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Marshall Fans Gear Up for Friends of Coal Bowl

Marshall University fans traveling to Morgantown on Sept. 2 for the Thundering Herd's football game with West Virginia University are invited to a pre-game tailgate, Marshall officials announced today.

Marshall is hosting a tailgate from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Krepps Park near the WVU Coliseum. Admission is \$10 per person and includes food, drinks and giveaways. Students with current Marshall Student ID's will be admitted for \$5.

Parking at the tailgate is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5. Overflow parking is available at the Coliseum and several nearby churches. Kickoff for the game is set for 3:30 p.m. at Puskar Stadium.

"There is tremendous enthusiasm on both sides for the start of this year's football season and we wanted to make certain that Marshall students, alumni and fans have a place to gather prior to the football game in Morgantown," said Mike Kirtner, president of Kindred Communications, which includes one of the event's sponsors, 93.7 The Dawg. "Thanks to our sponsors, we're able to put together a first-class event that sets the tone for this great rivalry and creates a tradition when the Thundering Herd travels to Morgantown."

Harper Gift Celebrates the Arts

Marshall has received a gift of \$1.3 million from the estate of Donald B. Harper that will support an endowed scholarship in the College of Fine Arts.

Harper, a 1950 Marshall graduate, established the Donald B. Harper Scholarship in 1995 to assist West Virginia residents in the College of Fine Arts.

The announcement was made earlier this month by Michael Cornfeld, associate dean of COFA. The unveiling of a plaque honoring Harper for his gift followed the announcement. The plaque is the 17th on MU's Pathway of Prominence, which is reserved for those who have given at least \$1 million to Marshall.

"Don Harper was a dedicated patron of all the arts and particularly those at Marshall," DonVan Horn, dean of COFA said. "He had a deep desire to help West Virginia students with interests in pursuing studies in art and design, music or theater realize their dreams by coming to college. This desire manifested itself in the endowed scholarship Don established in the mid-90s for West Virginia students majoring in fine arts at Marshall."

John Kinzer, interim chief executive officer of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., said the Donald Harper Endowed Scholarship is the largest scholarship gift from an individual the foundation has ever received.

"This means so much to future Marshall students," Kinzer said. "The fund will provide 12 to 15 scholarships in perpetuity."

President Stephen J. Kopp said gifts such as the one from Harper "make a compelling difference in the educational opportunities available to students. And, in

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With Krepps Park being located less than one mile from Puskar Stadium, event organizers would like all Marshall fans to walk to the game as a group at 2:30 p.m. "It's a great way to demonstrate that we traveled here to support the Herd," Marshall Student Body President Benjamin Sandy said. "We want everyone to wear their green, travel to the stadium together and cheer on the Thundering Herd."

Sponsors for the Sept. tailgate include 93.7 The Dawg, Graffiti, Pepsi, Herr's, Atomic Distributing, Marshall University Alumni Association, Big Green Scholarship Fund and Marshall Student Government Association.

For more information about the event, contact the Marshall University Alumni Association at (304) 696-3134.

Linda Wallace Named Employee of the Month

Linda Wallace, administrative secretary senior in the School of Education, College of Education and Human Services, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for July, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

Wallace, who has been employed at Marshall for 20 years, was nominated by Carl S. Johnson, chair, School of Education, and JoAnn Johnson, supervisor of Clinical Experiences, School of Education.

In his nomination, Carl Johnson wrote, "Mrs. Linda Wallace is one of the most conscientious administrative assistants with whom I've had the privilege of working. She is very knowledgeable about the workings of our department. She coordinates a multitude of activities that are channeled through our office, keeps up with the

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Linda Wallace (left) receives her Employee of the Month award from President Kopp.

Marshall Artists Series Readies 2006-2007 Season

From Argentina to Ireland, from Egypt to the Wonderful Town known as New York City, the 70th season of the Marshall Artists Series will take theatergoers on a journey full of great music, dancing, cultural experiences and a lot of laughs, according to Angela Jones, Director of Marketing and External Affairs for the Series.

"Historically the Marshall Artists Series has a reputation for showcasing a wide variety of great arts and entertainment events and this season is no exception," she says.

The Keith-Albee Theatre will be the host for all fall events while the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center will be the home for spring productions because of renovations being made to the Keith-Albee during that time.

The season kicks off with a culinary fundraising event, "Kindred Spirits: A Celebration of Food and Drink," which features two weeks of culinary and wine events culminating with a wine festival at Pullman Square, Aug. 28 through Sept 10.

