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Marshall, Prevention Center Receive Grant to Combat Prescription Drug Abuse

Marshall University and the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center (WVPRC) have partnered with Purdue Pharma L.P., a leading pharmaceutical company, to establish prescription drug abuse prevention efforts in three southern West Virginia counties.

President Dan Angel met last week with WVPRC Director Dr. Wayne Coombs and Purdue Pharma Director of Community Partnerships Clay Yeager to make the announcement of the \$126,000 grant from Purdue.

Through the partnership, the WVPRC is working with STOP, a non-profit, community-based organization in southern West Virginia, to develop and implement a community-based awareness and education program specifically addressing prescription drug abuse. Coombs said Mingo, Logan and Wyoming counties were chosen to pilot the project because each has experienced significant problems with prescription drug abuse during the

past several years. Also, the communities in each of these counties had mobilized around the issue and were already active in developing responses to the abuse problems in their areas. The project's objectives in these three counties are to provide training and technical assistance in building a focused prescription drug abuse effort; increase awareness of prescription drug abuse through proven social marketing efforts; and measure the effect of these local efforts.

"We want to work within these counties to create a lasting program," Coombs said. "The grant plants the seed and our goal is to have the project grow stronger and evolve each year."

"We are very pleased to partner with the Prevention Resource Center for this project," said Yeager. "They are

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Marshall Humanities Program to Sponsor Oral History Workshop

An oral history workshop, sponsored by Marshall University, is scheduled for Oct. 25 and Nov. 15 in room 135 of the administration building on the South Charleston campus. Sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The workshop directors are Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, professor emeritus, Marshall University, and former director of the Oral History of Appalachia Program and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA); and Dr. Rita Wicks-Nelson, professor emeritus, WVU Institute of Technology, and Rockefeller Scholar for CSEGA.

Organizers say oral history is a method of asking questions and collecting historical perspectives that otherwise would be lost. Participants will be asked to carry out an interview which will be shared. The workshop is open to all interested persons but numbers are limited. Cost is \$50, which includes materials and box lunches for both Saturdays. One hour of graduate credit is available through the MU Humanities program. For details or further information, contact Dr. Joyce East at 746-1923 or Martha Pierson at 746-2062. Free parking is available on site at 100 Angus E. Peyton Drive.

Plymale Honored by Schools Project



Sen. Robert Plymale was honored Oct. 22 at an event at Kellogg Elementary School in which the school's students participated (inset).

State Senator Robert Plymale was honored with a special thank you celebration Oct. 22 at Kellogg Elementary School in Huntington.

The event was sponsored by the Marshall University Partnership Schools Project and Kellogg Elementary. Plymale was honored for his support of educational projects, especially the Partnerships for Teacher Quality Initiative, said Dr. Jane McKee, facilitator of the program at Marshall. The PTQI is a grant that funds

colleges and universities in West Virginia that prepare teachers.

McKee said Plymale, a Wayne County native and chair of the Education Committee in the Senate, was instrumental in Marshall receiving the grant last year with funding from the Budget Digest.

"We're thankful to Senator Plymale for his constant and unwavering support of education in West Virginia," McKee said. "This is an honor well deserved and we are most appreciative of his help to create these partnerships."

Four Couples Join Pathway of Prominence

Four couples have joined Marshall's Pathway of Prominence after presenting significant gifts to the university. Plaques honoring each couple were unveiled in a ceremony that took place during Homecoming.

James E. and Verna K. Gibson of Sarasota, Fla., Timothy L. and Sandra K. Haymaker of Lexington, Ky., F. Selby and Donna Wellman of Cary, N.C., and William E. Willis and Joyce L. Willis of Tenafly, N.J., make up the 2003 class of the Pathway of Prominence.

The additions bring to 14 the number of plaques on the Pathway of Prominence which is located at the center of the Huntington campus.

"The Pathway of Prominence represents the central nature by which their generosity impacts and enhances the future of our institution," said Dr. Keith Spears, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and co-director of Marshall's Campaign for National Prominence. "The Pathway symbolizes the enduring legacy its members have bestowed on Marshall University."

