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## Faculty, Students and Staff to Examine Marshall's Progress on Assessment Day

Marshall University's fourth annual Assessment Day, which is designed to determine how well the university is meeting its goals overall and by academic and service units, will take place Wednesday, April 8.

"Assessment is really at the heart of the teaching and learning process," said Dr. Frances Hensley, associate vice

president for academic affairs. "Marshall has made it a priority by dedicating a day to the process."

"We're depending on students, faculty, and staff to participate in the Assess-

ment Day activities and survey instruments," said Dr. Mary Beth Reynolds, Director of Assessment, who is heading up the Assessment Day activities once again this year. "Every year, our information becomes more detailed and useful."

Classes will not meet as scheduled most of that day, which allows students, faculty, and staff to participate in Assessment Day activities. The normal class schedule resumes at 4 p.m. for late afternoon and evening classes.

Members of the Marshall community participating in Assessment Day activities will receive a free lunch catered by Buddy's BBQ, Sodexo and Pepsi. Luncheon entertainment will include the MU Rock Ensemble "Looking Glass," under the direction of Dr. Martin Saunders, and the Marshall University Fife and Drum Corps, under the direction of Dr. Wendell Dobbs. They will give special performances begin-

### Marshall Med Students' Training Placements Dubbed 'Excellent'

Graduating doctors at Marshall's medical school will enter the vital primary care specialties at more than 1.5 times the national average and enter some of the nation's most competitive training programs, according to results released this week by the National Resident Matching Program.

"These are excellent results for our students," said Dr. Marie Veitia, associate dean for student affairs at Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "A significant number of our students were accepted into highly competitive specialties such as dermatology, ophthalmology, anesthesiology and emergency medicine.

"We are happy that 18 students elected to stay at Marshall for their specialty training, and that others were accepted to institutions such as Johns Hopkins, Mayo, UCLA and Emory," she said.

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ning at 11:30 a.m. Also, students and faculty will be eligible to win prizes, including laptop computers and gift cards, donated by area businesses and other groups.

Reynolds said that, among the activities planned, some are university wide and some are departmental. University-wide activities include, among others, student satisfaction surveys by the admissions office, financial aid office, residence services, career services department, student health services, the women's center, and the registrar's office; an SGA survey; and surveys from Sodexo and the MU Bookstore. The Office of Career Services will host a presentation by Sheetz and will conduct job search sessions for students. Information and Computer Literacy (iSkills) testing will be conducted throughout the day. Students may contact Dr. Monica Brooks at [brooks@marshall.edu](mailto:brooks@marshall.edu) about this opportunity.

Many departments will be offering electronic surveys, which will be available beginning April 1 and will continue to be available through April 10. A list and instructions for accessing both the university-wide and departmental surveys are available online at [www.marshall.edu/assessment/AssessmentDay\\_2009/Survey\\_Info09.asp](http://www.marshall.edu/assessment/AssessmentDay_2009/Survey_Info09.asp).

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### MU to Teach Undergraduates in S. Charleston

Marshall University will offer undergraduate courses on the South Charleston campus beginning May 11.

Thirteen face-to-face courses and seven electronic courses have been scheduled. Most of the on-campus courses will be taught during the day and a few will be offered in the evenings.

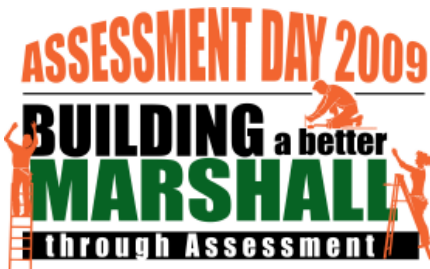
Traditionally, the South Charleston campus has catered to professionals working toward advanced degrees by offering graduate-level courses in the evenings and on weekends. This schedule leaves most of the classrooms open during the day giving the university an opportunity to reach out to undergraduate students in the Kanawha Valley, said Dr. Gayle L. Ormiston, Marshall University's provost.

