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## Marshall Kicks Off United Way Campaign

One of the most popular special activities during Marshall's annual United Way campaign is the opportunity for university employees to wear jeans to work. For the third consecutive year, "I'm wearing Jeans for United Way" days have been approved by President Stephen J. Kopp for the campaign.

This year's campaign runs through Dec. 31. Two special weeks of activities are planned with a kickoff on the Memorial Student Center plaza, Monday, Nov. 9.

Participants will be "permitted" to wear jeans to work on selected days throughout the campaign, depending on which days they choose and how much they donate to the campaign. Jeans days are every Tuesday and Thursday from Nov. 3 – the beginning of Sneak Peek Week for the campaign – through Dec. 17, except for Thanksgiving week.

"I'm Wearing jeans for United Way" stickers cost \$3 for one, \$5 for two or \$20 for eight. They are available for purchase in the following locations:

- Old Main basement mailroom, Leonard Lovely, ext. 6-6644
- Old Main 207, Sara Belknap, ext. 6-6455
- Memorial Student Center 2W6, Eleanore Beckett, ext. 6-6472
- Holderby Hall 109, Sharon Booth, ext. 6-2569
- Gullickson Hall 112, Cammy Holley, ext. 6-5459
- Shewey Building 217, Dawn Kirtner, ext. 6-7083
- Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center 301Q, Anita Mathis, ext. 6-7322
- MU Medical Center, dean's office (3408), Wanda Webb, 304-691-1700

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## SAPB, Hermansdorfer Receive Awards at Conference

Marshall University's Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB) won three awards at the recent mid-American conference of the National Association of Student Activities (CACA). In addition, Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, received the prestigious Janet Carl Smith Award. Hermansdorfer and James Clark, student assistant for the SAPB, attended the conference which was held last week in Covington, Ky.

The awards won by Marshall were:

- The Outstanding Multicultural Program Award – The Human Race Machine This award honors programs

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## PEIA Hearings Scheduled

Each year the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) Finance Board holds public hearings to take comments on its proposed financial plan for the coming plan year. The agency will hold hearings in Wheeling, Morgantown, Martinsburg, Beckley, Charleston and Huntington in November. The Charleston hearing will take place at the Civic Center Little Theatre Nov. 9 and the Huntington hearing takes place Thursday, Nov. 19 at the MU Medical School, Harless Auditorium. Other locations are available on the agency's Web site, [www.wvpeia.com](http://www.wvpeia.com).

The Finance Board's proposal for Plan Year 2011 will be posted on the agency's Web site as soon as it is available.

PEIA will offer the following at each event:

- *Customer Service*  
PEIA will provide customer service in each location from **4-6 p.m.** If you have questions about medical, prescription or life insurance benefits, come early and get answers from the PEIA staff.
- *The Public Hearings*  
Registration for the hearings will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the **hearings will start at 6 p.m.** If you wish to testify at the hearing, you must indicate that at registration.

If you can't attend a hearing in person, you can submit comments in writing to:

PEIA Finance Board  
601 57th St., SE  
Charleston, WV 25304

or via e-mail to: [peia.help@wv.gov](mailto:peia.help@wv.gov).



Andy Hermansdorfer (standing, third from left) and members of the Student Activities Programming Board pose with their awards at the National Association of Student Activities conference last week.

# Psychology Department to Expand Off-Campus Services

The Department of Psychology is expanding its clinical services off campus, thanks to the generosity of MU graduates Amy and Jack Ingles, owners of Starlight Behavioral Health in Huntington.

The Ingles have given the Marshall Department of Psychology about 3,000 square feet of office space at Starlight, rent free. In addition, they supplied office furniture and telephones.

"The generosity of the Ingles is extremely important to us because our psychology graduate programs have grown quickly and are now larger than our on-campus facilities can accommodate," said Dr. David J. Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The new space will mean that we can give our students a better work environment in which to develop their clinical skills."

Dr. Pamela Mulder, professor of psychology, said the new clinic in Huntington will allow the department to have greater contact with the community and give students a larger setting in which to practice clinical psychology.

"This clinic will help us to provide services for underserved clients, to provide services for some clients more quickly than they are currently able to access given the existing options, and also to meet the needs of clients who want an alternative to services that are currently available," Mulder said.

