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Marshall Presidential Search Enters Next Phase

The list of candidates for the Marshall University presidency has been trimmed to four, according to search committee co-chairs A. Michael Perry and Menis Ketchum.

The search committee selected four finalists after a round of 8 semi-final interviews conducted in Cincinnati. Each candidate either has visited or is expected to visit Marshall's South Charleston and Huntington campuses in

Schedule for Visits

The four presidential candidates will have an opportunity to meet with faculty, staff and students during their visits. On the Huntington campus, the meetings will take place in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

The schedule for the various constituent groups is:

All Staff 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Students 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Faculty 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Release time will be granted for staff attendance.

the near future for a series of meetings with campus and community constituencies.

The finalists, listed in alphabetical order, are: John W. Bardo, chancellor of Western Carolina University; Thomas R. Hanley, current vice president and former provost of Auburn University; Stephen J. Kopp, special assistant to the chancellor with the Ohio Board of Regents, and former provost of Ohio University; and Charles E. Kupchella, president of the University of North Dakota.

Marshall is being assisted in the search by Dr. John DiBiaggio of Academic Search Consultation Service of Washington, D.C., which was selected by MU to aid the university in its search. DiBiaggio, former president at Tufts University, Michigan State University, and the University of Connecticut, originally gave the committee the pool of more than 50 potential candidates.

"We are very pleased and grateful to John DiBiaggio for presenting us with an outstanding group of candidates," Ketchum said.

Perry, too, said the list of candidates was impressive. "We were delighted and impressed with the variety of applicants who are presidents and provosts of major institutions with outstanding academic achievements," he said. "Each of the four finalists has a strong background in higher education and has achieved significant accomplishments in a wide variety of very important areas vital to the future of Marshall University."

Here is a brief look at each of the finalists and the institutions at which they currently are employed:

John W. Bardo, Western Carolina University

Bardo has been chancellor of the Cullowhee, N.C., university since 1995. Since that time, enrollment has increased from about 6,700 students to about 8,400. Much of



Dr. John W.
Bardo

Bardo's work in that 10-year period has focused on three issues: increasing enrollment, enhancing academic quality and engaging in regional development. Since 1995, undergraduate applications have increased more than 50 percent and the freshman class has grown from about 1,200 to nearly 1,600. Western Carolina, a member of the Southern Conference, has a Carnegie Classification of Master's I, the

same as Marshall.

Before going to Western Carolina, Bardo was provost and vice president for academic affairs for two years at

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Dana Edmonds Named Employee of the Month

Dana Edmonds, Trades Specialist – Lead in Residence Services, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for February, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

A Marshall employee for more than 16 years, Edmonds was nominated by Pierre A. Divers, Assistant Director of Residence Services.

In his letter of nomination, Divers wrote, "Dana is dependable and rarely, if ever, complains even under

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Dana Edmonds (left) receives his Employee of the Month plaque from Interim President Michael J. Farrell.

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Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Mass. He also has been an administrator at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Fla., the University of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcox, Texas, and Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan.

Bardo received his B.A. in Economics in 1970 from the University of Cincinnati, his M.A. in Sociology in 1971 from Ohio University, and his Ph.D. in Sociology in 1973 from The Ohio State University.

Bardo's visit took place May 25-26.

Thomas R. Hanley, Auburn University



Dr. Thomas R. Hanley

Hanley is a vice president and professor of chemical engineering at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala. He served as provost from 2003 to 2005. During that time he had administrative responsibility for 12 colleges, the library and information technology with shared responsibility for research, outreach and student affairs. Auburn maintains a Carnegie Classification of Doctoral/Research-extensive, and its enrollment is

more than 23,000.

Before going to Auburn, Hanley was dean of engineering and professor of chemical engineering at the University of Louisville from 1991 to 2003. He had administrative responsibility for six departments and four centers with an overall budget of more than \$24 million, more than double what it was when he arrived. Previously he was professor and chairman of chemical engineering for a joint program with Florida State University and Florida A&M University from 1985 to 1991). The program's major goals were the development of a quality program at the undergraduate and graduate levels with an emphasis on minorities and women.

Hanley received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1967 from Virginia Tech, his M.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1971 from Virginia Tech, his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering in 1972 from Virginia Tech, and his M.B.A. in Management in 1975 from Wright State University.