"We look at our summer sessions as an opportunity to help our students graduate in a timely manner," Ormiston said. "We base our course offerings on what they might need. As a result, we are bringing a small group of business, journalism, education, science, safety and fine arts courses to the Kanawha Valley."

Marshall's South Charleston campus features two state-of-the-art buildings, free parking and is located minutes from I-64, the Mound District and downtown Charleston. Ormiston said students preparing to go to college in the fall will find the intimate size of the campus easy to navigate.

"I also believe students will find the South Charleston campus to be beautiful, quiet, convenient and conducive to study," he said.

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# Marshall Faculty, Staff Participate in 'Bowl-a-Thon'

A ball of clay, creativity and the willingness to get a little dirty were the only requirements needed for the Empty Bowls campaign's "bowl-a-thon" March 13.

The Marshall University Keramos Pottery Guild ceramics students in the Department of Art and Design in the College of Fine Arts recently invited local celebrities and public relations students from the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications to participate in the making of the bowls.



Dan Hollis, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, works on some clay during the Bowl-a-Thon for this year's Empty Bowls campaign.

"It's just another aspect of the event that allows people to get involved," said Brooke Ash, Huntington Area Food Bank (HAFB) public relations coordinator. "It not only allows the PR students working

on the event to put some sweat into the other side of the campaign, but it also allows Marshall professors, Marshall coaches and the media to see the craft behind Empty Bowls."

Marshall University football head coach Mark Snyder, Marshall University women's basketball associate head coach Roxanne White and Marshall's mascot Marco were among the celebrities from the athletics department who took part in the "bowl-a-thon."

"The community is so supportive of us," White said. "It's nice to give back, especially now in the difficult times."

Marshall University associate professor of broadcast journalism Dan Hollis was another celebrity among the potters. "It's always good to help," Hollis said. "I've

supported Empty Bowls since it first started, so it's nice to be a part of the making of the bowls."

"The 'bowl-a-thon' brings enthusiasm to the Empty Bowls event," said Earline Allen, Marshall art and ceramics professor. "Creating the bowls is a new experience for everyone, and it's wonderful to see them reacting to the process. We're really pleased about the support from the pottery students and are happy to see so many PR students helping out."

Public relations students were eager to make bowls to get a better feel for the art aspect of the campaign.

The Empty Bowls campaign will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 7 at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 1015 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Huntington. Each person who gives a \$12 donation receives a lunch of soup, bread, Pepsi, and a handcrafted ceramic bowl to serve as a continued reminder of the empty bowls in our community and the ongoing hunger problem all over the world.

For more information about the HAFB, call Brooke Ash at 304-523-6029 or e-mail [hafbmail@hafb.org](mailto:hafbmail@hafb.org). For more information about the Empty Bowls event, call Campaign Director Meagan Sellards at 304-412-5900 or e-mail [emptybowls@marshall.edu](mailto:emptybowls@marshall.edu). Erica Rife, the media representative, can be reached at 304-360-3394, by e-mail at [emptybowls@marshall.edu](mailto:emptybowls@marshall.edu) or by visiting [www.marshall.edu/SOJMC](http://www.marshall.edu/SOJMC).

## Classified Staff Election Nears

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election in April to select the Staff Council Chair, Institutional Board of Governors Representative, Advisory Board of Classified Employees Representative and members of the Classified Staff Council for the 2009-2011 term.

Paper balloting will take place on Tuesday, April 7 with electronic voting running from Thursday, April 9 through Sunday, April 12 at midnight.

Paper balloting may be done at the following locations and times:

- University Mail Room, Old Main, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Plant Operation Office, Sorrell Maintenance Building, Room 200, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Residence Services Front Desk, Holderby Hall, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Dean's Office, Joan C. Edwards SOM, Suite 3408, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Copy Center, MU Graduate College, South Charleston campus, two sessions: Monday, April 6, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 7, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Night Shift voting, Old Main Custodial Room and Henderson Center Custodial Room, April 7, (times to be announced).

