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Yeager Symposium to Focus on Appalachian Traditions

Marshall's 19th annual Yeager Symposium takes place Monday, Sept. 26 through Thursday, Sept. 29 at Marshall University.

The lecture series, "Echoes of Appalachia," focuses on Appalachian traditions, folklore and music. A variety of speakers and musical presentations will take place throughout the week, also with an emphasis on Appalachia.

"We chose the topic to explore our region's vast and interesting history," Johnny Walker, event co-chairman, said. "We hope to portray the history and traditions of Appalachia through the series."

The following is a schedule of events for the Yeager Symposium:

Monday, Sept. 26 – "Potluck," a presentation on the oral traditions of Appalachia, takes place in the

Tons of Supplies Collected for Camp Dawson

The Marshall University Community and Technical College and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University recently organized a relief effort to collect and send supplies to Hurricane Katrina evacuees now living at Camp Dawson in Preston County, W.Va.

Marshall students, faculty and staff, along with members of the community, collected one and a half

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Aaron Ross (left) and Matt Donathan load supplies destined for Camp Dawson, which is housing some Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The presentation also showcases the Appalachian traditions of women, wisdom and home-cooking. The presentation will be given by Karen Vuranch, Julie Adams, and Colleen Anderson, who have traveled across the U.S. with their stories of cookery and community.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 – John Walker, father of symposium co-chairman Johnny Walker, is a fourth-generation rifle maker from the Carper family who produced the locally famous Carper Rifles. John Walker will give a presentation on carrying on the tradition of his maternal ancestors and using the antiquated methods of his relatives to recreate the Appalachian Hog Rifle in both form and spirit. The presentation takes place at 7 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Walker also will present examples of the machinery used to produce the rifles as well as finished work.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 – A showing of "The Mothman Prophecies" takes place at 5 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. After the movie at 7 p.m., Jeff Wamsley, author of "Mothman: The Facts Behind the Legend," will compare the true story of the Mothman to the 2002 movie starring Richard Gere.

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Donations Sought for Sturgills

Donations are currently being collected for Jeff and Jordan Sturgill, the brother and nephew of Jason Sturgill, who are victims of Hurricane Katrina. Jason works in residence services.

Jeff lived in New Orleans for 17 years and lost everything except his car and the clothes he and his son were wearing. They returned to Huntington and are living with relatives and friends.

Jordan is nine years old, wears size seven shoe, (boys), extra large shirt (boys), and 32-inch pants although length does not matter as they can be hemmed. He has enrolled in school and could use school supplies. Jeff wears 32 X 36" pants, extra large shirt and 11 to 11 ½ shoes.

Bonnie Ross will be collecting donations—clothes, school supplies, money—in her office in Holderby Hall, Dept. of Residence Services. Questions may be directed to her at ext. 63363.

Five to be Inducted into LCOB Hall of Fame

Five individuals who have had distinguished careers in their respective fields of business will be honored by Marshall University when they are inducted into the Lewis College of Business' Hall of Fame, Oct. 4 at the Clay Center in Charleston, W. Va.

The Hall of Fame honors those people in the business community who have an outstanding record of long-standing achievement in their career fields. It is the most distinguished honor granted by the Lewis College of Business (LCOB).

"This is one of the really bright spots in our academic year for the Lewis College of Business," Dr. Paul Uselding, Dean of LCOB, said. "It is a privilege for us to be associated with the successful business people, past and present, who are honored by the peers in the business community with induction into LCOB's Hall of Fame. We are also grateful for the tremendous vote of confidence shown by the friends of the college who have provided such generous support over the years."

Ross Dionne, president of the LBOC Advisory Board which oversees the induction process, noted the selection process is a rigorous one. "The Marshall University Lewis College of Business Advisory Board of Directors each year has the difficult challenge of narrowing the field of Marshall's many successful graduates and supporters to be inductees into the Business Hall of Fame," he said.

This year's inductees are:



Paul Arbogast

Paul E. Arbogast, senior advisor to Ernst & Young LLP in Charleston, W. Va., is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPS). Arbogast graduated from the Lewis College of Business in 1969 with a B.B.A. in Accounting. He is a past LCOB Advisory Board Member and contributor to the LCOB.



Tim Haymaker

Timothy L. Haymaker, owner of Haymaker/Bean Commercial Real Estate in Lexington, Ky., graduated from Marshall in 1969. He serves as Chairman of the Marshall University Campaign for National Prominence. Haymaker is a Member of the university's Pathway of Prominence, the John Marshall Society and the Erickson Alumni Center Society.