Hanley's visit to Marshall is scheduled for May 31-June 1.

Stephen J. Kopp, Ohio Board of Regents



Dr. Stephen J. Kopp

Kopp has been a special assistant to the chancellor with the Ohio Board of Regents since 2004. It is a special assignment at the request of the chancellor, Roderick G. W. Chu, and involves two areas of responsibility: leading a statewide initiative to advance innovative practices that will improve student access, learning productivity and accountability in Ohio public institutions of higher education, and assisting the nation of Hungary on behalf of the board and the state of Ohio with implementing European Union higher education reforms.

Previously, Kopp was provost for two years at Ohio University (2002-2004) in Athens, Ohio, where he shared with the president the central administrative role in the university and served as the chief academic and operating officer. He led the senior administration effort to assist Ohio's medical school in privatizing its patient services clinic. Ohio has an enrollment of about 20,000 and a Carnegie Classification of Doctoral/Research-Extensive. He also was founding dean of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions at Central Michigan University, and founding dean of the College of Allied Health Professions at Midwestern University. He also served in a variety of positions for nearly 20 years at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kopp received his B.S. in Biology in 1973 from the University of Notre Dame, and his Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics in 1976 from the University of Illinois.

Kopp's visit to Marshall is scheduled for June 2-3.

Charles E. Kupchella, University of North Dakota



Dr. Charles E. Kupchella

Kupchella has been president of the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D., since 1999. During that time, a president-initiated and completed comprehensive strategic planning process resulted in strategic plans for each unit and a strategic plan for the entire university.

Another highlight during Kupchella's tenure has been increased faculty and staff salaries, and a significantly increased endowment. Since 1999, the university had completed nearly \$450 million in building projects, some on campus and some as joint ventures with public and private partners. The University of North Dakota has an enrollment of more than 12,000 and its Carnegie Classification is Doctoral/Research-intensive.

Before going to North Dakota, Kupchella was provost and professor of biology at Southeast Missouri State University from 1993 to 1999. He was dean of Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health at Western Kentucky University from 1985 to 1993, and professor and chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences at Murray State University for six years before that. He also served at the University of Louisville and Bellarmine College in Louisville earlier in his career.

Kupchella received his B.S. in Education in 1964 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and his Ph.D. in 1968 from St. Bonaventure University in St. Bonaventure, N.Y.

Kupchella's visit to Marshall is scheduled for June 1-2.

More information on all of the finalists is available at www.marshall.edu/presidentialsearch.

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Profile: Charlene Wideman

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Charlene
Wideman

The sun is shining, the trees are in full leaf, perennials are beginning to bud and the grass is growing...and growing. That means that at the Glenwood estate on the west side of Charleston, for Charlene Wideman, an award winning master gardener, the busy outdoor season is underway. And she wouldn't have it any other way.

Wideman is the curator of the two-acre historic estate, which was donated to the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies Foundation in 1978. She is the keeper of the distinctive Greek Revival home that was built by the Laidley family in 1856, and sold five years later to the Summers family. It's a unique position and it's hard to describe her duties. She takes meticulous care of the 12-room two-story house with walls that are three bricks thick. In winter she cleans and polishes and refurbishes the home and its contents, giving special care and attention to the largely American Empire style furniture which fills the mansion, much of it more than a century old. She keeps a close eye on all aspects of the majestic old house, carefully making notes of any maintenance needs. She always lends an expert hand when events are taking place and she's a knowledgeable and friendly guide to groups that occasionally tour Glenwood. But with the first faint whiff of spring before the flowering plants and bushes even think of springing into bloom, she heads outdoors for her first love, overseeing the several gardens that dot the estate.

Actually it was her interest in gardening that helped her land the job nearly 16 years ago. Wideman answered a generic newspaper ad which was seeking help for a house and garden but with no clue as to its location in town. She applied, because "I have always been interested in antiques and I had been gardening for a number of years. Since my husband was an officer in the military we moved around a lot and I had been involved in hosting parties and planning and managing events. This experience has been of great help at Glenwood since from time to time part of my duties has involved helping out at various events that have taken place here."

