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Marshall, Southern Sign B.A. Agreement

Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College have signed a memorandum of Understanding for an Elementary Education K-6 Comprehensive Collaborative Program that will begin this fall.



The presidents of Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College sign an agreement to offer a four-year elementary education degree that can be earned completely in Southern West Virginia. Seated are President Kopp (left), and Joanne Jaeger Tomblin, president of Southern. Behind them are Dr. Sarah Denman, provost of Marshall; Dr. Carl Johnson, professor of education at Marshall, who will be teaching in the program; Tina Browning, a recent graduate of Southern who plans to continue in the four-year program; Katie Smith-Cox, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Southern; and Robert Shell, vice chair of Marshall's Board of Governors.

Pauley Named Interim Dean of Graduate Education

Dr. Rudy Pauley, program director of Elementary/Secondary Education at Marshall University Graduate College, has been named Marshall's interim dean of the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development effective July 1.

He replaces Dr. Ronald Childress, who resigned his positions as dean and vice president for Graduate Studies, effective June 30.

Childress will remain with the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development (GSEPD) and will teach in the Ed.D. program. He also will be assisting Dr. Sarah Denman, Marshall's provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, with several projects over the next year.

Denman praised Childress and his work over the years. "Marshall University appreciates the leadership, wisdom and vision Dr. Childress provided over the past years," she said. "I have truly valued him both as a colleague and as a friend and look forward to working with him in the coming year."

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Students from Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College who have completed the associate degree may enter the collaborative program. Faculty from Marshall's College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) will deliver the remaining two years of courses to students in the program at Southern's Williamson campus.

"This agreement renews and affirms the strong cooperative relationship that has existed between Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College," President Stephen J. Kopp said. "For residents of southern West Virginia it increases the access and opportunity to complete bachelor and professional degrees locally."

Marshall COEHS dean Dr. Rosalyn Templeton said courses will be offered this fall for five hours on Friday and six hours on Saturday, and tentatively will run four

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Wanda Wells Named Employee of the Month

Wanda Wells, Administrative Associate in the Autism Training Center, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

Wells, who has been employed at Marshall since 1988, was nominated by Bonnie Kay Scott and the entire staff of the Autism Training Center.

In the nomination, Scott wrote, "Wanda is the Admin-



Wanda Wells (left) received the Employee of the Month award from President Stephen J. Kopp.

istrative Associate in our department. She knows fundamental concepts, practices and procedures in providing administrative support, including all clerical duties. She uses established procedures to make sure all work assignments are completed on time. She has the knowledge, skills, abilities and experience to handle a large office. She is also

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Thesis/Dissertation Grants Announced by Graduate College

Thirteen graduate students have been awarded summer 2006 thesis/dissertation research awards, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate College. These \$500 scholarships are designed to provide financial support to help students complete their theses, Deutsch said.

The recipients and their advisors are:

- *Lamina Faye Maynard Queen Memorial Graduate Research Scholarship*: Lindsay Louder (Psy.D.) for "Adolescent Attachment & Psychopathology in a Correctional Setting." Advisor: Dr. Marc A. Lindberg.
- *John and Janett Casto Award*: Timothy E. Baldwin for "Habitat for Selection between Rough Greensnakes (*Opheodrys aestivus*) and Eastern Smooth Greensnakes (*Opheodrys vernalis*)." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- *Charles Crow Family Award*: Sushma Shrestha for "Ethnobotany of Ceremonial Plants: A Survey of Marketplaces of Ecuador." Advisor: Dr. Dan K. Evans, Biological Sciences.

The remaining students received *Graduate College Advisory Board Awards*:

- Andrew J. Borders III for "What's Truth Got to Do with It? The Persistence of Religion and the Irrationality of Religious Belief." Advisor: Dr. Richard A. Garnett, Sociology.
- Ashley Fisher for "Turtle Assemblages in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia with an Emphasis on the Distribution of *Pseudemys rubriventris*." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- Matthew R. Graham for "Distribution and gene flow of the Cow Knob Salamander, *Plethodon punctatus* Highton, in West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- Steven Keitzer for "Status of the Hellbender, *Cryptobranchus a. alleganiensis*, in Southern West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- Takuma Kudo for "How Young Journalists Consider the Importance of Journalism Education at Universities: A Comparison between the United States and Japan." Advisor: Janet Dooley, Journalism.