Following are the candidates for campus-wide positions:

Chair of Staff Council – Nina Barrett, Betty Cook and Brenda Fleming  
Institutional Board of Governors Representative – Bernice Bullock, Mike Dunn, Brenda Fleming, Timothy Melvin  
Advisory Council of Classified Employees Representative – Mike Dunn, Brenda Fleming

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## Profile: Sue Ellen Bell

*A series on interesting Marshall University people.*



Sue Ellen Bell

It was the summer of 1970, the era of tie-dyed clothes, hippies, peace signs, mellow folk singers strumming protest ballads, and tank-sized cars, when Sue Ellen Bell came to Marshall as an eager work-study student. And with her typical resolve, the new honors graduate of Chesapeake High School couldn't wait to get a jump on regular classes which would begin in the fall.

"I started working in the cataloging department that summer and I've been at the university ever since," Bell, now a Library Associate in Government Documents, says. She's spent her entire Marshall career, which now spans 39 years, working in the library and it's been a perfect fit for the both of them. First and foremost, she's an ardent student and scholar who has completed a B.A. degree, a master's degree, fulfilled the requirements for a teaching certificate, and completed an Aviation Ground School course. All this is in addition to a variety of other classes she's taken just because they piqued her interest. And being at Marshall has fueled her quest for knowledge. "I love being a student; I love knowledge and learning. I love the whole academic environment," she says, bubbling with enthusiasm.

As an undergraduate she originally intended to major in accounting until a religion class set her on another path. "I developed a real interest in the historical aspect of religion, not just the faith aspects, so I switched my major to what was then Bible and Religion," she recalls. Then, in 1972, with the encouragement of her supervisors, she applied for a full-time job in the cataloging department and spent the next few years combining work and taking classes until she completed her B.A. degree. Eventually she moved to Government Documents, her final library destination, which opened a whole new vista for her. "Now I worked with the public and I found that I truly enjoyed this ... I help patrons use Federal Government indexes and resources to meet their research needs."

Bell explains that Marshall is one of 1,250 federal depository libraries in the U.S. and the second largest one in West Virginia. "GPO is one of the largest printers and disseminators of information in the world. We get a mind-boggling array of materials. There are agriculture reports, documents from the departments of Defense and Interior, huge census surveys, U.S. geological surveys, all the Congressional reports and hearings--just massive amounts of information from the Federal Government. The government is making an effort get much of the information online so on our index Web site we have a link where we can get many full-text documents."

She found her true niche working in Government Documents. "I was so hooked on research that I started working on a master's degree, again taking classes part time."

She earned a master's degree in Religious Studies/Philosophy with concentrations in Hermeneutics and History of Religions. Hermeneutics, she explains, is the study of interpretation theory, such as the interpretation of written texts like the scriptures.

With her firm belief in lifelong learning, she embarked on yet another academic journey, this time to obtain a teaching certificate in science with a minor in

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## Annual Schmidlapp Lectureship Slated for March 30

The 2009 Schmidlapp Distinguished Lectureship in Women's Studies will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, March 30 in the Alumni Lounge on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus.

Dr. Carla Kaplan, Davis Distinguished Professor of American Literature at Northeastern University, Guggenheim Fellow, and a Fellow at Harvard's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research, will deliver this year's lectureship. It is titled, "Editing a Feminist Icon: Zora Neale Hurston."

The Schmidlapp Lectureship is sponsored by the Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee,

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## South Charleston Campus Winds Up Cereal Drive

The South Charleston campus cereal drive for the Manna Meal program in Charleston has been deemed a big success, with 275 boxes of cereal collected along with \$300 in contributions that came from faculty, staff, students and community members.