In a separate ceremony that same day, the four couples were honored during a naming ceremony at Marshall's new \$28 million, 50-bed housing project—the first on campus in 35 years. Plaques revealing the names of the four buildings—Gibson Hall, Haymaker Hall, Wellman Hall and Willis Hall—were unveiled.

The Gibsons are vice chairs of the Campaign for National Prominence. They support Marshall athletics, the West Virginia Autism Training Center at Marshall, and the H.E.L.P program. They also fund scholarships for students.



Pathway of Prominence honorees Sandra Haymaker (left), Tim Haymaker, Verna Gibson, and Jim Gibson unveil the plaques with their names at the induction ceremony during Homecoming Weekend.

The Haymakers have traveled all over the United States promoting Marshall for the Campaign for National Prominence of

which Tim Haymaker is the national chairman. Currently the campaign total stands at more than \$62 million.

The Wellmans support Marshall through their volunteering, leadership and generosity. Selby Wellman is vice chair of the Campaign for National Prominence. Much of the Wellmans' support is through academic and athletic scholarships.

The Willis' strongly supported the building of the John Deaver Drinko Library and Bill Willis serves on the Yeager Scholars Board of Directors. He often praised "the mind-boggling technology" being developed at the library during the time it was under construction.

CTC to Offer PageMaker in South Charleston

PageMaker Introduction will be offered Oct. 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the South Charleston campus. The class is being offered by the Community & Technical College Continuing Education/Computer Learning Center.

The two-day workshop will offer instruction on how to set up layouts, import pictures, graphics and other files and use a variety of font sizes and colors to enhance work. In addition, participants will learn how to design brochures, newsletters and flyers.

To register, or for additional information, contact Martha Pierson at ext. 2062. Free parking is available on site.

Tuition Waiver Applications Available for Staff

Applications for Spring 2004 tuition waivers are now available for classified staff, according to the Staff Development Committee.

Applications can be picked up from the Staff Council Office in 100 Old Main. They are also available at www.marshall.edu/staff-council. Applications can be sent or forwarded to the Staff Council office. The deadline is 4 p.m. Nov. 13.

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should be sent to Pat Dickson, editor, at the South Charleston campus or by e-mail to pdickson@marshall.edu.



Profile: Cora Teel

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Cora Teel

There are soldiers in the Morrow library, Civil War figures wearing both the blue and the grey alongside a World War I veteran recounting tales of everyday life in the French countryside. There are a poignant saga of a 1920s traveling saleswoman, a meticulous account of what life was like in the Grafton, W. Va., 100 years ago, and a tantalizing glimpse into the lives and goings on of Huntington's wealthy and elite as recorded by a longtime newspaper society columnist.

These are not long-forgotten ghosts of people past. Rather, they are real people detailing the day-to-day minutia that make up life—sometimes happy and upbeat, sometimes querulous and cranky, people with hopes and dreams, financial problems, good days and bad ones, marital discord, domestic violence, and sometimes tragedy.

They reside in the pages of the Special Collections section on the third floor of the Morrow Library, through diaries, letters and notes which make up the manuscript collection, meticulously preserved so that their lives are can be studied and appreciated. They literally constitute an open book—and look—into the past.

Overseeing this treasure trove is Cora Teel, a librarian/archivist, who's been at work preserving memories for 30 years, a job she says she's loved from the beginning.

Actually, the creation of Special Collections predated her employment by just a couple of years. The Special Collections began in 1972 in response to the criticism of a North Central accreditation team, which said the university had nothing that would bring scholars and researchers to use the library. Originally the idea was to concentrate on a collection that would focus on West Virginia, the tri-state region and Marshall, a concept that is still regional in nature but which has broadened over the years.

Teel manages both the archives and manuscript collections while other staff members have their own areas of expertise, such as the West Virginia book and state document collection, Rare Books, electronic media, and the Rosanna Blake Library of Confederate History.