A native of St. Petersburg, Florida, Wideman met her husband, John, who is a native West Virginian, while he was attending high school in Florida after his parents moved there. A romance soon flourished and after John returned to West Virginia to attend Marshall, she eventually followed him and they were married during his junior year. A career in the military took them all over the country until, upon John's retirement, the couple returned to the Charleston area, where John opened a successful private investigation company. Born during their military odyssey, daughter Natasha currently lives in Columbus, Ohio with her husband.

With her creative bent and a talent for creating exquisite hand-crafted items, along with her love of the outdoors, Wideman was leading a full, busy life. But with the offer of the Glenwood job, a dream came to fruition.

Since being donated to the WVCOGS Foundation (now the Marshall University Graduate College Foundation) by Lucy Quarrier, a descendent of the Laidley/Summers families, Glenwood has been a source of pride for the Kanawha Valley. "Miss Lucy," a spry octogenarian was a living treasure trove of history not only of her prominent family but the region as well, was the last of

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heavy workloads. He is extremely dedicated to our department and the university. For example, recently when the university delayed opening for two hours, Dana, who lives in Mason County, arrived early and assisted where he could so students living on campus would have a safe environment. He never hesitates to come back to work after hours or on the weekend or in an emergency. He is a valuable employee."

Edmonds was presented with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by Interim President Michael J. Farrell.

Applications for Graduate Waivers Accepted

Applications for graduate tuition waivers for Marshall University's fall term will be accepted through Friday, July 29 in the graduate dean's office, 113 Old Main, on the Huntington campus and by the students' academic area offices on the South Charleston campus. Priority consideration will be given to faculty and staff of the state's public and private colleges and universities.

Academic merit, which will be determined using grade point average and scores on required graduate admissions examinations, will be the major consideration in awarding the waivers that cover tuition. Students who receive waivers are responsible for paying student center and activity fees and some department-specific fees.

Up to three hours of waiver for graduate coursework will be awarded to qualified applicants. These waivers do not cover E-courses.

Students interested in being considered for a tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact the graduate dean's office in Huntington at (304) 696-6606, or the graduate admissions office in South Charleston at (800) 642-9842. Students who previously held waivers must reapply to be considered for fall term waivers.

Applicants who are awarded waivers will be notified by mail or email. Huntington campus students may pick up approved waivers in 113 Old Main beginning Friday, Aug. 12 and take them to the bursar. Waivers not claimed by Friday, Aug. 19 will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

South Charleston campus students must be registered for fall classes to receive the waivers and to have the payments posted to their accounts. Unless special arrangements are made, waivers for students who are not registered by Aug. 19 will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

Service Awards Luncheon is June 9

Marshall University's 21st annual Service Awards Luncheon will take place Thursday, June 9 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center. This year, in addition to the service awards, the Employee of the Year will be named.

To be eligible for awards employees must have completed 15, 20, 25, 30, or 35 years of service to Marshall University by May 1, 2005.

On the menu that day are chicken supreme in a light cream sauce, sugar snap peas, roasted rosemary potatoes, dinner salad, assorted rolls, cakes, pies, beverages, or a vegetarian meal of baked cheese tortellini primavera.

For further information, contact Joe Wortham at ext. 5402.

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her family to live in the historic old house. She delighted in giving personally guided tours of the home she had lived in for most of her life right up until her final illness and death in 1983. Wishing to preserve her cherished childhood home, she donated it to the foundation.

In the following years Glenwood was carefully restored and updated with new heating and air conditioning systems. The spacious kitchen with its 12-foot ceiling had been modernized in the 1950's and along with remodeled bathrooms, the interior of the house now is both functional and comfortable. Great care has been taken to preserve the exterior of the home and fortunately both the interior and exterior have changed very little over the years affording a virtual mirror of times past. Only yards away from the main house sits a smaller but still imposing two-story brick structure which was originally used as a summer kitchen and servant quarters. And despite its age and grandeur, much care has been taken to ensure that it's a warm, welcoming place for visitors.

Over the years, the historic home has been a beehive of activity. It has been the scene of receptions, concerts, seminars, lectures and meetings held by the college. For several years with careful screening it was possible for private individuals and groups to rent the estate for weddings, receptions, dinners, parties and other small events. Right now the home is in a state of relative inactivity, or "at rest" as Wideman terms it.

"As with any old home, it's important that it be maintained," she says. "We don't want it to be in bad shape so it is at rest right now. There can be a lot of wear and tear on the property because with large crowds coming and going, it takes a toll. It's tender and you have to treat it with respect."