- Senkeh Ngenge for "The Western Romantic Narrative: An Analysis of Origin, Perpetuation, and Effects on the Feminine Perspective." Advisor: Dr. Richard A. Garnett, Sociology.
- Thomas N. Ratliff for "The Cultural Aesthetic: A Comparative Analysis of Freedom and Equality in America during the Vietnam and Gulf War Eras." Advisor: Dr. Frederick P. Roth, Sociology.
- Megan Stiltner for "Cutting the Lines: The Women of the 1956 Portsmouth Telephone Strike." Advisor: Dr. Kat Williams, History.
- Daniel F. Ware for "The Natural History and Distribution of the Mountain Earthsnake, *Virginia v. pulchra* in West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- Cassie Waters for "Distribution and Life History of Midland Mud Salamanders (*Pseudotriton montanus diastictus*) in West Virginia. Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.

Eye Surgeon Joins School of Medicine Faculty

Charles D. Francis, M.D., has joined the faculty of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and will provide services through University Eye Surgeons, focusing primarily on refractive surgery and refractive cataract surgery.

Francis previously practiced in Charleston with Minardi Eye Center and Charleston Eye Care Associates.

A native of Fairmont, he received his medical degree from West Virginia University, where he also completed his residency. Francis served as chief resident in ophthalmology and his medical school honors included the Merck Glaucoma Book Award and the Internal Medicine Morbidity and Mortality Award.

University Eye Surgeons specializes in diagnostic services, cataract and glaucoma surgery, as well as some forms of ophthalmic plastic surgery. Its physician staff also includes Dr. Michael Krasnow, the only fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist in southern West Virginia.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Suzanne Strait, professor of Biological Sciences, has received a three-year grant for \$532,000 from the National Science Foundation Biological Databases and Informatics Program to develop an online interactive museum of images of fossil mammals. She and graduate student Nick Smith also have just returned from presenting their research in Bilbao, Spain at the International Meeting of Climate and Biota of the Early Paleogene.

Note of Thanks

I want to thank all of you who sent cards, flowers, and kind words to me when my Mother passed away. I found much comfort in your acts of friendship and caring. I consider myself fortunate to be a part of such a supportive community.

Sincerely,
Frances Hensley
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Profile: Don Van Horn

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Don Van Horn

If you want to be a sculptor, build a cabinet first, says Don Van Horn, Dean of the College of Fine Arts.

And he should know. He's both an accomplished sculptor and a skilled cabinet maker who recently finished a 20-month kitchen remodeling project in his own home.

Actually the two seemingly diverse activities are closely related, he says. "I tell students that one of the best things you can do in a sculpture class is to build a cabinet. Building a cabinet uses

one of the fundamental processes of sculpture: fabrication. So if you can build cabinets, you can be self-sufficient. You could probably make a living doing that. I've always enjoyed building things. That's what sculptors do; we build things."

Born and raised in Lincoln, Neb., Van Horn came to Marshall 11 years ago from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he was the interim dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. With a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he completed a Master of Fine Arts, which is the terminal degree in his field, at the University of Florida.

He's always had an interest in sculpture, even as a youngster. His special passion was bronze casting, an incredibly complex art form that he perfected working with "a wonderful foundry teacher in undergraduate school who was a remarkable technician who taught me everything I know about casting," he says admiringly. His instructor's influence was so great that, when Van Horn left to attend graduate school at the University of Florida, he resurrected a nearby old foundry. Later, in his first teaching position in Texas, he built his own foundry, which allowed him to do multiple castings in those years. For the young artist those were productive years working in a medium that can be both enormously complicated and expensive.

He can tell you in detail how the process works, but mostly, "It's a mystery how bronze casting works," he says with a laugh. "Sculpture requires mathematical precision along with a creative flair; it can be a very complex art form. It takes a different kind of mind to be a sculptor."

