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Lumpkin named Outstanding Teacher

Dr. Shirley Ann Lumpkin, assistant professor of English at Marshall University, has been selected as the 1989 recipient of the university's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Announcement of the award was made during Marshall's Honors Convocation held on campus Monday, April 24.

"I can think of nothing in my 16 years at Marshall University that gives me greater academic and personal pleasure than presenting the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Award to Shirley Lumpkin," said Dr. Rainey Duke, president of the MU Faculty Senate, who made the award presentation.

"From the moment she walked into the English department for her interview, to the last day that she teaches, Shirley Lumpkin, with her dedication, enthusiasm, academic integrity and love of both her subject and her students, will inspire us all," said Dr. Duke.

"As a colleague who interviewed her for the job in the English Department, evaluated her teaching and saw her bring her classes to life, I have marveled at her infinite patience and enjoyed her tremendous humor. I have admired Shirley more than any other teacher I have ever known," she said.



Dr. Shirley Lumpkin, right, Monday was presented the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award at Marshall University. Making the presentation was Dr. Rainey Duke, president of the Marshall Faculty Senate.

Dr. Lumpkin received her bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio, in 1965, her master's degree from Johns Hopkins

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Caperton, Cisneros will get degrees

West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton and San Antonio Mayor Henry G. Cisneros will be awarded honorary degrees at Marshall University's annual Commencement program Saturday, May 13, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Commencement is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. in the Huntington Civic Center. It will be open to the public.

Caperton, who was inaugurated as West Virginia's 31st governor on Jan. 16, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Cisneros will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Both Cisneros and Caperton will address the graduating class, Nitzschke said.

"Henry Cisneros and Gaston Caperton are considered rising young stars



Gaston Caperton



Henry Cisneros

among the new generation of political leaders emerging in the United States," Nitzschke said. "During his first months in his first political office, Gaston Caperton has already had a profound effect in his program to move West Virginia forward. Mayor Cisneros is only 41 years old, but he has held elective office for 14 years and has established a national reputation as a speaker and political leader."

A 1968 graduate of Texas A&M University, Cisneros became an administrative assistant to the San Antonio city manager that year. He was elected to the San Antonio City Council for the first of three terms in 1975 and was elected mayor in 1981. He has been re-elected four times.

Cisneros also has served as an assistant to the executive vice president of the National League of Cities, as a White House Fellow and assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and as a Ford Foundation grant recipient to study in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

He has been a teaching assistant at Massachusetts

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Mufson selected Researcher of Year

Marshall University's chapter of Sigma Xi, the international research society, has honored a Cabell County high school teacher and an MU department head for their contributions to science and research.

Sigma Xi president Steven Mewaldt said that at the group's awards ceremony Tuesday, Hazel Ann Bowen of Barboursville High School received the High School Science Teacher of the Year Award. The Researcher of the Year Award went to Dr. Maurice A. Mufson, chairman of Marshall's Department of Medicine and acting associate chief of staff for research at the Huntington Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Dr. Ralph Taylor, chairman of the Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, said Mrs. Bowen has made a real contribution to science through her work with students.

"A major reason she was selected was because of the success of her students over the years," he said. "Many of them have gone on to become high school and college teachers themselves. Her students have consistently done well in Marshall's SCORES Academic Festival - this year, her students won four of the six SCORES awards in the chemistry division."

Mrs. Bowen has taught at Barboursville High School

since 1977. She graduated from Barboursville in 1960, and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Marshall. She is married to Clinton R. Bowen.

Mufson has received international recognition for his research in the field of infectious diseases, particularly respiratory viruses. He spent a year as a visiting scientist at the prestigious Karolinska Institute in Stockholm and has been an invited participant in several international conferences. He also serves on the editorial boards of two scientific journals, the *Journal of Clinical Microbiology* and the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences*.

He has received Marshall University's Meet-the-Scholar Award and the A. Blaine Brower Traveling Scholarship of the American College of Physicians.

