

We Are...Marshall!

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Marshall, Community to Welcome Warner Bros.

The team from Warner Bros. working on the Marshall movie project will get a rousing welcome when they come to Huntington. Marshall University, the City of Huntington, and other sponsors will host a kickoff party from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1 on 4th Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets.

There will be live music, street vendors, mementos, and a special edition of the *Herd Insider*, according to Dr. H. Keith Spears, Marshall vice president for communications



Patrick Ingram (left) takes a headshot of an unidentified potential extra for the Marshall movie project.

and marketing, who is working closely with the movie producers.

"Plans are still being made, as we speak," Spears said. "Be sure to check the news media as we get closer to April 1. The Warner Bros. people are very excited about coming to Huntington."

The event will cap off several weeks of pre-production work, including the casting call for extras that took place March 16. Patrick Ingram, local extra casting director for the movie was on the Huntington campus to visit with potential extras for the movie.

The film will demand a wide, diverse extras cast, selection of which will be based on specific scene needs.

"We are seeking men and women 18 and over, and a few children ages 5 and up," Ingram said. "This film is set in 1970 and 1971 so clothes and hairstyles were very different than today. Men who are interested should not

cut their hair or shave until they are contacted. This will help our hair and makeup departments to be able to style everyone to have that 1970 look."

WE ARE...MARSHALL. The Movie

Ingram said he is pleased with the extensive database of potential extras that has been compiled by the theatre department at Marshall through its College of Fine Arts. "It shows the sincere interest people from the Huntington region have in this film," Ingram said.

The Warner Bros. production team wants to use current Marshall students, faculty and staff to represent students, faculty and staff from the 1970-71 era. Extras chosen for the movie will be contacted between March 27 and April 17.

The film's cast already includes actors Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox, David Strathairn, Anthony Mackie and Kate Mara.

Med School Students Meet Their Matches

Upcoming medical graduates at Marshall University will enter the fields of family practice and obstetrics/gynecology at rates well above the national average, and the school is at a 3-year high in the percentage of graduates staying in West Virginia.

The results were announced March 16, when students at Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine learned where they have been accepted for their residency training programs, which last for 3 to 5 years.



Marshall medical students learned last week where they will be serving their residencies at a special "Match Day" ceremony.

"These results look incredible to me," said Dr. Aaron McGuffin, senior associate dean for medical student education. "We're putting our graduates all over the country in great institutions, and several excellent

students are staying here at Marshall as well. More than 55 percent of our students are going into primary care specialties, and nearly half will be practicing in West Virginia."

Based on information released by the National Resident Matching Program, Marshall graduates are entering OB/

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Marshall Artists Series to Present 'Sleeping Beauty'

Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty will come to the historic Keith-Albee Theatre, Monday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m., courtesy of Russia's Tchaikovsky Ballet and Orchestra and the Marshall Artists Series.



The Marshall Artists Series will present the ballet "Sleeping Beauty" on March 27.

Faculty and Staff Achievements

Lynne Weston, Director of H.E.L.P., Ryan Orwig, Coordinator of Medical H.E.L.P., Dr. Barbara Guyer, H.E.L.P. Director-Emeritus, and Dr. Kenneth Guyer were invited speakers to the International Learning Disabilities Conference on March 1 in Jacksonville, Florida. Presentations were made at two sessions, "The Professional Student and Self-esteem" and "Multi-Sensory Teaching For All Ages."

Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, of the Biology Department, recently served as the external reviewer of the graduate program in biology at Tennessee Tech University. He also was invited by the Biology Department at West Virginia University to present a seminar, "Status of Amphibians and Reptiles in West Virginia" for faculty and graduate students.

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Sleeping Beauty was the first successful ballet composed by Tchaikovsky and has been enchanting audiences for more than 120 years. Now the classic illustration of the power of love to overcome great odds will be elegantly presented by a company of 125 dancers, soloists and orchestra members.

The Tchaikovsky Ballet and Orchestra was founded in the 1920s and is one of Russia's most distinguished artistic organizations. The ballet company draws all of its dancers from its own school, the most prestigious training institution for ballet in Russia.

Through it is entering its 128th season, the ballet still has the power to move audiences, delighting young and old with its simple, elegant beauty, spectacle and romance.

A review in the San Jose Mercury News said, "The most unforgettable thing about this Sleeping Beauty is its elegance. Because this version of the ballet is so cleanly designed, audiences can savor every beautiful moment on stage."

For ticket information, persons may contact the Artists Series box office, which is open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or call ext. 66656.

Marshall Theatre Professor Honored

Marshall University theatre professor Mike Murphy, a professor of theatre design and technology, received the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Medallion for lifetime contributions to theatre, in large part because of the Gulf Coast Relief Tour conducted last fall by Murphy and Marshall's Pickled Pepper Players.

