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Kopp Inauguration Planned for April 21

Marshall University faculty and staff are invited to attend the inauguration of Dr. Stephen J. Kopp as the 36th President of Marshall University at 2 p.m., Friday, April 21 in a ceremony in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Marshall President
Stephen J. Kopp

Kopp previously served as special assistant to the chancellor with the Ohio Board of Regents and was a former provost of Ohio University. He also was the 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 at Chicago. He was a postdoctoral fellow at St. Louis University Medical Center, department of physiology, and a research fellow and NIH fellow in the department of biochemistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Other events marking the inauguration include a University Showcase at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby which will feature exhibits, including videos, from throughout the university highlighting achievements.

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Accreditation Team Arrives April 10

A team of 11 representatives from the North Central Association/Higher Learning Commission will visit Marshall University's Huntington and South Charleston campuses April 10-12. Based on what they find, the team will recommend continued accreditation and/or some follow-up action.

A Steering Committee of 15 people and five subcommittees, consisting of approximately 35 additional people, have been working on a self-study document for over two years, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate College and Self-Study coordinator.

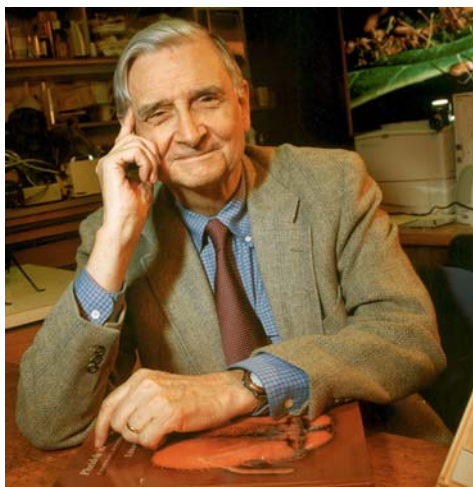
The visiting team has read the report and will be confirming its veracity by interviewing students, faculty members and staff. They will also examine documentation collected in the resource room which is located in the Memorial Student Center's Shawkey Room, according to Deutsch.

NCA reaccreditation is of utmost importance to the university, and intensive efforts have been made to meet standards and prepare for it, Deutsch said. "Our regional accrediting body visits us every ten years," he said. "If we

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Celebration of Academics Continues with Drinko Honors Convocation

Dr. O. E. Wilson, considered one of the most highly respected scientists in the world, will speak on "The Future of Life" at the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation at 7 p.m. April 7 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.



Dr. O. E. Wilson

The Honors Convocation is an awards recognition ceremony for Marshall's outstanding honors students. It is the highlight of the 12th annual John Deaver Drinko and Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Celebration of Academics which began April 6 with the Drinko Symposium. Dr. Charles Somerville, interim head of the department of biological sciences and this year's Drinko Fellow, was the featured speaker.

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Administrative Professionals to Be Celebrated April 19

"Creating Excellence" is the theme of the 2006 Administrative Professionals Day, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The event is sponsored by the Marshall Community & Technical College.



Dr. Jerri Liszewski will speak at Administrative Professionals Day April 20.

The registration fee of \$99 includes materials, lunch and refreshments. To register or to obtain additional information, call ext. 66855.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jerri Liszewski, director of Human Resources/MTS, Alcon Laboratories, Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas. Her topic will be "Creating Personal Excellence...And Then Some." Liszewski will highlight ways individuals can discover how to inspire themselves to perform at optimal levels and how to attain personal excellence.

Before coming to work at Alcon Laboratories, Inc., she worked at Hewlett-Packard for 16 years in Human Resources. She is a former high school psychology and sociology teacher and practicing counseling psychologist. In addition to work with numerous community groups Liszewski has served on the faculty of the University of Phoenix for over 10 years where she has instructed in the MBA program and has been a diversity instructor to all new faculty members at the Denver, Colorado campus.

Participants can select two workshops from among the seven offered. The workshops will have a maximum of 20 participants per workshop per session. The workshops include:

"Can You Hear Me Now?," by Shelia Brownfield, CPS/CAP Executive Assistant to the VP/General Manager of Alcon Manufacturing Lt. in Huntington and president emeritus of the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

"Put On Your Big Girl Panties and Deal With It," by Michele Conley, Executive of Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation in Huntington.

"Humor, Happiness, & Health," Bill Ellis, newspaper columnist, Scott Depot, W.Va.

"Do You Think You Know What Your Customers Think?" by Beth Lengel, Director of Services for Lengel Vocational Services, Inc. of West Columbia, South Carolina.

"Getting the Credential—Administrative Assistant Technology Associate Degree," by Wylma Skean, professor of Administrative Assistant Technology at MCTC.