His numerous professional memberships include the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, the American Federation for Clinical Research, and other research societies. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Infectious Diseases Society of America. At the local level, he is active in the Cabell County Medical Society, of which he is a past president, and the West Virginia State Medical Association.

Both Mufson and Mrs. Bowen received plaques and small monetary awards, Mewaldt said, and Mrs. Bowen received a subscription to *American Scientist*.

Lumpkin gets award

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University, Baltimore, Md., in 1966, and her doctorate from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, in 1983.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1983, she previously taught at the University of Tennessee and St. Paul's School for Girls in Baltimore.

She was a dean's honor student at McGill and received a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship and a Woodrow Wilson Scholarship.

While at Marshall, Dr. Lumpkin has served on the MU Faculty Senate, served as adviser to Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, and has been involved with the Marshall Writing Institute and the Language Arts Preparatory Program.

She has published several articles on Afro-American literature and black writers and currently is working on a book on "The Flying Myth in African-American Literature."

Dr. Lumpkin has been a member of the Modern Language Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, and the Multi-Ethnic Literature in the United States organization.

"Dr. Lumpkin epitomizes what the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award stands for," said Nitzschke. "She truly is an outstanding professor who always has the best interests of her students at heart. I think you could ask her students and they would tell you the same thing. She serves as a role model for her students, as well as other teachers. We are fortunate to have her as a member of our faculty."

The award was established in 1985 through an endowment by Marshall and Shirley Reynolds of Huntington. Recipients are awarded a \$3,000 stipend and plaque.

Degrees to be granted

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Institute of Technology and has served as a faculty member for the University of Texas at San Antonio and Trinity University. He holds master's degrees from Texas A&M and Harvard and a doctoral degree from George Washington University.

Among his honors are the National Recognition Award by the Mexican Government for 1985 earthquake assistance and selection as one of 10 "Outstanding Young Men of America" by the U.S. Jaycees in 1982. He was interviewed as a potential Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1984.

Caperton was elected governor last November on his first venture into politics, campaigning on a "Partnership for Progress" plan to bring business and labor, education and government leaders together to build a strategy for economic growth.

His career to that point was devoted to a small insurance company he joined in 1963 after graduating from the University of North Carolina. When he became president of McDonough Caperton in 1976 the firm had about a dozen employees. Under his direction it expanded from its Charleston base to five other West Virginia cities and eight other states. The firm now employs more than 550 and the McDonough Caperton Insurance Group is one of the 20 largest insurance brokerage firms in the country.

Caperton is a founder and past president of the West Virginia Education Fund which provides business support for outstanding principals and teachers in public schools. He has been active in a number of community organizations such as the United Way, the Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries.

Human relations post being created

Marshall University will establish a top-level administrative position to promote justice and harmony among diverse racial and cultural elements on campus, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

He said he had asked the Presidential Planning Council on Cultural and Racial Diversity to assist him in drafting a position description for a new vice president for human relations.

"Creating a vice presidency is not the ultimate answer in our efforts to create an improved climate, but it is an important element in coordinating a series of actions we intend to undertake," Nitzschke said. "Problems will not

simply go away – not on this campus or in this community or in this nation. We need to deal with such problems aggressively and that's what we're doing – in an ongoing, organized manner."

Nitzschke said he hoped to be able to conduct a national search for a highly-qualified individual to fill such a position and to have that person on the job as soon as possible.

Nitzschke said he would use funds earmarked for the vacant senior vice president position to establish the vice president for human relations job.

Dr. Duke will assume assistant provost job

Dr. Rainey J. Duke, a member of the Marshall University faculty since 1973 and first president of the Marshall Faculty Senate, has been selected as assistant provost, effective May 15.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Provost Alan B. Gould.

She succeeds Dr. William E. Coffey, who resigned as assistant vice president for academic affairs last December to take a position in California. Since that time, Marshall's Academic Affairs division has been reorganized with Gould serving as provost.