The John F. Kennedy Center Medallion is conferred for exemplary service and excellence in the field of theatre higher education. The highest award given by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, it was presented to Murphy in February during the Region IV Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Jacksonville, Fla.

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Standifur Elected to Staff Council

Kris Standifur in Adult & Technical Education has been declared the winner of the recent Staff Council special election and will represent the MU Classified Staff EEO Group 50, Clerical, on the Staff Council for the 2005-07 term, according to Election Committee Chair, Carol Hurula.

The results of the election were verified by the Election Committee.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank all that sent me cards and offered up prayers in my time of sickness. I had a heart attack on January 30 so I want to thank the Marshall family and my own family for all that they did and thanks to my main bosses, Dale Osburn, Charles Newsome and Lahoma Weekley. As always I am glad to be back to work and thanks to my coworkers for hanging in there until I got back. Thanks again.

Steve Alexander

Profile: Edna Cole

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Edna Cole

She's a soft touch for stray animals, with a soaring soprano voice that graces her church choir. She welcomes challenges and changes and she'll tackle anything new with her usual blend of zest and take-charge confidence.

Edna Diane Cole, Administrative Secretary, Sr., is a mainstay in the Modern Languages

Department, a post she's had for the past four years. But she's had an interesting job odyssey around the Huntington campus. She started working at Marshall in November 1984 in the Bursar's office, spent a year and a half there before going to the Purchasing office for a three-year stint. From there she spent over 12 years in the Music Department before coming to Modern Languages.

"As you can see, I like challenges and a change," she says cheerily. "I've enjoyed all the jobs I've had, but I'm always ready to try something new. I really like working with students, meeting the public, so this is a good spot for me."

She grew up in the east end of Huntington and married a man from the west end. She went to work at a variety of jobs just out of high school but has taken Marshall classes off and on through the years. Today she and her husband, Roger, live in Ohio, close to their jobs and to their daughter Tara and her husband, Mark who live in Huntington and will present the Coles with their first grandchild, a boy, this August.

In her four years in Modern Languages, Cole has seen a lot of impressive changes. "When I first started here, we taught Spanish, German, French and Japanese. Now we've added Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese Swahili and Russian. It's exciting to see the programs growing."

And no, she doesn't speak other languages herself. "I've learned a few Spanish words from some of the faculty members. It's fun to learn new things."

Cole is an upbeat person who loves to walk, and she and her friend Darlene Colegrove from the Education Department take a daily trek around the campus. And bad weather doesn't deter them in the least. "We only miss during really bad weather, but a little rain or snow doesn't bother us," she says emphatically. "We love looking at the flowers on campus, they're really beautiful when they are in bloom. The grounds crew does a great job on the campus."

She loves growing flowers herself, especially roses, although "I'm not really a gardener," she says modestly. She has plenty of room for her flowers on her three-acre plot and plenty of room for all the stray animals she takes in and where

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Lewis College of Business to Restart Executive MBA

Marshall University's Lewis College of Business plans to restart its Executive MBA program, an accelerated, weekend program for professionals, around the beginning of summer 2006 at the Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston.

The LCOB temporarily suspended the EMBA program two years ago while it was going through a thorough process of review and revision. Dr. Uday Tate, director of the program, said the review and revision process has made the program more rigorous as well as flexible to meet the needs of prospective EMBA candidates.

"We are excited about this program and delighted to serve professionals in the Tri-State area to help them achieve their career goals," Tate said.

The Executive MBA program features an intensive format with courses offered on five consecutive Saturdays per course. Typically, classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m., with short breaks and a lunch hour. An exact starting date will be announced soon.

The program at Marshall is offering business foundation courses, designed for students who do not have any previous business course work and/or business experience. Students may be required to take up to five foundation courses focusing on concepts and skills in the areas of economics, accounting, finance, statistics and marketing-management before they take any functional studies courses.

The program also offers 12 functional studies courses that cover all areas in business, including marketing, information systems, quantitative and production methods, economic analysis, accounting, finance, management, ethics and global issues, entrepreneurship and business strategy. These can be taken only after foundation courses are completed, if required.

"The Marshall EMBA offers an unbeatable combination of quality and cost," Dr. Paul Uselding, dean of the Lewis College of Business, said. "It is an outstanding value because we feature up-to-date and relevant instruction on core business topics, an interactive, group project orientation emphasizing teamwork and personalized instruction in a face-to-face seminar style format."

Uselding said the format enables students to learn from each other as well as from the course instructors of record.

"Not only this, but our program is accredited by the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)-International and is recognized throughout the world because of this important recognition," he said.

Students seeking admission to the EMBA Program must satisfy the following requirements:

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Demo Starts on MyCroft's Site

Demolition of the old MyCroft's and the Locker Room Sports Tavern, located on 3rd Avenue near 20th Street, began March 20.