Kathy Eddy

Kathy G. Eddy is a shareholder of McDonough, Eddy, Parsons & Baylous, A.C. in Parkersburg, W. Va. Eddy graduated from the Lewis College of Business in 1972 with a B.B.A. in accounting. She is an active member and ex-chair of the Board of Directors of the AICPA and is a member of the LCOB Advisory Board. Eddy is a member the West Virginia Society of CPA's and the West Virginia Board of Accountancy holding all offices, including President, of both organizations.



Frank Justice

Franklin P. Justice, Jr., is a retired vice president with Ashland, Inc. and a retired vice president for development at Marshall. He graduated from the Lewis College of Business in 1977 with a M.B.A. in Finance. He is a member of the LCOB Advisory Board, the Erickson Alumni Center Society and the West Virginia Roundtable. Justice has raised money for the John Deaver Drinko Library and endowments for LCOB.



David Hofstetter

David Hofstetter is founder and president of Parkline, Inc. in Winfield, W.Va. He is a member of the LCOB Advisory Board and the Marshall University Graduate College Foundation. Hofstetter was named West Virginia's Small Businessman of the Year in 1992. He is a past president of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam County Development Authority. He also served on the West Virginia Economic Development Grant Committee.

The criteria for receiving this award include an untarnished reputation, at least 25 years of distinguished service in a professional field, and professional standing evidenced by recognition on a state, regional or national basis.

The event begins with a formal reception at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the induction ceremony at 7 p.m.

Honorary Degree Nomination Process Begins

The University Functions Committee is requesting nominations for honorary degree candidates and commencement speaker. Individuals wishing to make recommendations are asked to send the name, along with supporting documentation, to Dale H. Shao as soon as possible.

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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 Oct. 7, 2005. Deadline is Sept. 30.

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.



Slankard Photos Appear in Boston Review

Marshall University assistant professor of art Mark Slankard's photographs are featured in the current issue of the Boston Review, a political and literary journal with a circulation of 10,000.

Eight of Slankard's photos are published in conjunction with the featured New Democracy Forum section titled, "What's Hurting the Middle Class." Slankard said he was contacted by the magazine after someone with the magazine spotted his work at an art show in Cleveland.

"I'm very excited to be sharing the pages of this magazine with many influential people," Slankard said.

Slankard said most of the photographs included in the feature were taken in southern Ohio and Indiana. The images of suburban landscapes complement nearly two dozen pages about the middle class and its characteristics.

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Wamsley is a native of Point Pleasant, W.Va., and co-founder of the annual Point Pleasant Mothman Festival.

Thursday, Sept. 29 – Bluegrass sensation Wildfire performs at 7 p.m. in Marco's in the basement of the Memorial Student Center. Wildfire performed as the house bluegrass band at Dollywood in 2000 and 2001 and recorded background music for the Home & Garden cable station before recording its first CD, "Uncontained." Band members Phil Leadbetter, Robert Hale, Darrell Webb, Curt Chapman and Barry Crabtree will present their refreshing bluegrass sound and inform Marshall University's audience about the history of bluegrass music and instruments.

All events are free to the public. For more information, persons may contact Walker at (304) 222-5582.

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said. "It's impressive when you can serve the residents of our capital city and the surrounding area by offering a quality education that is both accessible and affordable. We rely heavily on both private industry and state government for our students and our adjunct faculty, and appreciate this mutually beneficial relationship."

Kemp Winfree, vice president of regional operations, said, "While the South Charleston campus is our most visible campus from a major highway, it's important to remember that Marshall actually serves the entire state of West Virginia. This campus, with more than 2,800 graduate students a semester, offers a valuable resource to the people of the Kanawha Valley."

To mark the anniversary, an outdoor picnic was held Sept. 15 for faculty, staff students and alumni.

Staff Council Election Slated Oct. 4-5

The Classified Staff Council has scheduled an election to fill the vacant position in EEO Group 10 – Executive, Administrative & Managerial.

Absentee voting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Old Main 112. Electronic voting will be available from 7 a.m. on Oct. 4 through 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 5.

William Carter has been nominated as a candidate for the position. Write-in candidates will also be accepted.

Tons of Supplies

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tons of supplies, including toys for children, school supplies, books for children and adults, baby supplies, cleaning supplies and personal care products.

On Monday, Sept. 12, volunteers Rik Abbess, Matt Donathan and Aaron Ross from the senior class at Grace Christian School in Huntington moved the supplies from the third floor of Corbly Hall on MU's main campus, where donations were delivered, to the truck parked nearby, then loaded them on the truck as well.

Transportation of the goods to Camp Dawson was provided free of charge by Tri-State Express

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Norton said he hopes other students are inspired by Vandalia's success.

