Basic, Part II, July 7, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, \$59, Larry Baumgarner.

Specialty Courses - Web Design, June 20-August 1, 6:30 to 8:20 p.m., \$119, David Irvin; Introduction to Adobe Pagemaker, July 13-August 17, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., \$139, Jenette Reed Williams.

To register, call extension 6855 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration can also be done on the web at www.marshall.edu/contedu/.

In addition, A+ Certification Training, offered through the Computer Learning and Continuing Education Center, will be offered in Huntington July 16-20, 9a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Workshops scheduled in South Charleston include (from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily):

Oracle Database Administration, June 18-22; Cold Fusion, July 11, 12, & 13; Oracle Introduction, August 20-24; Oracle Backup and Recovery, September 11-14.

Other software training offered in South Charleston, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily includes:

FrontPage, June 25; PageMaker Introduction, July 12-13; Photoshop, July 25; PageMaker Advanced, July 27; WebDesign Introduction, August 8; Web Design Advanced, August 29.

For information on any of these classes, contact Martha Pierson at 746-2062 or e-mail her at mpierson@marshall.edu.

several categories. Run/Walk awards will go to the Grand Champion Male and Female, the first Mason and Gallia Countians to finish, and the oldest and youngest competitors. In addition, prizes will be awarded in a number of age groups.

Registration will be held from 7 a.m. until 7:45 in the Gallipolis Kroger lot. There will be two water stations available for the racers. For more information, call 304-674-7200 or 740-446-3643, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.