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1999 Thesis Research Awards presented

The MU Graduate College has granted 10 Thesis Research Awards for 1999, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the graduate college. These awards afford an opportunity for students to conduct research and make progress in writing their thesis.

The following students were recipients of Thesis Research Awards for summer 1999:

A. Mervin Tyson Award, \$600: Jeffrey A. Murray was the recipient of this award for his thesis subject "Non-lethal Force Options used in policing: Utilization, Effectiveness, and Training Approaches." He is advised by Dr. Richard Moore, associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice.

Paul and Rachel Stewart Award, \$550: Ann Schoolcraft was the recipient of this award for her study of "...The candy darter...in the Cherry River, W.Va., with an analysis of karyo-types and mitochondrial DNA." She is advised by Dr. Donald Tarter, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Jarrett-Maszal Award, \$500: Ronald V. Hardway received this award for "William Lowther Jackson and the Nineteenth Virginia Cavalry (CSA) in Central West Virginia." He is advised by Dr. Robert Sawrey, professor in the Department of History.

Charles Crow-Family Award, \$500: Summerson Desmond was the recipient of this award for "Cardiovascular and Metabolic Adaptations to Isocaloric High Inten-

sity and Moderate Intensity Exercise." Dr. Terry Shepherd, professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, serves as the advisor.

John and Jannett Cotton Casto Award, \$500: Tara L. Rose received this award for "Distribution of the Sucker Family...In the Ohio River." Dr. Donald Tarter, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is the advisor.

Jeff and Pamela Wilson Award, \$500: Benjamin M. Lowman was the recipient of this award for "Changes Among Ohio River Fish Populations Due to Habitat Conditions Created by Water Quality Improvements and High-Lift Dams." Dr. Donald Tarter, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is the advisor.

Scott K. and Elizabeth Appell Sheets Award, \$500: Jason A. Morgan received this award for "Food Habits of Salmonidae...in Dogway Fork, W.Va." Dr. Donald Tarter, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is the advisor.

Bernard and Lamina Queen Award, \$500: Randal B. Jarvis was the recipient of this award for "Gender Differences in the Detection of Deception: Accuracy, Cues, and Skepticism." He is advised by Dr. Richard Moore, associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice.

James and Mona Hooper Award, \$500: James Hawkes received this award for "Habitat Utilization of Fish Species on the Ohio River: Development of a Multi-Metric Habitat Index." He is advised by Dr. Donald Tarter, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Elmer and Marie Asbury Award, \$500: Jeffrey V. Ginger was the recipient of this award for "The Relationship Between Ohio River Bass Tournament Success Rates, Forage Fish Abundance, and Environmental Conditions." Dr. Donald Tarter, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is the advisor.

emeritus and former chair of the Department of Modern Languages, made a presentation entitled "Bernardo De Galvez Unsung Spanish Hero of the American Revolution" at a May 5 dinner meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Graduate student TERRI HOLT and undergraduate student AMY BRITT, working under the direction of Dr. JAGAN VALLURI, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, won the best paper award from the West Virginia NASA Space Grant Consortium for their work on "Characterization of Molecular Responses in Gravistimulated Plant Stems." The students were awarded \$500 and a plaque from the consortium.

Holt and Britt also presented their work at the 1999 West Virginia Academy of Science April 9 in Shepherdstown, W.Va. and at the American Association of Southeastern Biologists Conference April 15 in Wilmington, N.C.

Faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ROBERT EVANS, professor in the Division of Teacher Education, Dr. EDWINA PNDARVIS, professor in the Division of Teacher Education, and Dr. ROBERT BICKEL, professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, are co-authors of a paper entitled "Musical Talent: Innate or Acquired? Perceptions of Students, Parents, and Teachers." Dr. Evans presented the paper at the 1999 Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference April 14-17 in Charlotte, N.C. The paper has been accepted for publication in the "Gifted Child Quarterly."

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of Recreational Sports and Fitness Activities, attended the 50th Annual Conference of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association April 16-20 in Milwaukee, Wis. LOVINS was a presenter in a round table discussion entitled "Affirmative Action/No Politically Correct Answer."

Dr. HAROLD T. MURPHY, professor

Groundbreaking set for new H.E.L.P. addition

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) program's new addition to Myers Hall will take place Monday, June 21 at 2 p.m. at the construction site located at 520 18th St. in Huntington.

"This new addition will provide much needed space for individual tutoring rooms, a new computer lab, expanded counseling services and medical H.E.L.P. facilities," said Dr. Barbara Guyer, director of the pro-

gram.