Jim Terry, director of public safety, said the alley in the 300 block of 20th Street behind the buildings, which has been closed since March 2, will remain closed through May 12. Demolition of the buildings is expected to take about 10 days and the area will be used for parking.

Edna Cole

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once two horses roamed. The family is down to one 13-year-old dog inherited from her daughter, a rarity because she's been known to have as many as 20 strays at a time. Word just gets out about the canine and feline welcome mat that's perpetually out at the Coles' home.

The family certainly doesn't go looking for stray animals but at a former residence, drop-offs were common in the area. The soft-hearted Coles never turned any of the abandoned animals away. They lovingly cared for them and found them good homes. "All animals want is love" she says reflectively, and all their animals get tender loving care. They once had mother/daughter horses that lived to ripe old ages. The daughter died at age 27 and the mother lived to be 34.

If Cole has a passion, it's singing. It's her joy and she's always done it, even as a tiny tot. She lent her lilting voice to church and school choirs and from her early teens on was a sought after soloist at weddings and other events. Currently she's a member of the chancel choir at Pea Ridge United Methodist Church. She was actually recruited from the congregation when, after visiting the church one Sunday and joining in hymn singing, a man sitting a few pews in front of her turned and said, "We have a choir robe for you!" "I have a big voice," she says with good humor. "I don't like to speak before people but it doesn't bother me at all to sing before them. I've always been a bit shy but I'm not shy when I sing. Music is a big part of my life." She often performs duets with the choir director and she's still in demand as a wedding soloist. More than one person has told her they can hear joy in her voice as she raises it in song, a compliment she cherishes.

Summers in her department are quite busy, so the family works their vacation plans, usually to their favorite spot, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, around her work schedule. The department has a summer program which takes students to Lyon, France each July and students in the Spanish program can travel to Madrid, Spain every June or July. Cole oversees the office while faculty are away and sees to it that everything runs smoothly.

"I work well on my own. I've been here long enough to know what needs to be done. I take care of all the routine needs, all the travel paperwork, whatever needs to be done. I try to take care of everything that will make the trips go smoothly and to keep things running well here. Dr. Maria Carmen Riddel is wonderful to work with."

In her rare leisure time, Cole likes to read but says frankly she's not that good at arts and crafts. But her husband more than makes up for her lack of handwork, she says. "I'm not very good at making things. I guess I'd rather be outdoors working in the garden or being with the animals. But Roger can make anything. He saw a picture of a blanket chest and made it adding his own touches. I wanted some Adirondack furniture so he looked at a photograph and in one weekend made two chairs and a love seat. He's a real artist."

She's a positive person with a good sense of humor who has seen changes come during her years at Marshall and hasn't been daunted by them. She's enjoyed each of her campus jobs and the people she's worked with. And she's never bored, either at home or at work. "There's always so much to do and see," she says with her usual optimistic outlook.

Executive MBA

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- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a 2.5 overall undergraduate grade point average; and,
- A minimum Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) score of 500. GMAT scores should be less than five years old. The program director may waive this requirement for individuals who possess evidence of significant managerial experience beyond the minimum duration specified in the formal admission requirements. The GMAT requirement also may be waived for those who have a Ph.D., M.D., or J.D. degree; and,
- A minimum of three years of work experience.

Other highlights of the EMBA program include a balanced, practical and challenging curriculum; small class environment; experiential learning; global experience (a seven-to-nine day international trip); state of the art facilities, and a dedicated and qualified staff.

For more information about the program tuition, residency classification, etc., persons may contact Professor Tate at (304) 696-2672 or (304) 696-2324, or contact him by e-mail at tateu@marshall.edu.

Med School Students

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GYN at nearly twice the national average (9.3 percent vs. 5.3 percent), and entering family practice at 1.3 times the national average (16.3 percent vs. 12.5 percent). When students who obtained residencies outside the national program are counted, Marshall's percentage in family practice rises to 20 percent.

In addition to the 49 percent of graduates staying in West Virginia, students will be completing their residencies at 20 institutions across the United States, including Wake Forest, Dartmouth and Johns Hopkins.

Theatre Awards

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Murphy and his wife, Karla, accompanied the seven MU students on the Pickled Pepper Players' 2,400-mile, 10-day tour. The Pickled Pepper Players is a touring children's theatre company sponsored by the MU Department of Theatre that traveled to the Gulf Coast in late November and early December to perform for children displaced by last year's hurricanes.

Murphy said receiving the medallion was "a real honor," not only for himself, but for the Pickled Pepper Players. "It really is a nice feather in the hat of the department and the kids that did the Pickled Pepper Players tour," he added. "They have to give it to an individual, but it's really an honor for everyone."

Murphy has been in the teaching profession since 1982, holding positions at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Ga., and Marshall. He has been a Visiting Instructor at the University of South Florida and at Florida State University. Murphy serves in a number of capacities with USITT and is president of the West Virginia Theatre Conference. He also serves on the Board of the West Virginia Thespians.