The cereal and donated cash will go to Manna Meal, which is housed in St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston. Manna Meal offers two meals a day, 365 days a year, to those in need.

Lalena Price and Kathy Zimmerman, both staff members at South Charleston, organized and coordinated the cereal drive. The idea came about after Price volunteered at Manna Meal on Christmas Day, became aware of the need for cereal and took the idea back to the campus.

## Yard Sale Reminder

Marshall University will hold a yard sale April 6 & 7, at the Art Warehouse, 201 21<sup>st</sup> Street, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day to take bids. Items available include furniture from University Heights, office furniture, copiers, and miscellaneous electronic items.

The process will be by sealed bid with the items going to the high bidder. Everything will be sold as is. For any questions or additional information, contact Carol Skaggs at [skaggs@marshall.edu](mailto:skaggs@marshall.edu).

## Classified Staff Election

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Following are candidates for Classified Staff Council from the respective EEO groups with five members to be elected from each group:

Group 10, Executive, Administrative and Managerial – William Carter, Virgil Crockett, Mike Dunn, Ronnie Hicks

Group 30, Other Professionals – Robert Bailey, Brandon Balandra, Amber Bentley, Betty Cook, Patricia Gallagher, Carol Hurula, Annalisha Johnson, Sarah Kemp, Kimberly Lawson-Murphy, Jan Parker, Brean Stewart, Jonathan Sutton, Janis Winkfield

Group 40, Technical and Paraprofessional – Nina Barrett, Johnny Bradley, Toni Ferguson, Jennifer Jimison, Mary Waller

Group 50, Clerical – Bernice Bullock, Maura Conway, Leonard Lovely, Okey Napier, Tina Slone, LuAnn South, Kris Standifur, Amy Williams

Group 60/70, Skilled Craft and Service Maintenance – Barbara Black, Harold Burns, Brenda Fleming, Darrell Kendrick, Diana Lewis, Tina Miller, Jennings Stiltner, Joe Wortham

Those elected will serve from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2011. If you have questions, contact Joe Wortham, Election Committee Chair, at ext. 6-5402.

## Sue Ellen Bell

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social studies, which, she says “took a long time because I had to take all the core classes, but I did complete the requirements and I got the certificate.”

And sometimes she went back to school just for fun. “I love being up in the air. I had always dreamed of flying a Cessna plane so I enrolled in a continuing education course in Aviation Ground School. I learned all about the dynamics of the plane, forces, lift-off, thrust, instruments, weather conditions, all the things you have to know before you can actually start flying.” She not only successfully completed the course—she was the only female in her class who did —she also passed the required FAA test but was destined to remain earthbound because of the high cost of taking flying lessons and some major eye problems that had cropped up.

In addition to her work schedule and her ongoing academic schedule, Bell spent four years back in the early 1970s as a member of the Army Reserves, an experience she recounts with humor. It all started out as a way to make a little extra money by drilling on weekends. “Some friends talked me into and I felt like Private Benjamin,” she says, laughing, recalling the 1980 Goldie Hawn movie about a clueless novice trying to fit into the Army. “Once I had signed up I thought, ‘I don’t want to do this; I’ve made a big mistake.’ I had no conception of what military life was like. But I fulfilled all the requirements for the next four years. I don’t regret doing it...I was even asked to re-enlist with a promotion in rank, but that was quite enough military life for me.”

Not surprising for someone so immersed in learning, Bell’s hobbies include reading, collecting books and researching topics of interest, with special focuses on women’s spirituality, early Christianity and Lyme disease, from which she has suffered since 1982. The disease proved to be especially frustrating for her, as it is often difficult to diagnose because its symptoms can mimic several other conditions.