"We currently have over 700 documents in our manuscript collection which consists of collections of private papers of individuals or families, businesses, and local clubs," she says. "We're also the depository for two state organizations, the American Association of Women Voters, and the Daughters of the American Revolution."

Recently the library came into possession of a packet of more than 60 letters, found in a Huntington attic. The letters were written in the 1920s by a traveling saleswoman named Lily whose territory included southern West Virginia. She was writing to her sister in Huntington, using letterhead stationery from a series of hotels and boarding houses—the letterheads themselves real finds. The letters revealed a desperate family drama unfolding, centering on her relationship with an abusive husband and her concern for her

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Entries Sought for Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Competition

Entries are now being accepted for the 2003-2004 Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Competition, according to Dr. Christina Murphy, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and chair of the competition.

Students in elementary, middle school, high school and university—both undergraduate and graduate—categories may enter original artistic, literary or musical projects on the life and vision of Martin Luther King Jr. Projects may take the form of a painting, drawing, montage, computer graphic, video, musical composition, original essay, poem, short story or one-act play.

Deadline for submissions is Dec. 16. They will be evaluated by a panel composed of Marshall students, faculty and staff as well as a representative from a local elementary school. First and second place winners will be announced in January 2004 and must be available to attend the memorial service in Huntington Jan. 19 as part of the 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium activities.

Winning entries will be displayed and housed in the Drinko Library after the symposium ends.

Entry forms and more information on the competition and symposium are available by calling the Office of Multicultural Affairs at ext. 4677, by e-mail at mcip@marshall.edu or on the Web site at www.marshall.edu/mcip/

[MartinLutherKingAwardsCompetition.html](http://www.marshall.edu/mcip/MartinLutherKingAwardsCompetition.html).

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. B. David Ridpath, Director of Judicial Programs, has been selected to present two of his scholarly papers, "It's Time to Slay Another Sacred Cow, A Critical Review of the NCAA Division I Infractions and Enforcement Process," and "Specialized Academic Support Services for Students Who are Athletes—A Bad Idea, Now Worse," at the 1st Annual National Institute of Sports Reform Summit in Bolton Landing, NY, Nov. 7-10. Ridpath will serve on two panels, "Early Specialization, Professionalism, Commercialism, and Academic Corruption," and "Perspectives on Collegiate Sports Reform." His papers have been accepted for publication in the *Official Proceedings of the Historic 1st Annual National Institute of Sports Reform: Assessing the Past, Planning the Future*.

Dr. Robert Bickel of the College of Education and Human Services and Caitlin Howley, a doctoral candidate in sociology at Temple University, are co-authors of a paper titled "Math Achievement and the Development of Poor Rural Areas: Contextual Factors Intrinsic to the Modern World." The paper has been accepted for publication by *Educational Foundations*.

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children. The letter writer had the husband arrested for what is now called domestic violence but the abuse apparently didn't stop. Unfortunately the letters stopped before the final outcome was known, leaving the fate of Lily and Russell and her family unknown and frustrated readers hoping for a happy ending.

"This is an occupational hazard," Teel says wryly. "You get so wrapped up in a saga. You want to know what happened to these people. At some point, though, someone may want to look at women's issue and these letters could be a real asset."

The collections are eclectic. One of the first consisted of papers from Catherine Bliss Enslow, who for many years chronicled the lives of Huntington's privileged class for a local newspaper. Born in 1899, she died in 1973, so her columns spanned generations. In addition she possessed papers and documents from her family which dated back into the 1870s, and these, too, were donated. Her large collection of photographs, many of them newspaper photos, have been used in several publications.

In fact, photos from the archives have been used in several publications and books. "It's always such a good feeling when you see one of our photos used and see a credit line that lists Marshall University as the source," Teel says with pride.

Diaries are among the most revealing, Teel says, because people put their most intimate thoughts and feelings on paper. The library is fortunate to have several original diaries, lovingly preserved, while others have been transcribed. Either way, the day-to-day lives of these writers grants a fascinating look into the past.