The H.E.L.P. program serves students diagnosed with dyslexia, Attention Deficit Disorder and/or developmental learning disabilities.

Completion date for the new Myers Hall addition is scheduled for January 2000. For more information about the H.E.L.P. program, call 696-6252, fax 696-3231, e-mail HELP@marshall.edu or visit the H.E.L.P. website at www.marshall.edu/HELP

Letter of appreciation

Dear faculty and staff:

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy following the death of my father. Your cards, flowers, visits and calls were sincerely appreciated by me and my family.

Sincerely,
Selma Johnson

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Byrd Center for Rural Health dedicated

U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd was the guest of honor during a special dedication ceremony for the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health on June 2 in the atrium of the Marshall University Medical Center adjacent to Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Constructed with federal funding secured by Byrd, the Center for Rural Health serves as the base for Marshall's rural medicine outreach programs, which directly affect more than half of West Virginia's counties.

"Rural health care is a critical part of the Marshall University School of Medicine's mission to provide improved medical resources for all West Virginians, and particularly those in underserved rural areas," MU President J. Wade Gilley said. "We are deeply grateful to Senator Byrd for the outstanding support he has given and continues to give the university's rural health care initiatives."

The Center for Rural Health represents a transformation in the supports for rural health care, according to Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., dean of Marshall's School of Medicine.

"The Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health represents for this region a dramatic transition in health care and health services and in the impact the medical profession can make on the health and well-being of communities," he said. "Now we can provide services to address problems in a more integrated and functional manner than ever, ever before, while at the same time continuing to improve our ability to educate new physicians."

"Like so many of Senator Byrd's visionary projects, the Center for Rural Health's impact will steadily increase over time, bringing benefits to future generations as well as our own," McKown added. "The Marshall University School of Medicine

and the people of rural West Virginia deeply appreciate his support for this important project."

Major projects under way at the Center for Rural Health include diabetes care, smoking cessation, care for rural elders and rural cancer prevention. The center also houses an ultra-modern learning technology center which will be used to support rural providers, as well as offices for two regional positions of the West Virginia Department of Health: the tobacco control office and the community health promotion/disease prevention specialist. In addition, the center contains an auditorium and teleconferencing center, the health sciences library, and administrative offices of the School of Medicine.

Byrd secured \$4.5 million in federal funding for the Center for Rural Health, as well as \$2.45 million for the University Physicians Center. The two centers make up the Marshall University Medical Center, which is part of the Cabell Huntington Hospital health sciences campus.

"Don Smith and Cabell Huntington Hospital join those of us at the School of Medicine in expressing our thanks to Senator Byrd for his vital support, which was such a catalyst in bringing this extraordinary project to fruition," McKown said.

Cole named May Employee of Month

Mamie Cole, an administrative associate in the College of Nursing, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for May, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.



Cole

Cole has been a member of the Marshall staff for 12 years. She was nominated for the award by Dr. Lynne Welch, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, Dr. Giovanna

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Changing the nature of rural health care



U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd (left), MU President J. Wade Gilley (center) and Gov. Cecil H. Underwood (right) unveil a plaque dedicating the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health at a special ceremony in Byrd's honor on June 2. The center serves as the base for Marshall's rural health outreach programs.

New Marshall University web site launched

Following an extensive data gathering survey and examination of nearly 500 university and educational sites, Marshall University launched a newly designed web site on June 1.

The launching of the new site corresponds with the migration of the MU web site to a more powerful and faster Internet server. "In the past, our server has limited what we could offer our online visitors," said Rob Hartwell, MU Internet designer.

"A lot of the applications on the site had to be written from scratch because the server wasn't compatible with the

commercial software available. Our new server doesn't have those same limitations."

Hartwell said June 1 was chosen as the launch date due to the amount of traffic during the spring and fall semesters. "Summer is the best time for us to launch a new design," he said.

"The Marshall web site is used extensively by students and faculty during the spring and fall semesters, so it would be inconvenient to change the site then."

The migration of the web site is scheduled to last until Dec. 31 to allow all MU

department and organization web sites to move to the new server. "We want to give the site developers time to familiarize themselves with publishing to the new server before moving their sites," Hartwell said.

"Training will be provided through the summer and fall to bring everyone up to date on the changes."

The Marshall University web site can be found at www.marshall.edu. Questions about the site can be directed to webmaster@marshall.edu, or contact Rob Hartwell at 696-6670.

Outstanding advisors recognized at ceremony

The Marshall University Graduate College (MUGC) awarded two outstanding advisor awards at the 11th Annual Hooding Ceremony at the Charleston Civic Center.