These days Bell’s life is happily centered around her finance, Ancil Lambert; his teenaged sons, Ancil Jr. and Cornelius; and their animal menagerie, which includes an elderly dog, a cat, and a stray one-eyed cat they recently took in which presented them with five kittens. Like her, Ancil is a softie when it comes to homeless animals, she says, and wouldn’t consider sending their newly found cat to the animal shelter. In fact her reverence for life led her to be a lacto-ovo vegetarian for almost 30 years. Lacto-ovos don’t eat animal flesh but do consume animal products such as dairy goods and eggs, she explains. During that period she collected an impressive array of vegetarian cookbooks which she still uses today, although she now consumes some meat. “Ancil is a big time carnivore; I mean he thinks if you don’t have meat, you don’t have a meal,” she says, laughing.

It may have been fate that placed her in the library nearly 40 years ago, but it has been her tenacity that has kept her there. She has in her words, an extreme sense of duty and responsibility, traits that she learned from her parents, Mildred and Harry Bell. “I got an excellent work ethic from my parents who taught me that if you’re going to do a job, persevere and do it right.” She suffered a devastating loss when her mother passed away last month. “She was my hero and a person I most admired and loved deeply; she was my best friend. Her passing was a huge loss to all of us who knew and loved her.”

As for her job, “I love doing research and helping others find the information they need for their own research needs. I can’t say enough good things about the staff here. They’re knowledgeable and they’re helpful. Dr. Khader, my immediate supervisor, the library administration and the whole Information Technology team are fantastic to work with. We’re a team committed to providing information to our students, faculty and the community. And I do think we make a difference.”

## South Charleston

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All daytime sessions will be taught in the Robert C. Byrd Academic and Technology Center on the South Charleston campus. For the most up-to-date summer class schedule, go to [www.marshall.edu/milo/milocou.asp](http://www.marshall.edu/milo/milocou.asp).

## Assessment Day

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Other departmental activities, which vary by unit, include “town hall” meetings for majors, portfolio presentations and exit interviews for seniors.

Reynolds said that she encourages everyone who participates Wednesday to complete an Assessment Day evaluation form, which will be available on the MyMU portal beginning April 13, the Monday after the event. This will be used as a guide in planning future Assessment Days.

“Assessment Day is an opportunity for faculty and students to evaluate the things they care about most: teaching and learning and the services that support those two,” Hensley said. “I can’t imagine that a student has no interest in providing feedback to his or her institution. Here is the chance.”

“The Assessment Day Committee has worked hard to put this event together and we welcome everyone’s input to help us build a better Marshall through assessment,” Reynolds said.

In addition to Reynolds and Hensley, committee members include faculty members Dr. Marie Archambault, Dr. Michael Castellani, Dr. Darlene Daneker, Dr. Susan Gilpin, Dr. Marjorie Keatley, Dr. Cal Meyer, and Dr. Caroline Perkins; student Matt James; and staff members Karen Barker, Roberta Ferguson, Patricia Gallagher, Pat Gebhart, Dr. Karen Kirtley, Carla Lapelle, Jenny Lauhon, Homer Preece, Susan Tams and Terri Tomblin-Byrd.

For more information, visit [www.marshall.edu/assessment/AssessmentDay\\_2009/default09.asp](http://www.marshall.edu/assessment/AssessmentDay_2009/default09.asp).

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This year’s graduates will enter surgery at more than twice the national average, pediatrics and family medicine at 1.5 times the national average. Other fields they are entering at above-average rates include psychiatry, dermatology, emergency medicine and general internal medicine.

Overall, 61.5 percent of Marshall graduates will enter the primary care fields of family practice, general internal medicine and pediatrics, compared to 39.7 percent nationally. In keeping with the state’s historical average, 44 percent of the graduates will enter residencies in West Virginia.

## Schmidlapp Lectureship

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with special thanks to Marshall Women’s Studies and Women’s Center.

The event, which celebrates Women’s History Month, is free to the public and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Dr. Greta Rensenbrink at 304-696-2955, or e-mail her at [rensenbrink@marshall.edu](mailto:rensenbrink@marshall.edu).