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Construction to Begin on Biotechnology Science Building

Construction on Marshall University's Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center, expected to take about 30 months, begins on Tuesday, March 9.

The science center will be located west of Marshall's new parking garage, on the north side of 3rd Avenue, directly across from the Science Building. Construction means several changes affecting parking areas on 3rd Avenue will be made. The changes are:

- The student parking lots located between 17th Street and 18th Street will be closed permanently, beginning the weekend of March 6-7. Students who normally park on the 3rd Avenue lots will need to utilize the stadium parking lot or other available student lots.
- The employee lot located between Elm Street and 17th Street will be sectioned in half to be

used for construction staging. Entry will only be available from the Elm Street side of this lot. A new traffic pattern will be established for Monday, March 8. Once construction is complete, the full employee lot between Elm Street and 17th Street will again be available for employee parking.

The parking meters on both employee lots located on 3rd Avenue will be removed so displaced employees from the lot used for construction staging will have available parking.

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Work begins March 9 on the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center.

Wireless Expansion in Dorms Announced

Marshall and its wireless partner, West Virginia Wireless, announced Monday a campus-wide expansion of Marshall's Mobile Alternative for Residents on Campus (MARC) wireless initiative. Upon completion of the expansion project, the university will become one of the first major universities in the nation to provide wireless telephone services to all of its student residents.

The expansion builds on the success of a nationally recognized pilot project that has provided 500 wireless phones and service to students resid-

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In Memoriam: Dr. Harold C. Shaver



Dr. Harold C. Shaver

Dr. Harold C. "Hal" Shaver, dean of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, died suddenly Monday, March 1.

"The loss of Dr. Shaver is a loss not only for the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, but a serious loss for the university," said Dr. Sarah N. Denman,

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Dr. Shaver has been an outstanding leader for the School of Journalism over the years of his tenure. He has been able to bring the school to new heights of excellence. He will be difficult to replace and will be sorely missed."

Shaver became director of the journalism school in 1990, and his title was changed to dean when the school became an independent academic unit in 1999. Prior to joining Marshall, he chaired the Department of Communications at Bethany College for 8 years. Prior to that, he taught at Kansas State University, Drake University, and the State University of New York at Oswego.

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Health Screenings Offered March 10

A series of free health tests will be available during a health screening event on Wednesday, March 10, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Marshall Student center.

Sponsored by the PEIA Pathways to Wellness program, the screenings are available to all PEIA insured participants without affecting individual policies. In addition, retirees, spouses and other PEIA insured in the community are invited to take part.

Free tests include: total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, VLDL, triglyceride, glucose, bone density, and PSA for men age 45 and older or with a family history, who are insured by PEIA, Carelink, or HMO.

Annual Praisefest Starts Today

The fifth annual College Praisefest sponsored by Committed to Christ Campus Ministries at Marshall takes place March 5-7 at the Huntington campus and 20th Street Baptist Church, which is located at the corner of 5th Avenue and 20th Street.

"Praisefest 2004" showcases college choirs and performing arts groups from Marshall, Wright State University, Columbia University, Stonybrook University, Johns Hopkins University, St. Louis Citywide Mass, Bradley University and West Virginia State College.

The event begins at 8 p.m., March 5 with a praise and worship service at the 20th Street Baptist Church. Seminars are scheduled March 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Smith Hall. That evening a concert featuring choirs and performing arts groups takes place at 6 p.m. at the 20th Street Baptist Church. The conference concludes at 10:30 a.m. Sunday with a worship service in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

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Optional tests with fees—to be paid by the participants at the time of health screening—include:

- Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (CPMB), \$10
- Complete Blood Count (CBC), \$10
- Thyroid Panel (T3, T4, and TSH) \$25
- Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) \$25
- Bone Density (for non-PEIA insured participants) \$10

If insurance is not PEIA, Carelink or HMO, there will be a \$30 charge for the Lipid Panel and Glucose test, a \$15 charge for the Personal Wellness Profile, plus any additional fees for optional tests selected.

To make an appointment, contact Tom Drennan at 347-8511 or tdrennan@partnersincorphealth.com. For additional information visit www.peiaphways.com.

'Streetcar Named Desire' Starts March 25

One of Tennessee Williams' darkest masterpieces, "A Streetcar Named Desire," travels to the Keith-Albee Theatre March 25 at 8 p.m. as part of the Marshall Artists Series. Tickets are available through the Artists Series box office, located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The office is open Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Phone orders may be made with a MasterCard or Visa by calling ext. 6656.