The International Film Festival takes place Sept. 29-Oct. 5 featuring films from South Africa, United Kingdom, France, Spain, India and the U.S.

Star of the sitcom, "Mama's Family," Vicki Lawrence will showcase her comedic talents when she revives her most celebrated character, Thelma Harper, in "Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two-woman Show," on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. She will also be performing some musical numbers.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" the groundbreaking rock opera from the legendary writing team of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice takes center stage on Wed., Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. Through music the show highlights the political and inter-personal struggles of Judas Iscariot and Jesus Christ.

The John F. Kennedy Center's latest family show, "Alice," adapted from Whoopi Goldberg's whimsical children's book, comes to Huntington Wed., Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. Audiences can join Alice and her friends on a journey bigger than their wildest dreams, leading them to the biggest treasure of all—the realization of the importance of friendship.

Direct from Argentina and ten sell-out Broadway dates comes "Luis Bravo's Forever Tango" beginning at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15. With a flick of a leg, the tug of a hand and the arch of an eyebrow, audiences can be drawn into the sultry and romantic moves of tango dancing.

The timeless love story "Aida" will be presented Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. "Aida" is Elton John and Tim Rice's Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical that combines

the mixed sounds of reggae, gospel and rock ballads. The musical tells the captivating story of Aida, a Nubian princess brought into slavery in Egypt and Radames, a military commander struggling between his love for Aida and his loyalty to the Pharaoh.

The lively "A Celtic Christmas" comes to town for a two day stay, Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and a special matinee performance on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Tomaseen Foley and his troupe of folk-tale entertainers present a night filled with their unique blend of stories and the fiery music of the fiddle, tin whistle, uilleann pipes, Celtic guitar and Irish dance.

Broadway's homage to New York City, "Wonderful Town," comes to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on Monday, Jan. 22 beginning at 8 p.m. "Wonderful Town" opened on Broadway to rave reviews and went on to win five Tony Awards including Best Musical. The story of two sisters fresh off the bus from Ohio features an acclaimed score by Leonard Bernstein and sophisticated and funny lyrics.

The Spring International Film Festival will run from Feb. 9-15 at the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The six featured films come from Romania, France, Taiwan, Italy, U.S., and Germany.

"Menopause—The Musical" comes to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center for eight performances including three matinees beginning Tuesday, Feb. 27, running through Sunday, March 4. Five evening performances of the revue will be featured—Tuesday, Feb. 27 through Saturday, March 3—starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be matinee performances beginning at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 3. The final performance will be a matinee on Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m.

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Staff Emeritus Status Established for Retirees

A Staff Emeritus status for retired classified employees has been created through a recommendation by the Classified Staff Council, which has been signed by President Kopp.

Those eligible for Staff Emeritus are persons who were classified employees at Marshall University and who retired from the university with at least 20 years of service. The title of Staff Emeritus is conferred on the retired employee by the president at the recommendation of the employee's former director or vice president.

Those recognized as Staff Emeritus may use the university libraries, may utilize facilities at the Memorial Student Center, are eligible for reduced rates for student-produced cultural activities, may use university recreational facilities, are allowed a parking permit, and receive a Staff Emeritus identification card. Nominations for Staff Emeritus will be handled through the Human

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Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Michael Brookshire, professor of Management and Economics, has been named to a new 10-member Advisory Council to the Department of Economics at the University of Tennessee, where he received his doctorate. Brookshire recently served as national co-chair for the 20th anniversary celebration of the National Association of Forensic Economics. He is currently editing his third book on the calculation of economic damages and expert witness testimony.

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Profile: Tori Wucher

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Tori Wucher

She's funny and upbeat with a ready laugh and a bountiful zest for life, a perennial optimist whose cup is always half full, never half empty.

In fact, the name of the federally funded program she works with, Upward Bound, describes Tori Wucher very well. During the 15 years she's been at Marshall even some daunting health problems haven't dampened her fervor or lessened her energy for the program she champions so well. She's brims

with enthusiasm talking about the students she's seen pass through the program.

Upward Bound, she explains, is a program to help low achieving high school students realize their potential for attending college and to do well once they're admitted. The focus is on students from low income families or potentially first generation families in which neither parent has a four-year degree. Marshall's program encompasses five high schools in three counties, Cabell Midland, Huntington, Wayne, Tolsia and Tug Valley.

"These are students who have potential for college but aren't necessarily meeting it," she says. "Our job is to help them. During our summer program 60 students live on campus for six weeks. They have academic classes in the morning, elective classes in the afternoon and social, cultural or interactive experiences in the evening. They also get to experience what life on campus is like."