"We do hope that this event awakens the entrepreneurial spirit among the many excellent students of all ages who are part of the intellectual community which calls Marshall its home," he said.

At Marshall, the project was supported by grants from the West Virginia Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA), and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

For more information about Vandalia Research, Inc., formed in 2005, persons may visit www.vandaliaresearch.com or call Gregg at (304) 529-0803.

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Qualifications for those nominated include the following: the nominees should have made or could be expected to make significant contributions to Marshall University, monetarily or otherwise, and the nominees should be sufficiently outstanding that they clearly deserve the recognition. In addition, they will be expected to attend commencement in order to receive the degree.

For additional information contact Shao at ext. 62685 or at shaod@marshall.edu.

Vandalia, Marshall to Commercialize DNA Production System

Vandalia Research and Marshall University have entered into an exclusive license agreement to commercialize the patent-pending Triathlon DNA production system that has been under development since early 2003, Derek Gregg, Director of Business Development with Vandalia, announced at a press conference last week. Vandalia Research Inc. is the first company to come out of a program begun two years ago to focus on area economic growth based upon scientific research at Marshall.

"DNA in the 21st century will serve as a catalyst for more efficient drug discovery, diagnostics, therapeutics, identification methods, and computing advances," Gregg, a Marshall junior, said. "All of these applications require large amounts of short, specific DNA sequences."

Gregg said Vandalia Research and Marshall University recognized this market need and developed the Triathlon system using the industry-standard PCR method to provide customers with a solution that fits with their research and development efforts.

Gregg said formation of the company was completed when Vandalia was successful in convincing local investors to provide the start-up capital in excess of \$500,000 through acquisition of Vandalia common stock.

"We're indebted to the local group of investors who have worked very closely with Vandalia and actually made this venture possible," Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said.

The company's management team includes Gregg, Marshall junior Justin Swick, and MU professors Dr. Elizabeth Murray and Dr. Michael Norton.

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South Charleston Campus Celebrates Anniversary

Marshall's South Charleston campus is celebrating its tenth year in its location high on a wooded hilltop overlooking Interstate 64.

It was an enormous undertaking when the entire West Virginia Graduate College moved the seven miles from Institute, where it had been headquartered for over 20 years on the campus of West Virginia State University, to new facilities built especially for the college. WCGC became part of Marshall University on July 1, 1997.

"I'm very proud of what Marshall has accomplished at the South Charleston campus," Dr. Stephen J. Kopp,

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Fall General Faculty Meeting Is Sept. 29

A state of the faculty address by faculty senate chair Larry Stickler, remarks by President Stephen J. Kopp and the introduction of 64 new faculty by college deans highlight the agenda for Marshall University's fall general faculty meeting Thursday, Sept. 29.

The meeting begins at 4 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center playhouse. After the meeting, a reception to honor the new faculty will take place in the Performing Arts Center lobby.



Integrated Science and Technology Professor Dr. Elizabeth Murray and Marshall junior Justin Swick show one of Vandalia Research's first products to news media representatives.

Communication Disorders to Host Reaccreditation Visit Oct. 14

A three-member team, chaired by Dr. Colleen McAleer of Clarion State University, will be on campus Oct. 13-14 to conduct a reaccreditation site visit for the M.S. degree program in Communication Disorders. The team will meet with all members of the academic and clinical faculty, with students and with key administrators.

A public meeting will take place Thursday Oct. 13 from 4:00-4:45 p.m. in Smith Hall 108. Anyone may attend. Individuals with an interest in the Department of Communication Disorders or the Marshall University Speech and Hearing Center are especially encouraged to attend the public meeting. For more information, contact Kathryn Chezik, Department Chair at (304) 696-2979 or e-mail chezik@marshall.edu.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Thomas Wilson, professor of Physics and Physical Science, was one of 13 invited speakers who participated in a special U.S. Army Research Office workshop, "Terahertz Deep-Subwavelength Spectroscopic Imaging," that was held at the Atlanta Westin Peachtree Plaza in late June. His talk was titled "The Path Towards a Terahertz Cryogenic Acoustic Microscopy." Also, an application he submitted to the Distinguished Traveling Lecturers Program of the Division of Laser Science, American Physical Society, was awarded Sept. 7. As a result, Marshall University soon will be hosting Professor Carlos Stroud of the Department of Physics at the University of Rochester, an expert on quantum entanglement and teleportation, for two days of activities including a public lecture, with dates and times to be announced. The lecture's topic will be "Quantum Weirdness: Technology of the Future—or 'Beam me up, Scottie.'"