The primary mission of Marshall University's Psy.D. (Doctor of Psychology) program is to train students to become clinical psychologists, who will then be able to serve people living in rural areas where mental health services are not readily available.

At the new clinic, the department will offer many psychological services on a sliding fee scale that should be within reach of anyone in need. When necessary, some individuals will receive services at no cost.

The Psychology Department maintains and will continue to maintain the clinic in Harris Hall. The department plans to have at least three students at the new clinic at all times and six overall.

Amy (Searls) Ingles received her bachelor's degree in communication disorders in 1998. Jack Ingles received a bachelor's degree in political science in 1987, a master's in journalism in 1990, and a master's in clinical psychology in 2000.

Jack Ingles spent several years in the Army in Iraq before opening Starlight. During that time, he maintained close ties with Mulder.



Seated are, from left, Amy Ingles, co-owner of Starlight Behavioral Health, and Dr. Pamela Mulder, professor of psychology at MU.. Standing are, from left, Dr. Steven Mewaldt, chair of the Department of Psychology; Dr. David J. Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; and Jack Ingles, co-owner of Starlight Behavioral Health.

Starlight Behavioral Health is a private corporation of around 250 employees that provides a broad range of behavioral and mental health services to individuals who have mental retardation, developmental disabilities and/or mental illness issues in the Huntington region.

The Department of Psychology's Psy.D. program is accredited by the American Psychological Association. Students who complete the degree are eligible to practice psychology in all 50 states.

A traveling exhibit about the Kanawha County school textbook controversy of 1984 is on view in the atrium of the John Deaver Drinko Library through Monday, Nov. 30. The exhibit is on loan courtesy of the Kanawha Valley Historical and Preservation Society.

## Humanities Council Offers 2010 Fellowships

The West Virginia Humanities Council is inviting West Virginia college and university humanities faculty to apply for 2010 Fellowships. The award provides scholars with a stipend of \$2,500. The deadline is February 1, 2010.

These fellowships offer an opportunity for West Virginia teachers, college faculty and independent scholars who need encouragement and support for research and writing projects. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the study of the following: interpretive archaeology; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; history; jurisprudence; modern and classical languages; linguistics; literature; philosophy; comparative religion; and philosophical and historical approaches to the social sciences.

Guidelines and applications are available on the Council's Web site at [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org). For questions contact grant administrator Amy Saunders at 304.346.8500 or e-mail [saunders@wvhumanities.org](mailto:saunders@wvhumanities.org).

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of Nov. 20, 2009. Deadline is Nov. 13. 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](mailto:pdickson@marshall.edu).

## Profile: John Huxley

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



John Huxley

Not all classes take place on Marshall's campuses, so John Huxley is there to help take classes to students, many times in their homes, all over the state.

As Director of the Regional Center for Distance Education and Professional Development, he coordinates and manages the third-party contracts that, among other things, sponsor cohorts. These groups, he explains, allow Marshall to deliver a full menu of classes leading to a graduate degree in off-

campus locations.

"Cohorts allow students to stay in their own area and, through a combination of online and live classes, earn a degree without ever really leaving home," Huxley explains.

The groups are popular and he can tick off those currently under way. Students are completing M.A. degrees in math in Boone and Lincoln counties; reading and early childhood education in Logan and Mingo counties; and reading and math in Mercer County. In addition there is a statewide program in counseling with PSIMED Corrections, LLC, a West Virginia based behavioral healthcare company, statewide and one in leadership studies in RESA II and RESA IV, which cover the Huntington and Summersville areas respectively. A doctoral program is just about to conclude coursework in Flatwoods.

In addition to the convenience, there's also a favorable cost factor, he says. "The full-service contracts provide for reduced tuition, so it gives people an opportunity to take courses at a reduced price. There are also savings in travel expenses and child care expenses. For the live classes, the faculty come to the students."

Huxley also oversees the contracts for the staff and professional development classes. "We provide graduate credit for those who want to take advantage of courses such as the ones offered to teachers by counties. Most of the time the credits are used for salary reclassifications or to renew teaching licenses."