Upward Bound students operate as a club at their respective high schools during the academic year, meeting regularly with an Upward bound counselor. Students come to the Marshall campus once a month where an activity, academic, social or cultural, is provided for them. Once a week tutoring is also available at each high school. Wucher sets up the on-campus meetings and takes care of arranging for buses, rooms, the tutoring and testing programs, all the myriad details necessary to keep the program running. There's also a monthly newsletter for students and a parents group which meets once or twice a year as a group. Some grant funds are allotted to a student work-study program during the summer and Wucher is responsible for overseeing the 15 campus work-study sites. But it is the students she works with who make her job worthwhile, she says and she's there to cheer them on.

"Many of the students who come through here have had a difficult time. Many have chaos in their families and they all have stories to tell. For the most part they're motivated; they want to do well. They keep me young; they're fun to be with. We love seeing them succeed, make good choices and lead productive lives. The whole purpose of the program is take high-risk students and help them grow into successful students."

Wucher and other Upward Bound personnel spent three days in July accompanying more than 30 students on a "reward" trip to Virginia Beach. Students earn points throughout the year for such things as grades, tutoring and participation which culminates in a fun excursion.

Her background in counseling and psychology has definitely come in handy dealing with students. She's a West Virginia University graduate with an A.B. degree in psychology, a M.A. in clinical psychology and she's close to a doctorate, ABD—All But Dissertation—in clinical psychology. A native of Martinsburg, she did an internship in Houston, Texas, and afterward spent two years at

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Linda Wallace

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computer laboratories, and monitors the room assignments. She also makes it a priority to keep abreast of the newest technological advantages and programs within the university, in order to promote university-wide efficiency."

In addition, he says, she has a superb attendance record and is willing to stay late past her usual working hours to make sure things get done. "She goes 'way above and beyond what is required in order to make sure that work sent out from our department is 'top-notch' in quality," he writes.

JoAnn Johnson wrote, "Linda Wallace is such a dedicated professional! She is always willing to go the 'extra mile' for us even regarding the most menial of tasks. When I would take something in for her to [photocopy] for my student teachers, she would check the original and re-type it if she felt the copies would turn out too light."

And, she adds, "Linda is also very computer 'savvy.' When she worked down in our Elementary Education Office, she took a lot of time to show me how to do something different or special with the computer. She would stay late to help me learn a new program or technique." In addition JoAnn Johnson, says, Wallace takes the time and effort to help others make their work look more professional. "Her office expertise helped all of us 'look good' as she 'spruced up' things always with added illustrations which were attractive and appropriate."

Wallace is always courteous, polite, friendly and caring to faculty, staff and students, she continues, and her knowledge helps facilitate office efficiency. She notes that Wallace is very helpful and patient in dealing with students, international students and the GA's who work under her guidance. "...Linda Wallace is an outstanding member of our professional staff ... She represents Marshall University well."

Wallace was presented with a plaque, a balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

Marcus Joins School of Medicine Faculty

Dr. Andrew J. Marcus, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in orthopedic sports medicine, has joined the faculty of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

He will be an assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedic surgery. As a member of the Division of Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, he will be a consultant to Division 1AA athletes, as well as recreational and high school athletes from the tri-state area. He will evaluate and treat general orthopedic and sports-related injuries, as well as knee and shoulder problems.

Marcus comes to Marshall from the Faxton/St. Luke's Hospital in Utica, N.Y., where he was vice chairman of the Orthopedic Surgery department. He previously served as chief of surgery at the Gnaden Huetten Memorial Hospital in Lehigh, Pa. While working in Pennsylvania for eight years, he served as team physician for several schools.

He has extensive experience treating sports-related injuries, and has a particular interest in arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgery. His areas of expertise include cartilage repair/restoration surgery and using arthroscopic surgery to repair rotator cuffs, perform shoulder stabilizations, reconstruct damaged anterior

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Tori Wucher

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Marshall, where she was on the staff of the counseling center. But the best was yet to come, she says.

"I met my husband, David, who is a rabbi, when I lived here and we were married in Huntington. The community was incredibly nice to us. I was sorry to have to leave when David accepted the move to a synagogue in Springfield Missouri."

The Wuchers spent 11 years in Springfield where both their high achieving daughters, Glenda, now Coordinator of Academic Affairs for the Honors College at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Aliza, a senior at the University of Arizona majoring in theater education, were born.