The first to be honored with "The Moore Auto Group Outstanding Advisor Award" was Dr. William Kroesser, professor of Environmental Science.

"Personally, Dr. Kroesser has helped me in more ways than any other instructor or advisor throughout my college years," said Kimberly K. D. Hensley, Kroesser's nominator and an environmental science major.

According to Hensley, Kroesser keeps students up to date by inviting them to conferences and finding community examples that relate to the student's field. He also

organizes student trips to such places as the Air Quality Testing Center, Sludge Recycling Plant and Industrial Treatment.

"Overall, I cannot say enough to tell you what a good advisor and friend Dr. Kroesser is to his students," Hensley said.

Dr. Laura Wyant, professor of Adult and Technical Education, also received "The Moore Auto Group Outstanding Advisor Award."

"To me, Dr. Wyant made all the difference in the world regarding my education," said Jenni Homan Fenton, one of Wyant's nominators and an adult and technical education major. "She was and is the motivating source for me to continue with my education and reach for new goals.

"Dr. Wyant goes out of her way to meet with any student at the student's convenience," said Doris J. Brozik, another nominator and an adult and technical education major.

According to Brozik, Dr. Wyant is simply one of the best faculty members at Marshall University. "Dr. Wyant has had a profound influence on my life and educational career, just as she has had on many other students," Brozik said. "It is only fitting that she receives this professional recognition."

Honorees were selected based on nomination. More information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, professor and dean of MUGC at 696-2818.

MUGC awards 'Distinguished graduate student alums'

The Marshall University Graduate College (MUGC) honored two graduate student alumni at its 11th Annual Hooding Ceremony at the Charleston Civic Center.

Douglas Maddy and Chris E. Jarrett, both West Virginia natives, earned the status of "Distinguished Graduate Student Alums."

After receiving his bachelor's degree

from Concord College and a stint in the U.S. Navy, Maddy received his master's degree in counseling from Marshall University in 1974.

Recognized in 1990 by Fayette County as its "Person of the Decade," Maddy served from 1976 to 1989 as president and chief executive officer of the Fayette

County Chamber of Commerce and as an Industrial Development Representative for the West Virginia's Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development.

In the early 1990s, Maddy served as executive director and chief executive officer of the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia. In 1994, he was appointed vice president and chief operating officer of the West Virginia Banking Association where he is now the CEO of the organization.

Jarrett has been the president of West Virginia-American Water Company since 1994 and has worked for the American Water Works System since 1969.

He has also served as chair of the Water Utility Council of the American Water Works Association and was chairman of the Board of the Charleston Regional Chamber of Commerce and Development from 1996-97, and was also appointed by the governor to serve on the Compensation Programs Performance Council.

promptly and willingly to all requests even when her office has been inundated with reports to get out, phone calls and all the other things that come under the jurisdiction of the office of the dean."

Cole will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

Cole named May Employee of Month

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Morton, associate dean and professor of nursing, and 16 staff members from the school.

"One of Ms. Cole's greatest attributes is her positive interpersonal relationships which she maintains with all departments on campus and with clinical agencies," Welch said. "She represents Marshall University well to other staff members, students, faculty and the community."

Dr. Jane C. Fotos, professor of nursing, said Cole has been "faithful, dependable and punctual. She has always responded

Staff members presented service awards



Retirees, front row from left: Nancy Dingess, Betty Beard, Thelma Blake, Josephine Fidler, Freda Sommerville. **Back row from left:** C. Joyce Wright, Theodore Misner, Ezra Brinegar, Kenneth Blue.



For 20 Years of Service, front row from left: Panda Benford, Belinda Calliccoat, Beverly Bunch, Martha Deel, Lynne Mayer. **Back row from left:** Rick Haye, David Fenney, Lahoma Weekley, Judith Russell, Katharine Coffey, Lynette Boyes, James Faulkner, Barbara Roberts, Arissa Prichard, Sara Wilson.



For 35 Years of Service: James Harless (left), Lola Stratton (center). **For 30 Years of Service:** Joyce Wright (right).



For 25 Years of Service, front row from left: Carolyn Endicott, Betty Beard, Thelma Blake, Rowena Napier, Freda Sommerville. **Back row from left:** Cynthia Warren, Delbert Harless, Vicki Navy, Lynn Mayfield, Susan Lewis.



For 15 Years of Service, front row from left: Mary Curtis, Sandra Lloyd, Alberta Bowyer, Margaret McFarland, Jacquelyn Hersman. **Back row from left:** Phillip Sergent, Carol Kilgore, Marty Newman, Elizabeth Graybeal, Tommy Burchell, David McKenzie, Karen Bledsoe, Sherry Adkins.