The multi-faceted artist has worked in other media as well. Over time, he's tried his hand at painting, drawing and printmaking, but he always came back to his first love, sculpture. One regret now is that his duties as dean of a vibrant college filled with creative students and faculty leaves little time for him to produce works.

He has nothing but praise for the faculty who staff the College of Fine Arts. "It's a wonderful group of people all of them are accomplished artists and performers in their fields. What's even more impressive is that they're really fine teachers as well," he says. "They are as dedicated a group of teachers as I have ever seen. It is an honor to work with them and a pleasure to serve them as their dean because they really take teaching seriously."

And, he continues, "The productions that go on in this college are top notch and the student work is very strong. The student work that comes out of COFA is as good as it is anywhere. I try to help people get what they need and then I get out of their way!"

He points out that each COFA faculty member not only teaches, but continues to practice and hone his or her art in diverse fields. "Students can see them practice what they preach," he adds. "They are wonderful role models. Students can see how hard teachers work to keep at the top of their professions."

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Wanda Wells

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kind and considerate of others. These are the qualifications it takes to run an office smoothly. She is the director's (Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill) right-hand assistant. She goes well beyond her call of duty."

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

Rudy Pauley

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A nationwide search will be conducted for a new dean.

Childress had been Vice President for Graduate Studies since 1999 and served as the dean of the MU Graduate School of Education and Professional Development since 1998. He came to the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies in 1975 as director of the College's Appalachian Teacher Corps Project, a two-year \$500,000 research adaptation and evaluation project. He has held numerous positions of responsibility at both the Graduate College and Marshall.

Pauley, who is professor of Secondary Education, has been a member of the Marshall faculty for eight years. He received his undergraduate degree from Liberty University and earned a master's degree in counseling from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. He received an Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership through the Marshall University/West Virginia University cooperative doctoral program.

Pauley has brought national recognition to the university through his work with distance education since he joined the faculty in 1997. He credits Marshall faculty and their willingness to participate with online classes as being factors for gaining national attention.

"I am looking forward to continuing the mission and focus of the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development as the Interim dean," Pauley said.

Brothers Couple Establishes Fund for French Study

JA Fred Brothers and his wife, Paula, of Naples, Fla., have established a fund to create student and faculty exchanges between Marshall University and University of Rennes 2 in France.

Their contribution to the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., was made in memory of Fred's sister, Gloria Jean Brothers, a 1960 Marshall University summa cum laude graduate and a Fulbright Scholar who was killed in a car accident in 1963. They earlier established two scholarships

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Governor's School for the Arts Returns to Marshall

For the second consecutive year, Marshall is hosting the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts on the Huntington campus, with 80 rising high school juniors participating this year.

The three-week residential program, which provides individual and in-depth group instructors in the arts, began

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But a career in fine arts is not for the faint of heart, Van Horn emphasizes. The work leading to a degree in the field is rigorous. "You have to have not only talent but discipline ... It takes a lot of dedication to make it through the curriculum. But those that do generally come out being very successful ... In many ways this is the most public college in the university because we are able to engage people in the community and get them involved with the university."

Creating a sculpture involves a demanding mental process and requires a great deal of time, Van Horn says, and these days he simply doesn't have the time to devote to the creation of art pieces. But he channels his creative abilities into some practical aspects, with his family as the lucky recipients. He's a skilled furniture and cabinet maker who's been producing fine pieces for his home for many years. It's a way of relaxing and he says, "It keeps my hands busy ... I can build things and I don't have to think about it. It's really kind of a therapy."

Most people would be more than happy to have that kind of therapy taking place in their homes. And he makes it sound so easy. Over the years he's built "just about everything in our house," including tables, chests, beds, chests, cabinets and clocks, including both wall and grandfather clocks.

He's just finished a kitchen renovation that involved crafting cherry cabinets—cherry is his wood of choice—that required 20 months to complete. "What I'm most proud of is that in all that time we were without a kitchen for only about one to two days. My wife was wonderful to put up with all the work. It did turn out to be a pretty kitchen," he says modestly. It was in fact, such exceptional work that the *Herald-Dispatch* ran a story complete with photos of the Van Horns' kitchen.