They returned to Huntington 17 years ago when David began serving the B'nai Sholom Synagogue. It was like coming home for the Wuchers. "I love Huntington; it's a great place to raise children; they've been nurtured here. We're so committed to this area, we've even bought burial plots here," she says with a laugh. And for the first time in her life, Tori Wucher took a year's sabbatical from work. But after that respite, she returned to Marshall, this time working full time in the Upward Bound Program where she has remained ever since, although for the past few years she has cut back to part time.

She was just a year into her new job when, at age 47, she suffered a heart attack, the first of three she has endured. Yet she speaks matter-of-factly about those scary episodes. In seemingly good physical condition with good health habits, the attacks were the result of bad genes, she says philosophically.

And the Wuchers surely enjoy life. "I like to be active and I'll try almost anything once—new foods, new activities, new experiences," she says. The couple loves to travel and they created a novel scenario for seeing first this country and then the world. "We decided we would make it a goal to visit every state, not just drive through, but spend some time in each one. We made it to Alaska—our 50th state—for our 25th anniversary. Once we had been to every state, we thought, 'Why not do continents?' " So they've become seasoned world travelers. They've been to Europe, Africa, Asia and a year and a half ago they visited Australia and New Zealand. They've booked a cruise this winter which will take them to South America and finish the continent quest. "We'll probably skip Antarctica," she says with her infectious laugh.

As the wife of a rabbi, she willingly devotes much time and energy to the synagogue, which serves the Tri-state. "I do as much as I possibly can," she says. She is the past president of the sisterhood, president of Hadassah, and she sings in the choir. And when it comes to singing, Wucher has her own unique style.

"I'm the worst singer in the world," she says with self-deprecating humor. "I don't read music and I can't sing by myself. But if I someone next to me sings well, I do okay. When I stand by a good singer, I'm happy. In the next life I'm coming back as a soprano!"

She candidly admits she's not an outdoor person, yet she's managed to produce not only flourishing flower gardens but a bountiful vegetable patch as well. The Wuchers have spent a great deal of time remodeling their house and once again she candidly confesses that neither she nor her husband are candidates for handy-person-of-the-year honors. "I love fixing up our house but we don't do our own work—I mean we're both all thumbs!" she says with her trademark cheeriness.

These days both Wuchers are making time in their busy schedules to teach classes for Marshall. Tori taught both graduate and undergraduates in a multi-cultural counseling class last fall and will teach another counseling class this fall. David has been teaching religious studies classes for some time.

"Life is what you make of it" is her philosophy and life is grand right now, she maintains. She's an unabashed cheerleader for Huntington and Marshall and all that they have to offer.

"I love life and I consider myself truly blessed," she says reflectively. "I have a happy marriage, wonderful daughters, and a job I enjoy. Life is good."

Harper Gift

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doing so, they impact and transform student lives in meaningful and enduring ways," he said.

Harper received his Bachelor of Science degree from Marshall and his M.B.A. from Columbia University. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force and worked for the General Service Administration in Washington, D.C. After retiring in the 1980s, Harper returned to Huntington to care for his parents.

"Students for generations to come will benefit from Don's generosity," Van Horn said. "The Don Harper scholarship fund will be large enough to enable us to provide substantial support to a number of our very best students. We are forever grateful to Don Harper for his vision."

Marshall Artists Series

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One of the world's top selling groups, Manheim Steamroller, bring their highly acclaimed orchestral concert, "Fresh Aire" to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, April 10, beginning at 8 p.m. Throughout their career, Mannheim Steamroller have been awarded 16 gold records, 7 platinum records and 4 multi-platinum records.

Anne Nelson's dramatic play, "The Guys," based on the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy, will have three performances at the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre from Monday, April 30 through Wednesday, May 2, beginning at 8 p.m. The poignant play revolves around Nick, a fire captain who has lost eight men in the collapse of the World Trade Center. He enlists the help of Joan, an editor, who helps prepare their eulogies. "The Guys" is a co-presentation of the Greenbrier Valley Theatre and the Marshall University Department of Theatre.

For additional information, call the Marshall Artists at ext. 63326 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Marcus Joins Faculty

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cruciate ligaments (ACLs) and perform meniscal repairs. Marcus graduated with honors from Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. He received his medical degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1990. He completed his internship and residency training in Harrisburg, Pa., at the Community general Osteopathic Hospital and the Polyclinic Medical Center. In addition to being certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery, he is a diplomate of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners and an active member of several medical associations.

He began seeing patients Aug. 15. His office number is 691-1262.

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Resource Services office.

According to the policy, retired as used in this process refers to starting to receive retirement annuity payments after university employment ended and refers to being coded as retired in the Banner HR system.

For additional information, contact the HRS office at ext. 63983.