The house may be resting but Wideman certainly isn't. She's out every day overseeing the multitude of day-to-day chores that dedicated gardeners know so well. There are the perennial beds which have evolved over the years, and other areas sport day lilies and roses. There's even a small vegetable garden where tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumbers, flourish. Shade-loving plants like ferns and hostas thrive under the spreading elms. The elms are a story in themselves, Wideman says. Scattered around the estate are 10 large American elm trees that with preventive care miraculously managed to survive the devastating and deadly fungus that attacked elms a few years ago. The trees are carefully checked and treated on a regular basis by tree experts to ensure their continued good health.

Although she's always been an avid and creative gardener, Wideman decided to expand her knowledge and become a "master gardener" through the national program run in the state by West Virginia University's extension service. Her dedication and hard work paid off when, earlier this month, she was named Kanawha County's Master Gardener of the Year and received her award at the annual state conference in Berkeley Springs.

Actually Wideman's devotion to gardening led to an accident that disabled her for awhile but didn't dampen her enthusiasm. In July, 2002, while visiting a friend to get horse manure for her gardens, she fell while going down steps, which resulted in a badly broken leg that required surgery, two months in casts and three months of rehabilitation. That summer was a washout but the following spring found her as energetic as ever, cultivating and maintaining the prized Glenwood gardens.

Right now she and her husband are communicating by long distance—a very long distance. For the past five years John has been working in the security field in Thailand, coming home only once or twice a year. Wideman has visited Thailand where she was enthralled by the lush tropical flowers that bloom so profusely in Bangkok where they stayed.

On June 9 she will be among those honored at the classified staff service awards luncheon. She's been at Glenwood since July 1989 and it's been a dream job in many ways, she says. That she is very, very good at the job she does is evident by looking around at the meticulously kept grand old house and the pristinely groomed grounds. But for Charlene Wideman, it is after all, a true labor of love.

Marshall Artists Series to Return to Keith-Albee Theatre

Marshall Artists Series events for the 2005-06 season will be moving back to the historic Keith-Albee Theatre in downtown Huntington.

Gov. Joe Manchin, Sen. Bob Plymale and other area legislators recently presented Penny Watkins, Executive Director of the Artists Series, with a check for \$35,000 to help ensure that Artist Series events will take place at the Keith-Albee and aid in the organization's success. Both the governor and Plymale said they recognize the importance of the series to Marshall and the community, as well as the economic impact it has on the tri-state area.

The Keith Albee Theatre has been home to the Artist Series for 68 years. The 2004-05 events had to be moved because of the uncertainty of the theatre's future with the opening last fall of Pullman Square and the Marquee Cinema. The theatre did not book any shows after December 2004.

Angela Jones, Director of Marketing and External Affairs for the Artists Series, said Marshall is excited to be moving back to the Keith-Albee.

"The Keith-Albee Theatre had been our home for so many years and we have a wonderful relationship with them," she said. "We are thrilled to be going back home."

Computer Basics Program Starts July 25

The Marshall University Technology Outreach Center will be host in July to a summer technology camp for retirees.

"Computer Basics" is a hands-on course for retirees who have little or no experience with computers, but who want to learn about the rapidly changing world of technology, according to Kelli R. Mayes, director of the Marshall Technology Outreach Center.

The course covers fundamentals such as hardware, software, e-mail, the Internet and basic document processing skills in Windows XP and Word.

Computer Basics will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon daily July 25-29 in Corbly Hall, room 330. The cost of the camp is \$239 per person, which includes all materials. For additional information, contact Mayes at ext. 3325 or via e-mail at mayes@marshall.edu.

Summer Program Offered for Learning Disabled, K-8 Beginning June 8

The College of Education and Human Services is offering a learning disabilities summer program Wednesday, June 8 through Friday, July 8 for kindergarten-to eighth-grade students.

The program will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for students who have been diagnosed with a learning disability or ADHD. They will be divided into classes of no more than five to ensure that each receives individual attention. Participants will work on improving reading and decoding skills, reading comprehension, reading speed, arithmetic examples and story problems, self-esteem, organizational skills, test-taking strategies and study skills.

For more information or to register for the program, contact Guyer at ext. 6317.