One new thing, he says, is that over the past two to three years there has been increasing interest in bringing a number of different programs to outlying areas. "In the past we took primarily elementary/secondary degrees throughout the area and the state, but recently literacy programs have started outreach programs, particularly in southern West Virginia. And leadership studies and counseling are looking into how they can serve other parts of the state that don't ordinarily get served. Most of the contracts come to us on an as-needed basis from counties. For instance if they have a need for math specialists, we put together a program for them."

Huxley's background as a middle school teacher has been of immeasurable help to him in his current job, he says. He spent 14 years as special education teacher in Boone and Kanawha counties and later worked for three years for the West Virginia Department of Education. He has a special affinity for middle schools. "My first love is middle school; I love working with that age group."

In fact, a former mentor is now a valued colleague he says. Huxley was a teacher at Clendenin Middle School when Dr. Michael Cunningham, now chair of Marshall's

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## Video, Movie Presentations to Commemorate 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall

Marshall's Department of Modern Languages and Center for International Programs will present free video and movie presentations to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall next week. Here is the schedule of the events:

- **Monday, Nov. 9, 3:30 p.m.: "As It Happened - November 9, 1989"** - A video presentation of the news of that day, and a panel presentation covering an overview of the events leading up to and the aftermath of the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m.: *Der Tunnel* (2001)** - A gripping escape plan provides the narrative spine to *The Tunnel*, an exciting Cold War story. This film fictionalizes the true story of the digging of a 430-foot tunnel running under the Berlin Wall in 1961-62, as tunnel rats on the west side labor to find a way out for friends and family in the Communist East. In German with English subtitles (157 min.).

Both events will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Drinko Library Auditorium, room 402. German snacks will be available.

For further information, contact Dr. Christopher Dolmetsch by phone at 304-696-2744 or by e-mail at [dolmetsc@marshall.edu](mailto:dolmetsc@marshall.edu).

## 39th Memorial Service for victims of the Marshall Plane Crash

Noon, Saturday, Nov. 14  
Memorial Student Center Plaza

## Graduate Tuition Waiver Deadline is Nov. 13

Applications are due Friday, Nov. 13 for the Marshall University Graduate Scholarship Tuition Waiver program for Spring 2010. The program provides tuition assistance for Marshall University graduate students and Marshall University faculty and staff employees.

To be eligible, applicants must be currently admitted and enrolled in a graduate degree-granting or certificate program at Marshall University. Up to three hours of waiver for graduate coursework will be awarded to qualified applicants. The waiver does not cover online courses. The awarding of waivers is competitive and is made on the basis of academic achievement and promise.

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## Alumni Association Seeks Nominations for Awards

The Marshall University Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for awards to be presented during the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alumni Weekend Awards Banquet in April.

The awards offer an opportunity for the university to publicly recognize and thank alumni and friends for their support and contributions. The Alumni Association is asking people to think about those who should be considered for these prestigious awards.

Nominations can be sent to the Alumni Relations office – attn: Nancy Pelphrey. The Alumni Association Board of Directors – Alumni Weekend committee will decide upon the winners. For more information on the awards and the nomination form, go to [www.marshall.edu/alumni/honors.asp](http://www.marshall.edu/alumni/honors.asp). If you have questions, call the alumni office at ext. 6-3134.

## John Huxley

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Leaderships Studies program, was the principal there. "He was a great mentor and still is. He really showed me what middle school should be. In fact we're both active in the West Virginia Association for Middle Level Education as I'm the executive director and he is the treasurer. We put on annual conferences for middle school teachers on current topics and they've been very successful. I attribute much of that to Mike because he is persuasive and persistent in making sure that topics involving middle schools remain in focus."

While he enjoys his current duties, Huxley says candidly, "I miss the classroom and working at the local school level. But being able to work on a regular basis with not only county level officials, but also with teachers who are trying to find professional development activities that are necessary and relevant to what they're doing is very rewarding. My past experience as a teacher provides the opportunity to see things that are important to teachers."

And closer to home, he feels fortunate that his wife, LuAnne, a special education specialist in Kanawha County, keeps him "grounded," as he puts it. "She lets me know on a regular basis the joys and troubles of being in a K-12 situation!"