One journal of local interest was the account of daily life in rural France, out of the combat zone for the most part, in World War I. The beautifully written entries by former Huntington newspaper reporter, Charles Frampton, freezes time as he writes about his comrades, meals eaten, evenings out, French friends he made, even the weather. Marshall librarian Ron Titus was so intrigued by the Frampton diaries he did a master's thesis on them.

And you didn't have to be a world traveler or a soldier to share daily adventures. One of the best recorded slice of life accounts is a collection of original diaries written by Grafton resident Sam Jenkins. He meticulously recorded nearly every aspect of his daily life from 1888 to 1942, offering a fascinating look into a long-ago era.

"Fortunately he was a very reflective person and he talks about things he saw come to pass—automobiles, electric lights, telephones, radios, airplanes. He ... for many years ran a greenhouse in Grafton, and I actually got several good gardening tips from his entries," Teel, an avid gardener herself, reveals.

As would be expected, the archives offer an absorbing peek into Marshall history through issues of the *Parthenon* and yearbooks. Begun in 1898, the *Parthenon* was published on a relatively continuous basis except for a gap from 1914 to 1920. Yearbooks began in 1908 and ceased publication on paper in 1995, when it became too expensive to continue publication. Since then, they've been available online. But there are copies in the archives, which Teel says are great sources of information. "Hardly a week goes by that I'm not asked to look up information in a yearbook."

And all the information encased in the archives is there to be used. Teel says that's one of the joys of working in the library, to see people make use of the library resources. Genealogy materials are greatly utilized, and people have

come not only from all over the state but from other parts of the country, including California, Hawaii, Florida, and neighboring states to take advantage of the archival materials.

Her work has been so fascinating, Teel says, it's hard to believe she's spent 30 years at Marshall. And she's brought superb credentials to her work. With an undergraduate degree in foreign languages, the former high school teacher went on to earn three master's degrees, two of them from Marshall, after returning to West Virginia when her husband took a job on the Marshall faculty. She started out with a M.A. in art, added a master's in history, and in the 1990s earned a degree in library science from the University of South Carolina. All her degrees are a good fit for her job, she says. "They've helped me do my work here so much better. The art degree is helpful all the time and of course there is so much history involved. The library science degree helped me understand processes. Even the foreign languages I studied as an undergraduate have been a big help," she relates.

Her two grown daughters are now pursuing careers on their own. Leslie works for a computer software firm in Boston and writes technical manuals. Katherine followed in her mother's footsteps and for the past five years has been a librarian at Stanford University.

Outside of work, Teel loves to tend to her yard and is a dedicated member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Currently she's completing a three-year stint as a national chair and is a candidate to become the group's state corresponding secretary. Her work with the DAR has been quite helpful in her job, she says, as several donations have been made to the library as a result of contacts with fellow DAR members.

"Every day here is like a treasure hunt," says Teel. "You never know what you'll be doing or what information you'll be researching at any given time."

And she heaps praise on the tight-knit staff with whom she works. "We're all part of an integrated whole because we all bring our separate strengths to make our department a really good one. We pitch in to help one another. We work well together even though we work funny schedules—nights and weekends. We like to say we're special because we work with Special Collections!"

Teel's high regard for her colleagues is reciprocated. This year they nominated her for a faculty award for distinguished service, an award she received in April.

There has been one change she's noted through the years, and alumni should be forewarned, she says with a laugh. "When I first started here, students would come in to go through the yearbooks to look up photos of their parents. Now they're looking up their grandparents!"

Prevention Center Grant

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very knowledgeable of the prescription drug abuse problem in West Virginia and can work at the local level with community groups to combat this problem. Together, we are working to educate the public about the dangers of prescription drug abuse, especially among teens."

The WVPRC was chartered in March 1998 by the Governor's Cabinet on Children & Families. The center is a jointly owned and controlled public/private partnership administratively housed at the Marshall University Graduate College and fiscally administered by the MU Research Corporation.