The Van Horn family could be the poster family for West Virginia tourism. The whole family, including wife Diana and sons Lee and Adam are avid skiers. According to Van Horn, he and Diana are competent skiers but the boys are excellent at the sport. In fact, Lee, who just finished his freshman year at Marshall, is on the National Ski Patrol. Adam, who according to his father plays baseball about nine months of the year, is too busy with that now and with his upcoming senior year at Huntington High School to participate in patrol activities, but he hopes to take the training later.

One of their favorite skiing spots is the Snowshoe Resort in Pocahontas County. Because he is so familiar with Snowshoe, it was somewhat ironic that Van Horn was a mainstay of the Snowshoe Institute, an ambitious collaborative effort primarily between Marshall and West Virginia University designed to bring cultural and educational entertainment each summer to the mountaintop resort. Two years in the planning, the annual four-day institute ran for four years drawing rave reviews from those who attended. Van Horn had the daunting task of putting together the first year's program, an effort that would set the tone for all the following institutes. By all standards the programs were immensely successful but for a variety of reasons, mostly financial, the institute shut down after last year's offering.

"Snowshoe Institute was an enormous undertaking ... The programs took months of effort because it [the institute] was so diverse. It was a wonderful thing; there was something for everyone ... It's a shame people didn't understand what was available for them," he says regretfully.

Their years in Huntington have been fulfilling and productive ones for the dynamic Van Horn family. Diana and Don met while he was teaching at the University of Texas at Tyler, and she, a native of Tyler, was attending business classes there. "I married a Texan ... Tyler is known for its beautiful roses and I came home with the fairest rose of all!" he says gallantly.

These days the busy family manages to find time for family activities but it takes a juggling of schedules. Lee and Adam have their own busy lives. Diana is a whirlwind of activity. She teaches at Enslow Park pre-school and also is in charge of the food and clothing pantry based in Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Huntington. And in addition to everything else, she's working on a graduate degree in early childhood special education. In this family, there's one thing for sure, Don says, "Dust definitely doesn't settle on any of us!"

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weekends. When one course ends, another begins, she said.

"I really feel it is wonderful for students in southern West Virginia to have the opportunity to obtain a four-year degree in elementary education," Templeton said. "We're going to try to deliver it in the format that each cohort desires."

Southern students who enter the collaborative program must meet the college of Education and Human Services requirements for admission to Teacher Education. Templeton said about 50 students are ready to enter the final two years of courses Marshall is offering.

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at Marshall in her memory, one general undergraduate scholarship and one for Yeager Scholars.

One Marshall student and one student at Rennes 2 will be selected each year to receive a \$5,000 award for one year or \$3,000 for one semester of study to help defray the cost of their participation in the exchange program. In addition, up to \$2,500 will be available each year for a faculty member at Rennes 2 to travel to Marshall, and a faculty member at Marshall to travel to Rennes 2 to help develop academic and cultural interchange between the two institutions.

"The unique scholarship will make it possible for Marshall students to pursue their dream to study abroad and will foster transatlantic collaboration between two universities," President Stephen J. Kopp said. "This recognition is a fitting tribute to Gloria Brothers, who was one of Marshall's first alumni to receive a Fulbright scholarship."

The University of Rennes, located in Rennes with a population of about 300,000, was established in the 18th century. In 1968, the university split into two new universities: Rennes 1 and Rennes 2. Rennes 2 enrolls about 20,000 students and hosts the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Natural Science, Law and Medicine.

More information about this program and its requirements can be obtained by contacting Dr. Clark Egnor, executive director of the Center for International Programs at egnor@marshall.edu or by calling ext. 62465.

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July 2 and will run through July 22. It will also take place at Marshall in 2007.

Marshall University faculty who are working with the students include music professor Dr. Stephen Lawson and theatre professor Gene Anthony.

The culmination of the program will take place Saturday, June 22 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Each discipline group will perform individually and then all 80 students will perform together as a group of artists.

The students auditioned last winter for the school in six artistic areas.