Born in Indiana, Huxley grew up in Parkersburg and graduated from Glenville State College. Two master's degrees, in special education and leadership studies, followed from Marshall. He's working on a doctorate as well, but has temporarily put his studies on hold to spend more time with his family, daughter Jill who is studying to be a physical therapist at West Virginia University, and son Patrick, an accomplished baseball player who's a pitcher on the Charleston Catholic High School team. "Both of our children are athletic, so we've always gone to a lot of their events. I want to spend time with my kids now, because if you miss spending time with your children, you don't get it back. We often go to WVU to see Jill and we try to catch a WVU game as well while we're there. I'll be looking for something to do when both of them are in college."

An avid outdoorsman, Huxley takes to the fields and streams at every opportunity. Energetic and active, at least two or three times a week, particularly in the fall, he can be found taking a hike in the woods and just enjoying the wildlife that abounds. "I see all kinds of animals ... there are deer, foxes, squirrels, rabbits, hawks, owls, turkeys ... they're all around. I've even encountered bears over the years; I've seen at least a dozen. My last spotting happened in Pocahontas County when a small bear came over a hillside and got within 20 feet of me. I just stood still and he ran the other way. Bears aren't really aggressive. They're more frightened of us than we are of them."

One of his favorite places to visit is his in-laws' home in Richwood. "We love spending time with them. We can walk out their back door and go fishing in the Cherry River. Every visit is like a mini-vacation."

As a former teacher, Huxley has great admiration for the faculty who deliver the online courses. "With our continuing mission of outreach it's sometimes difficult for professors in this day and age to teach these courses. They're still asked to drive to other areas but they do it because there's a great need for outreach. In fact, online delivery takes a real coordination of effort. You have to have an instructor who is willing to provide online courses, because actually they're more difficult to do than the live ones ... The technology that Marshall provides has to be up and working all the time. There are glitches that come up but overall there's a very coordinated effort that make our outreach and distance programs work well."

But right now with his favorite season at hand and with the wonders of the fall woodlands beckoning, Huxley is content to enjoy nature's bounty. I would rather spend time in the mountains of West Virginia than any other place," he says. "I've had the opportunity to travel to other places but I'd rather be here than anyplace else."

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Applicants who are awarded waivers will be notified by e-mail. Waivers are posted to student accounts within 10 business days of approval and registration. Award recipients are responsible for any amount not covered by the waiver. Balances must be paid by the tuition/fee due date noted on the Bursar site: <http://www.marshall.edu/bursar/tuition/dates.html>

Please note that applicants must be registered for graduate courses for Spring 2010 by Friday, December 4, 2009. Waivers for students who are not registered by December 4, 2009, will be assigned to other qualified applicants. Applications are available in the Graduate College office (Old Main 113) on the Huntington campus, through a student's academic department office on the South Charleston campus, or online at [www.marshall.edu/graduate/tuitionwaivers.asp](http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/tuitionwaivers.asp).

## SAPB

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promoting cultural diversity, awareness and understanding on campus.

- Outstanding Service Program Award – Wii are Marshall This award recognizes programs that provide effective service learning and community service opportunities for students.
- Outstanding Low Cost Program Award – Herd Welcome Fest This award honors programs that are planned and implemented using a limited amount of funding.

The Janet Carl Smith Award, which was given to Hermansdorfer, recognizes an individual who has given outstanding service to student programming and who is dedicated to the development of young activities professionals. The award honors Smith who was tireless in promoting the development of young student activities professionals.

## United Way

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Other events scheduled during the campaign period include the following:

**Nov. 9:** United Way Kickoff MSC lobby from 11 a.m. 2 p.m. Hot dog Lunch will include hotdogs, popcorn, snow cones, cake, a live remote from WMUL and a corn hole tournament. A table will also be available for faculty and staff who want to complete their pledge cards.

**Nov. 16:** Sodexo Lunch Buy for \$3.99. Proceeds benefit United Way.

Members of the Marshall community can also purchase prize drawing tickets for prizes such as tickets to MU football games, athletic apparel, Windows 7 disk, Window 7 DVR tuner with antenna, gift cards to various local vendors, etc. There will also be a drawing for a NintendoWii, sponsored by Student Activities and Organizations and a 50/50 drawing, in which the winner receives half of the cash proceeds..

For more information on the campaign, contact Lisa Martin, chair of the United Way campaign at Marshall University, at 304-696-2495.