WMUL Unveils New Studio, Image

Marshall's student-run public radio station, WMUL 88.1 FM, is changing its image and unveiling a new digital studio.

On Jan. 1, WMUL's on-air image and slogan became "The Cutting Edge." A ceremony recognizing the opening of the NewsCenter digital production studio which has been in production for five years, took place last month.

The NewsCenter 88 digital studio will be used to produce a live daily newscast at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as specialty programs such as documentaries, public affairs programs, feature programs, radio dramas and comedy shows.

Dr. Charles Bailey, associate professor of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and faculty manager of the radio station, said the new studio will provide even greater opportunities to Marshall students.

"I think aspiring journalists could not ask for any more than what will be available to them in the new WMUL-FM Center." Bailey said.

Profile: Linda Birchfield and Lorna Browning

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Linda Birchfield and Lorna Browning

They've worked closely together for 16 years and they've always been good friends—pretty much like sisters, Linda Birchfield and Lorna Browning say.

It's a good thing they get along so well, because, after years of being long-distance colleagues, they're finally sharing offices and together managing the Marshall center in Beckley after its move to new headquarters nearly two years ago. For Browning, who has always been located in Beckley, it wasn't much of a change, but for Birchfield, who lives in Princeton, it's the third move to a new town in her 22 years with the graduate college.

Both women began their academic careers with what was then the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, which leased space at various colleges throughout southern West Virginia. Birchfield, just out of high school, spent 10 years at Concord College and another 10 years on the Bluefield State College campus. The move in the summer of 2002 finally united her in the same office with her old colleague Browning, with whom she had worked closely over the years. It was, the duo declares, like reuniting two old friends.

Browning, who has spent her entire 16-year career with the graduate college working in Beckley, has seen her share of locale changes as well. She began working out of offices located in what was then Beckley College—later to become Mountain State University—then moved to Woodrow Wilson High School, and finally to new and more spacious quarters in the Academy of Careers and Technology, just a stone's throw from the high school.

Their compatibility has been a real boon to the students they serve in southern West Virginia. They work on a monthly rotating basis to keep offices and services available daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on many Saturdays as well.

"We think the system is fair," Browning says. "One month one of us works from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the other works from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. And during that month we work on Saturdays when it's called for. Since so many of our students work during the day, they are so appreciative that we have evening hours to serve them."

Together the pair takes care of whatever academic needs faculty and students may have. They take care of classroom materials, set up classrooms and computer labs, arrange WebCT class meetings, help with library inquiries, take care of classroom needs for faculty, notify students when classes are postponed or

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ing in the newly constructed Gibson, Haymaker, Wellman and Willis Halls. Started last fall, the project eliminated the need for traditional "landline" phones in the housing complex, thereby providing students with a portable, flexible telecommunications alternative.

Work begins this summer to expand this same wireless service to Buskirk, Hodges, Holderby and Laidley Halls for the fall semester of 2004. This will add approximately 750 additional students to the program. The completion of MARC's second phase will leave only two residence halls—Twin Towers—remaining with traditional landline telephone service for residents. The MARC initiative will be completed campus-wide with expansion of wireless service to an additional 1,000 students residing in Twin Towers prior to the fall 2005 semester.

Marshall University has received nearly 100 inquiries from higher education institutions from throughout the nation about this successful project, including inquiries from national technology leader MIT. The success of this program is part of a number of key technology initiatives at Marshall that are providing national prominence to the university as a leader in the use of technology applications and technology innovations.

"This project demonstrates a bold, strategic technology step for the institution and its students while providing more personal security, connectivity and peace of mind to parents and friends reaching students when they're away from their dormitories," said President Dan Angel. "We're pleased to be partnering with West Virginia Wireless as national leaders in this transition to a wireless residential campus."

Staff Council Election Results Announced

Those elected to vacant seats on the Marshall University Classified Staff Council, according to Mike Dunn, chair, are: Selma Johnson, EEO 30, other professionals; Stephanie Straley, EEO 40, technical/paraprofessionals; Lisa Imperi, EEO 50, clerical/secretarial; Barbara Black, EEO 60-70, skilled crafts/service/maintenance.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Michael W. Galbraith, Associate Professor of Leadership Studies, recently had the 3rd edition of his book, "Adult Learning Methods: A Guide for Effective Instruction" published. His book is used widely in graduate programs in the U.S. as well as in international educational programs.

Birchfield and Browning

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cancelled, and generally act as a clearinghouse for information.

Through their long association with the graduate college, and now with Marshall since the 1997 merger, they've made an effort to keep connected personally with the main campuses. Over the years, both have made numerous trips, first to the Charleston area, and now occasionally to Huntington, to attend meetings, training and information sessions, and university-sponsored social events. They feel it's important to mingle with coworkers who usually are just voices over the telephone or e-mail addressees.

"Getting to see people in person and to talk with them helps keep us in touch, and that's important to us," Browning says.

For someone who travels 80 miles round trip a day to her job, Birchfield is remarkably upbeat. It wasn't a hardship to move her work from Bluefield to Beckley, she insists.

"I love to travel, I don't mind the drive at all," the bubbly Birchfield relates. "The scenery is so beautiful in this part of the state and I like to watch the seasons change."

In addition to sharing job duties, both are multi-talented in an array of arts and crafts, and they even share a passion for NASCAR racing. But that's mostly Birchfield's doing, Browning says laughingly. "She's been interested in racing for a long time and now she's got me hooked!"

Birchfield, whose husband, Fred Modad, performs in bands and teaches guitar, once sang lead vocal in her husband's bands. These days she confines her singing mostly to her home and shower although she does occasionally treat Browning to an impromptu concert as they drive to South Charleston or Huntington. She may be modest about her singing, but "She's really good!" Browning says admiringly.

Birchfield is an avid nostalgia collector who has furnished her home with some cherished finds, and she also keeps an eye out for interesting pieces of art. She loves photography and has developed a unique skill in photographing old photographs, bringing them to life as treasured mementos. Since her family has lived for generations in the southern West Virginia area, she concentrated on making copies of their pictures and now has an entire wall of history featuring their framed photos behind her piano. With an eye for the unusual, she's planning to make a necklace of scrip—which was used as money in coal mining communities—that was recently given to her. It's fitting, she feels, because her father and both grandfathers were coal miners.

Any spare time she has is spent tending to the family's Lhasa Apso, Stella; going to movies, reading, studying West Virginia and Virginia history, working cryptoquotes and crossword puzzles, collecting family genealogy and attending Civil War re-enactments.

For Browning, needlework, particularly cross-stitch and embroidery, is a passion. Although she's been turning out items since she was a small child, she only got up courage to enter a piece in a competition two years ago when she entered the West Virginia State Fair contest. To her amazement, her work won first place in its category. She skipped last year's competition, but is planning to enter more pieces this year, including a beaded Christmas

ornament. She credits her mother, a strict taskmaster when it came to sewing, with teaching her the intricacies of fine needlework.

"She taught my sisters and me to be very precise. Everything had to be perfect; the back had to look just as good as the front."

These days Browning stays in close contact with her daughter, Erica, who lives in New York and is studying to become a massage therapist. An avid collector of unique Christmas ornaments, Browning also loves leafing through her collection of Stephen King novels and a vast collection of cookbooks. Her most unusual find is a cookbook from Africa which has intriguing recipes. The only problem, entrees such as giraffes and gazelles aren't common supermarket items, the upbeat Browning says with a laugh. But, she says undaunted, "I love trying out new recipes for my unsuspecting friends!"

A novice horticulturist she loves going for walks, catching an occasional movie and sharing her home with two Himalayan cats, Copper and Harley.

The camaraderie the pair has shared through the years is a definite asset to doing their jobs well. They're coworkers, colleagues, and most of all friends, they both affirm. And really, just like sisters at times, Birchfield says. "I know there are times she just wants to smack me," she says playfully. Browning can identify with the part about being sisters. "We get along so great! I can't imagine working so closely all these years with anyone else."

Dr. Harold C. Shaver

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Originally from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Shaver earned a B.A. in speech and English from Muskingum College. He went on to earn two graduate degrees, a master's in television and a Ph.D. in mass communications, from the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. He was married, the father of two daughters and the grandfather of three.

Biotechnology Building

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The meters will be re-installed once construction is complete.

James E. Terry, Director of Public Safety at Marshall, said police officers will be on site to assist with the changes.

"Planning for this construction project has been ongoing since the fall in an effort to minimize inconvenience to our employees and students," Terry said.

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Admission is free to the public. For more information, contact Committed to Christ Ministries at 525-1360 or 417-6190, or by e-mail at committed2christministries@yahoo.com.