"Time of Your Life," Frank Lengel, Director of Services at Lengel Vocational Services, Inc., West Columbia, South Carolina.

"Begin With the End in Mind, One Step at a Time," by Marcia Smith, First Vice President, Chase Bank, who was Chase Salesperson of the Year 2001-2004 and Chairman of the Circle Award Winner, 2001-2005. She is a Certified Treasury Professional in Huntington.

The group will be welcomed by Dr. Vicki Riley, President of the Marshall Community & Technical College at 9 a.m. Following her remarks Dr. Lorraine Anderson, Associate Dean, Lewis College of Business at Marshall will speak on "Give 'em a Pickle."

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EMBA Open Houses Slated for April 22 and 29

Prospective students in the Marshall Executive MBA program will have an opportunity this month to meet with faculty members, learn more about the program and get questions answered at sessions scheduled on the South Charleston and Huntington campuses.

The South Charleston session will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 22 in the Robert C. Byrd Academic and Technology Center on the South Charleston campus.

The Huntington session will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29 in the John Marshall Room on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Those needing further information can call ext. 62672 or e-mail muemba@marshall.edu.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of April 28, 2006. Deadline is April 21. 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.



Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the many expressions of love and support during the illness and passing of my father. Words cannot express my gratitude for the many prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and visits. I am truly blessed with wonderful friends. God Bless each of you.

Betty Cook

Annual Alumni Weekend Begins April 21

Nine Marshall University alumni and students will be honored at the 69th annual Alumni Awards Banquet, which takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22 in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

The banquet highlights Alumni Weekend 2006, which is April 21-22 and features the theme, "Memories are Made of This." The cost to attend the banquet is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Kimberly Hudson in the alumni office at ext. 62901.

"Alumni Weekend is one of our most highly anticipated events of the year," Sharon Porter, president of the Marshall University Alumni Association, said. "It's a time to showcase Marshall for our alumni, for them to see the campus in the spring and enjoy all of the activities planned for Friday and Saturday."

Porter promised "a special surprise" from one of the honorees at the banquet. "We love showcasing Marshall's best and brightest alumni," she said.



Here's a look at each award winner: The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to tenor J. Mark McVey and National Football League player Troy Brown. This award is given to Marshall alumni for outstanding national achievements in their particular fields of endeavor.

McVey, a Huntington native, is best known for his theatre work, making his Broadway debut as Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables" after having won the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Actor while in Washington, D.C. with the show. He was the first American to perform that role in London's West End. Other Broadway credits include Captain Walker in the Who's "Tommy," Tommy Tune's "The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public" and "The Show Goes On," with Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt.

Brown, a wide receiver for the New England Patriots, was a major scoring threat in Division 1-AA football during his final two seasons with Marshall (1991-92). Brown had a breakout year with the Patriots in 2001 and was a key figure in the team's Super Bows XXXVI victory. He also made important contributions when the team won Super Bowl XXXVIII two years later.

The Community Achievement Award will be presented to Dr. Barbara Priddy Guyer. This award is given to alumni for success in their fields of endeavor and personal contributions to their respective communities.

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don't 'pass inspection' we don't get reaccredited. If we are not accredited, Marshall University would cease operating as an institution of higher education."

Marshall has studied itself in light of five criteria posed by the NCA/HLC: mission and integrity; preparing for the future; teaching and learning; the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge; and engagement and service.

Guyer retired as director of the Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) in August 2005. As director emeritus, she continues to be an integral part of the program, especially with Medical H.E.L.P., fundraising and representing H.E.L.P. at conferences.

The Distinguished Service to Marshall Award will be presented to James E. Gibson and past Alumni Association President Jeffrey Porter.

Gibson, a 1962 graduate, is a retired businessman living in Sarasota, Fla. He has provided significant financial support to Marshall by establishing the Verna K. and James E. Gibson Endowment for Yeager Scholars and was a major donor in the H.E.L.P. program building fund. Gibson has been active in the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, the Society of Yeager Scholars and the Marshall University Foundation.

Porter owns Porter & Associates, CPA, a Huntington

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Alumni Weekend Events

A complete list of Alumni Weekend events, April 21-22 with this year's theme, "Memories are Made of This" includes:

A Champagne Reception Friday, April 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. is scheduled for the Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Following the reception at 8 p.m. is the play, "The Tragedy of Julius Caesar" by William Shakespeare, performed by Marshall's department of theatre. The cost of the reception and play is \$20 per person. This includes Coffee with the Director from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost of attending the reception only is \$10.

Saturday events include:

"Marshall Memories and Charitable Concepts," an interactive program with Jim Casto highlighting historical moments in Marshall's history will take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Mandilyn (Mandy) Hart, CTFA director of gift planning for the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., will show participants how to influence Marshall's future through various charitable planning techniques.