"We had an outstanding field of internal candidates for the position," Gould said. "However, Dr. Duke emerged as the clear leader based on the leadership and administrative experiences she has gained during two years as chairman of University Council and another 18 months as president of the newly-established Faculty Senate governance system. I believe she will be an outstanding academic administrator."

A 1966 honors graduate of Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C., Dr. Duke earned her A.B. degree in English and history. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1970, majoring in Eighteenth-Century British literature.

Prior to joining Marshall's English Department faculty in 1973, she taught at Ohio University's Lancaster and Ironton branches, at Ohio Wesleyan University and at Capital University.

Her Marshall activities include service on the President's Cabinet, the Budget Advisory Committee, the steering committee to establish the Society of Yeager Scholars, the Search Committee on Recruitment of Excellent Students (SCORES), the Committee on Racial and Cultural Diversity, the Student Center Governing Board and participation in the annual Academic Festival.

She received the Tri-State Achievers Award in the education category in 1987 and is a member of the West Virginia Committee for the American-Arab Affairs Council. She is a member of the Friends of the Keith-Albee Theater and has served as an usher for the Marshall Artists Series.

A native of Wyomissing, Pa., she is married to Dr. David C. Duke, professor of history at Marshall, and they are the parents of one child, Nathan, 11.

Graduate School will hold hooding ceremony

Marshall University's first Graduate Hooding Ceremony will be held Friday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Huntington City Hall Auditorium, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the Graduate School.

Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke, Deutsch, and Alvie E. Qualls II, president of the MU Graduate Student Council, will make brief presentations during the ceremony.

Candidates for master's degrees will don graduation hoods and be recognized on stage with citations from advisers or academic department representatives.

"The hooding ceremony has been designed as a personalized experience which will allow graduate students to be individually recognized," said Deutsch.

The ceremony, being sponsored by the Graduate Student Council in conjunction with the Graduate School, will be open to graduating master's degree candidates, graduate faculty members, and invited guests.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate Student Council, 696-3365.

Graffiti 'hotline' set

Vandalism in the form of graffiti in various campus buildings, including University Heights, has prompted the establishment of a telephone hotline on campus. The number is 4733 (I SEE). Anyone observing an act of vandalism or who is the subject of a degrading remark should call the hotline number. It is not necessary to identify yourself; however, if you choose to do so, it may assist the investigators.

If an immediate response is needed from the Public Safety Office, or in the event of an emergency, callers should dial the regular number, 4357 (HELP).

Staff election held

On Thursday, April 20, Marshall University's Classified Staff elected Jane Vickers, library technician II, to serve on the Advisory Council of Classified Employees, and Gene Crawford, assistant director of public safety, to serve on the Marshall University Institutional Board of Advisers, according to Barbara James, president of the Classified Staff Council.

Dr. Kilgore retiring after 30 years

June Kilgore, professor of art and former chairwoman of the Marshall University Art Department, has announced her retirement after 30 years of service at Marshall.

She will be honored during a reception on Friday, May 5, at 8 p.m. in Birke Art Gallery.

Ms. Kilgore received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Pratt Institute.

As a painter and printmaker, she has exhibited her

MU Medical School seeks apprentices

The Marshall University School of Medicine is accepting applications from high school students interested in working this summer in the Minority High School Student Apprenticeship Program.

The program, created and funded by the National Institutes of Health, is open to students who identify themselves as black, Hispanic, American Indian, Alaska native, Pacific islander, or Asian.

Apprentices may work on medicine-related computer work or research into hypertension, breast cancer, diabetes, and the inner workings of the senses of sight and smell, according to Dr. Peter Kasvinsky, director of research development and graduate studies. Each project can accommodate one student.

Apprentices will work from four to 10 weeks and will earn \$4 per hour.

The program is designed to help students understand the research process, develop research skills and get an inside look at medical research careers, Kasvinsky said.

Students must be at least 16 years old by May 1, and should have completed a high school biology course before entering the program.

The application deadline is May 5. Application forms are available from area high school science teachers and head guidance counselors. With their applications, students should submit a one-page essay which tells why they are interested in the program, explains their career goals, and describes their personal background. