

# We Are...Marshall!

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## Firm Named to Aid in Marshall President Search

Academic Search Consultation Service of Washington, D.C. has been selected to aid Marshall University in its search for a new president.

They were among three consulting firms that made presentations to the presidential search committee in early February. Academic Search has served numerous state-assisted colleges and universities in recent years, including

### Marshall Receives Major Grants from West Virginia EPSCoR

Marshall University has received two grants totaling \$279,636, from the West Virginia Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (WVEPSCoR).

Dr. Sarah Denman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, is the principal investigator for both grants.

The WVEPSCoR State Council approved two new grant programs, Summer/Semester Undergraduate Research Experiences (SURE) and Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), last year. These programs were developed under the new Research Challenge Fund legislation enacted during the last legislative session.

The WVEPSCoR office is responsible for the development, administration, management, and implementation of the state's experimental research improvement program. The mission is to build research competitiveness within institutions, individual researchers, research teams and collaborations between institutions throughout the state.

Six proposals were received by the WVEPSCoR office for the SURE grant. The STEM Fellows program is limited by statute to Marshall and West Virginia Universities.

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## Diversity Breakfast Slated for Feb. 25

The Fifth Annual Diversity Breakfast takes place from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25 in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. Tickets are \$11 per person.

Burnis R. Morris, a visiting professor from the University of Mississippi who holds the Carter G. Woodson professorship at Marshall this year, will give the keynote address. In addition, music will be provided by Stan Spottswood, a jazz pianist and a graduate student in music education, and a vocal ensemble of Marshall students.

The breakfast, presented by Marshall's Black United Students in collaboration with several departments and other inter-faith, women's and international student groups, was created four years ago with the intent of promoting campus harmony and unity.

"Every year we try to make this event even more inclusive of all the Marshall community," said Maurice R. Cooley, director of the Center for African American Students' Programs. "Events like this demonstrate Marshall's commitment to diversity."

For more information, or to make a reservation, call Fran Jackson at ext. 6705.

Ball State University, Eastern Kentucky University, Kent State University, Michigan State University, the University of Alabama and the University of Connecticut.

In 2004 Academic Search completed 37 presidential searches. According to Ann Die Hasselmo, the firm's managing director, 83 percent of all presidents appointed in the past 10 years with Academic Search's assistance are still in office, and 87 percent remain in office after six years.

"We are fortunate that while we were interviewing a number of outstanding search firms, we were dealing with wonderful individuals who potentially would be in charge of the search on our behalf," A. Michael Perry, co-chair of the search committee, said. "But we were particularly impressed with the individual from Academic Search, Dr. John DiBiaggio, because of his academic background. He, himself, has been a university president at a number of institutions, and he has been the dean of a medical school."

DiBiaggio holds three earned degrees and 13 honorary degrees.

"We just felt strongly that he has the ability to help us attract the right person to Marshall University, the person that will lead us into the bright future that we foresee," Perry said.

## Harless to Retire with Perfect Attendance Record

Marshall University physical plant employee Delbert Harless is ready for some time off.

Harless is retiring Feb. 28 after 31 years at Marshall. During that time, Harless never missed a day of work.

"I've had some ups and downs, and a few colds, but a lot of times if I felt bad, once I got up and went to work, I felt

better," he said.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, Interim President Michael J. Farrell presented Harless with a certificate in recognition of his loyalty to Marshall.

"It is absolutely astounding that an employee of 31 years never missed a day of

work," Farrell said. "It shows dedication and loyalty to show up for work every day. I salute him."

Harless is a lifelong resident of Cabell County. He currently lives in Barboursville.



Delbert Harless (left) received a recognition certificate from Interim President Michael J. Farrell for his perfect attendance record in 31 years at Marshall.

# Marshall Undergrads to Present Work at Capitol March 1

Marshall University students will participate in the second annual West Virginia Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol in Charleston Tuesday, March 1. The event, which takes place from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., features 99 students from across West Virginia, including 24 Marshall students. Their displays will be set up on both levels of the rotunda area of the capitol.

Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol is designed to give students the opportunity to present their research in poster format and talk with legislators about their findings. The projects are original research and the posters have been designed for a general audience.

The students are presenting posters in the areas of biochemistry, biology, chemistry, computer science and information technology, engineering, environmental science, geography, geology, mathematics, physics and psychology.

"This event highlights for the public an exciting array of research projects students engage in on our college campuses," Dr. Michael Castellani, Marshall chemistry professor and organizing committee chair, said. "The posters show the component of higher education that gives students the opportunity to use what they learn in the classroom in the process of discovery. Their research represents a major transition for them as they move from being students to entering their chosen careers."

Students who wanted to participate in Undergraduate Research Day applied online. Their applications were then

## Faculty Receive Reassigned Spring Semester Time for Research

Ten faculty members have been reassigned time for research for the Spring 2005 semester, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate College.

The faculty members and their projects are:

- Dr. Janet Badia, English, "The Priestess and her Cult: Sylvia Plath and the Mythology of Women," an essay for a book to be published by the University of Michigan Press.
- Dr. Stephen Cooper, Communication Studies, *Watching the Watchdog*, a book for Marquette Books.
- Dr. Frank Gilliam, Biological Sciences, "Effects of Nitrogen Additions on Biodiversity of a WV Hardwood Forest," an NSF grant proposal.
- Dr. Chris Green, English, presentation at Appalachian Studies Conference and chapter on Jesse Stuart. Presentation in March.

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## We Are...Marshall!

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of March 4, 2005. Deadline is Feb. 25. Articles or other materials for consideration should be sent to Pat Dickson, editor, at the South Charleston campus or by e-mail to [pdickson@marshall.edu](mailto:pdickson@marshall.edu).



examined by a committee and those chosen to participate were notified.

The following is a list of the 24 Marshall students, their hometowns, their disciplines, their research posters and their advisors:

- Andrea Belderer, Cross Lanes, W.Va., Adria Crutchfield, Ft. Drum, N.Y., and Brittany Poling, Buckhannon, W.Va. (Psychology) – "Deployment: The Effects of a Forced Separation in Relation to Attachment Schemas." Marc Lindberg, advisor.
- Marsha Bryant, Man, W.Va., Lena Weisman, Huntington, W.Va., and Meredith Woodall, Huntington, W.Va. (Psychology) – "A Quality of Life Assessment for Care Recipients of Faith in Action of the River Cities." Christopher LeGrow, advisor.
- Drew Clark, Proctorville, Ohio (Chemistry) – "An Atoms in Molecules Study of Hydridobridged Carbocations." Lawrence Schmitz, advisor.
- Alexia Denson, Given, W.Va., and James Watters, St. Albans, W.Va. (Psychology) – "Goal Specificity and its Relation to Problem Solving Performance." David Trumpower, advisor.
- Anna Fauber, Belle, W.Va., Monica Miller, Harts, W.Va., and Holly West, Ashland, Ky. (Psychology) – "The Role of Protective and Aggravating Variables and Their Relation to Identified Health Outcomes." Sarah Lewis, advisor.
- Melanie Fugett, Borderland, W.Va. (Psychology) – "Women Warriors: Motivational Factors for Female Political Participation in Revolutionary or Guerrilla Movements." Marybeth Beller, advisor.
- Derek Gregg, Barboursville, W.Va., and Justin Swick, Chesapeake, Ohio (Biochemistry) – "Instrumental for Large Scale DNA Manufacturing." Michael Norton, advisor.
- Kelli Hall, Huntington, W.Va. (Mathematics) – "Changing Time Scales." Ralph Oberste-Vorth, advisor.
- Jessica Hughes, Ashland, Ky. (Psychology) – "The Mediating Factors of the Negative Effects of Divorce." Marc Lindberg, advisor.
- Tara Lamm, Elkview, W.Va. (Psychology) – "Funny or Offensive: Defining the Boundaries of Appropriate Workplace Humor." Christopher LeGrow, advisor.
- Nicole Liette, Huntington, W.Va., and Maria Ramey, Harts, W.Va. (Biochemistry) – "A New Way to Look at Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms." Elizabeth Murray, advisor.
- Courtney Scott, Willow Wood, Ohio and Jessica Taylor, Whitesville, W.Va. (Psychology) – "Attachment and Depression." Marc Lindberg, advisor.
- Zachary Tackett, Proctorville, Ohio (Biochemistry) – "Identification of Fluoroquinolone." Elizabeth Murray, advisor.
- Steven Taylor, Huntington, W.Va. (Physics) – "Accessibility of Home Blood Pressure Monitors for Blind or Visually Impaired People." Tom Wilson, advisor.

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## Note of Thanks

To My Marshall University Family of Friends:

You do not know what it means to me to be able to share with some of you the precious life of my "Daddy." I will forever remember my friends and coworkers who sent flowers, who came to pay their respects, and those who did not—I know were concerned and praying.

My "Daddy" loved and attended as many Herd football and basketball practices and games that his physical body would allow.

Thank you, Marshall, for remembering him and I know "Daddy" is rejoicing with the New....."Herd" in Heaven!

Our family holds you all dear to our hearts.

With much love,  
Sharlee C. Henry

## Cleckley to Receive Marquette Alum Award



Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley

Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs, has been named a Distinguished Alumna in the Helen Way Klinger College of Arts and Sciences at Marquette University.

Cleckley will be honored in April during Marquette's Alumni Awards Weekend in Milwaukee, Wis.

"I am thrilled and feel gratified and extremely honored," she said. "The award is a significant acknowledgment of Marquette's valuing my leadership, work and advocacy for social justice, diversity and racial/gender equality."

Cleckley received her undergraduate degree from Marquette, a master's degree in science from Smith College, a doctorate from Brandeis University, and a Certificate in Educational Management from Harvard School of Business.

Marquette's Distinguished Award is given to those who demonstrate outstanding professional achievement and service. Cleckley has worked with the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services and the National Congress of Black Faculty Council.

She previously was awarded the W.E.B. DuBois Higher Education Award and the West Virginia Governor's Living the Dream Award, and has been honored by the American Public Health Association through the Betty Jane Cleckley Minority Research Award, which recognizes research on health disparities of the elderly.

## Fontana Trio to Perform Feb. 20

The Fontana Trio, consisting of Marshall faculty members Elizabeth Reed Smith, violin, Solen Dikener, cello, and Leslie Petteys, piano, will give a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, in Smith Recital Hall.

The program features Ravel's Trio, Addendum by Chick Corea, two tangos, and a world premiere performance of Turkish composer E.G. Firat's Trio No. 1, accompanied by a slide show of paintings by the composer.

Admission is free. For more information about this or other music events, call ext. 3117.

## Crafters Wanted for Library Associates' Event

Needle workers, woodworkers, artists and "crafty" people of all kinds will have an opportunity to showcase and sell their wares while helping the Marshall University Library at the first annual Marshall Library Associates' Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, April 16 in order to coincide with Alumni Weekend.

Tables will be available in the Memorial Student Center Lobby and Alumni Lounge, and weather permitting, outside on the plaza, according to Dr. Lynne Welch, professor of nursing and dean of the College of Health Professions, who came up with the idea of the fund-raising arts and crafts fair.

Vendors' tables will cost \$10 each and 10 percent of all sales will go to the Marshall Library to purchase new books. The event will run from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Table space is on a first come, first serve basis.

"If there are people out in the community who want to take part, we welcome them as well," Welch says. "Most people in this area are connected in one way or another to Marshall. At this point our library doesn't have the funds to purchase new books so this will be a way to help the

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## Progress on Biotech Center Results in Changed Traffic Patterns

Work has tentatively been scheduled for placement of the structural steel for the Third Avenue bridge to the Biotechnology Science Center before spring break this semester. On March 20, Third Avenue, between 20th Street and Hal Greer Boulevard, will be closed to vehicular traffic as per the traffic pattern approved by West Virginia Department of Highways.

In anticipation of welding and other potentially hazardous operations in this phase of construction, all windows on the eastern end of the Science Building will be covered with plywood and a layer of insulation until this phase of construction is complete. This work will begin on March 1 and will be done on the building's exterior. This

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## Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Chris Cassidy presented a paper, "Problem Discovery and Problem Solving in Unstructured Situations," at the 2005 CIBER Research Institute College Teaching and Learning Conference in Orlando, Florida. The paper received a Best Paper Award from the conference. His co-authors were Dr. Dallas Brozik and Doris Brozik.

Dr. Barbara P. Guyer, Renea Bostic and Dr. Kenneth E. Guyer will make a presentation at the Learning Disabilities Association of America in Reno, Nevada on "The Health Sciences Professional Who Has a Learning Disability and/or ADHD". They will discuss research conducted through the Medical H.E.L.P. Program as well as characteristics of this population and remedial assistance.

Dr. Ben F. Miller has made several recent presentations at professional conferences. In November he was a panelist, along with percussion instructors from the Eastman School of Music, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Michigan and Ed Shaughnessy, a former drummer with the Tonight Show Band, at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention. He was a clinician at the International Conference of the International Association for Jazz Education in January in Long Beach Cal., on the topic, "It Don't Mean a Thing if Your Drummers Can't Swing!" In February he participated in a clinic, "Protecting the Podium from Predatory Percussionists and Other Adventures from the Land of Cymbals and Drums," at the State Convention of the Ohio Music Educators Association in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Alina Zapalska, Professor of Economics, has recently published several papers, in refereed journals including: "Economic Transition: A Case Study for Polish Tourism and Hospitality Businesses" with Dr. Dallas Brozik in *Journal of East-West Business*; "Characteristics of Polish Entrepreneurship in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry" in *Tourism Journal*; "Family Businesses: A Case Study for Polish Female and Male Entrepreneurs" in *Journal of Contemporary Business Issues*; "Decision Making: Tourism and Hospitality Game," with Dr. Dallas Brozik in *Economic Research Network Educator*; and "Female Entrepreneurship in Transition Polish Economy" in *Problems and Perspectives in Management Journal*. She has published two book chapters, "Building and Teaching a Successful Online Course" and "Improving Student Learning Distance Learning and Self-Paced Instruction" with Allen Wilkins in *2005 Teaching Economics: Instruction and Classroom Based Research*, McGraw Hill & Robert Morris University. She has received the 2005 American Society of Business Behavioral Sciences Research Award for the best paper, "Teaching Auction Market Issues in Finance Education." The paper will be presented at the society's conference this month.

## ***Undergrads*** *from Page 2*

Other college and universities represented during Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol include Alderson-Broaddus College, Bluefield State College, Davis & Elkins College, Fairmont State University, Shepherd University, University of Charleston, West Virginia State University, West Liberty State College, Wheeling-Jesuit University, West Virginia University and West Virginia University-Institute of Technology.

More information is available by contacting Castellani at (304) 696-6486.

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library which helps the whole community, and not just Marshall."

In addition to individuals, Welch hopes student organizations will take part also. "We'd love to have art, sculpture and pottery students, for example, participate. We have so many talented folks here at Marshall. We want to showcase their work."

Marshall-themed items or items using Marshall's colors are especially sought. Non-perishable foods, such as candy or jellies and jams, also will be accepted.

Checks or money orders for tables should be made payable to Marshall University Library Associates and sent to the attention of Lynne Welch, 426 Prichard Hall. More information is available by calling Welch at ext. 2616.

## ***Traffic Patterns*** *from Page 3*

work should not disrupt operations inside the building. Windows on all floors of the building's eastern facade will be protected in this manner. Interior work connecting the bridge to the Science Building will take place this summer. A schedule for the interior work will be issued after the connector bridge process has been completed.

Construction work on the bridge will close the south-eastern handicapped entrance during the period March 19 through March 27 (spring break). The temporary ramp on the southwestern end of the Science Building may be utilized during this timeframe. However, on March 28 the southeastern handicapped ramp will again be open for use until further notice.

Beginning on March 28, only two lanes of westbound vehicular traffic on Third Avenue will be open around the connector bridge area until all work is completed on the bridge. Signage will be installed on Third Avenue clearly marking this activity during closure of the south side (two lanes) or the north side (two lanes). This sequence of lane closures may change more than once as necessary to complete all aspects of the bridge work.

During the time frames of closure of the two south side lanes it may be necessary to close portions of the sidewalk to permit overhead work. This will require additional signage and the detour of pedestrian traffic into the interior of the campus to avoid the work area.

The parking lot between the Science Building and Harris Hall should be reopened in January 2006.

The Biotechnology Science Center should be ready for occupancy in August 2006 and open for instruction in time for the spring semester, January 2007. This will allow the entire fall semester for move-in and to fine tune the building's systems.

## ***Major Grants*** *from Page 1*

"Marshall is so proud of our faculty and students who support research at our institution," said Denman. "This is one more example of how important research is to the teaching of both our graduate and undergraduate students. These programs will provide more opportunities for students to pursue careers in the sciences."

The expansion of STEM Doctoral Education at Marshall was the basis of the grant proposal submitted to WVEPSCoR.

Marshall's Biomedical Sciences (BMS) program offers Marshall's only Ph.D. degree and provides an opportunity for interdisciplinary research.

The goals of the project are to establish an aggressive recruiting effort with a central campus coordinating office; develop ways to promote student-faculty interaction during recruiting and mentoring the early years of graduate training; and provide sound and sustained financial support for student stipends.

Graduate students who are active in research will be organized into six research clusters. Faculty committees will organize the clusters and will help develop attractive and informative Web sites, marketing brochures and research description booklets. A recruiting office will be established in the Graduate College and a recruiting coordinator will be hired to locate and track prospective students and arrange publication of program materials.

As part of a recruiting effort, researchers will work with the recruiting coordinator to make personal contact with faculty and students at West Virginia undergraduate institutions, travel to key undergraduate institutions in surrounding states, and attend conferences to reach a more diverse student population.

The SURE program will introduce and encourage student grantsmanship, increasing the number of undergraduates who apply for and receive nationally competitive scholarship and fellowships in STEM fields.

Students will be involved in performing a wide variety of duties and tasks during a 10-week period in summer. Students will present the results of their research work at regular SURE group meetings. They will participate in an on campus poster competition and selected students will participate in Undergraduate Research Day at the State Capitol.

Marshall faculty members Dr. Laura Jenks and Dr. Richard Niles are members of the STEM Advisory Council. Dr. Michael Norton, Dr. Marcia Harrison, and Dr. Seth Bush are members of the SURE Advisory Committee Administration.

## ***Faculty Reassigned Time*** *from Page 2*

- Dr. Marcia Harrison, Biological Sciences, "Research Infrastructure Enhancement for Marshall University," grant proposals to USDA, NIH and NSF.
- Dr. Kateryna Schray, English, NEH Grant Application and Editing Project. The book is a Ukrainian language translation.
- Dr. Suzanne Strait, Biological Sciences, "Earliest Eocene Fossil Mammals," MSF funded research.
- Dr. Jagan Valluri, Biological Sciences, "Production of Biomass & Bioproducts in a Microgravity-based Bioreactor," NASA presentation in April.
- Dr. John Van Kirk, English, *A Region Below the Day* and "Tribute to Howard Norman." Completion of a novel and an April presentation at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs.
- Dr. Lachlan Whalen, English, "No Frills and No Fancy Words: The Dialectics of Provisional Prison Literature in Republican News and Faoi Ghlas." West Virginia Humanities Council fellowship-funded research to result in a paper at the American Conference of Irish Studies in April.