A continental breakfast will be served starting at 8:30 a.m. and remarks begin at 9 in the John Marshall Dining Room. The event is sponsored by the Heritage Society and is free to all participants. For more information, call Hart at ext. 66708. Casto will sign books from 10 to 11 a.m.

The Class Luncheon will honor the 50th class (1956), the 60th reunion class (1946) and the 10th reunion class (1996). They will be joined by the Grand Class—those who graduated before 1956. The event takes place at 11:30 a.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room. The cost is \$20 per person. Lunch is complimentary for members of the reunion classes.

The spring Green and White football game will take place at Joan C. Edwards Stadium at 4 p.m. For tickets, call 6HERD. Tickets are \$5.

The President's Social is scheduled at the Memorial Student Center Plaza from 6 to 6:45 p.m. The 69th Annual Alumni Banquet begins at 7 p.m.

Show for Chocaholics Comes to Keith-Albee April 13

The fun-filled world-premiere stage musical, "Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka" comes to the Keith-Albee Theatre, Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. with Huntington native Chris Sizemore in a leading role.

The show is a collaboration of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Imagination Celebration Tour and the Marshall Artists Series.

Adapted from Dahl's children's novel, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," the show invites audience members on an adventure of pure imagination where the rules are backward.



"Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka" is at the Keith-Albee Theatre April 13 as part of the Marshall Artists Series.

Audiences will journey through the limitless wishes of four greedy children, the secrets of a scrumptious chocolate factory and the honesty of one child's hopeful heart.

The musical spins the story of Willy Wonka, the world's greatest candy maker, who has kept the wonders of his chocolate factory a secret until now. Now ready to retire, Wonka launches a search for the perfect person to take his place. Following a frantic search for the Golden Tickets hidden inside five special Wonka bars, a sweet boy named Charlie Bucket and four other Golden Ticket winners get the tour of a lifetime in the mysterious candy maker's fantastical factory.

The show features live actors, puppets and memorable songs including "The Candy Man," "I Want It Now" and "Pure Imagination."

Huntington native Sizemore, who will play the part of Mike Teavee, a child obsessed with television, boasts numerous regional and professional performance credits. He also

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In addition to the workshops and lunch, at 1:30 p.m. Frank Lengel will present "Ping Pong All the Day Long"; Tia Theriaque, International Director, Southeast District, International Association of Administrative Professionals will speak on "Your Life is a Canvas: Paint a Masterpiece" at 2 p.m. A fashion show presented by Marshall's of Huntington follows at 2:30 p.m. A drawing for door prizes at 3 p.m. will close out the day's activities.

has performed concerts in New York City and West Virginia.

To purchase tickets, or for additional information, call ext. 66656 or visit the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Box office hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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firm where he has practiced accounting for the past 27 years. He graduated magna cum laude from Marshall with a bachelor of business administration degree in 1977 and currently is pursuing a Master of Taxation degree through the University of Tulsa. He was a member of the Alumni Association board of directors from 1995 to 2005 and served as president of the board from 2000 to 2003.

The Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award will be presented to Dr. Ramchandra Akkihal, professor of finance and economics in the College of Business.

Akkihal, a native of India, has been with Marshall since 1968 as a professor and researcher. He was director of the MBA program for 13 years and currently serves as director of the Bhavan (India) MBA program for the Lewis College of Business (LCOB), the first Marshall degree offered overseas. He is chair of the governing board and director of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Dharwad (India). Akkihal is founding president of the Tri-State India Association, which provides financial support for higher education library resources and scholarships at Marshall.

Two Nancy Pelphrey Herd Village Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students. The scholarship was established in 1998 by the MUAA board of directors in honor of Pelphrey, who is coordinator of Herd Village. Funds for the scholarship come from Herd Village proceeds. The scholarships will be given to Mallory Evans of Ona, a member of the marching band, and Mary Cathleen Moxley of Chapmanville, a member of the cheerleading squad.

The Cam Henderson Scholarship Award will go to Gallipolis, Ohio, graduate student Jeff Mullins. He graduated magna cum laude from Marshall with a degree in biology. He was a member of the Thundering Herd football team and served as team captain. Mullins has volunteered for a number of civic groups, including Upward Bound, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the United Way.

The River Cities Club was chosen as the Alumni Association Club of the Year. Two new awards, the MUAA Board Member of the Year and the Young Alumni Award, will be presented for the first time this year. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony.

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ments; and a featured Alumni Lecture by distinguished alumni Drs. Lonnie B. Thompson and Ellen-Mosley-Thompson at 1 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre.

The public is also invited to attend the inaugural events.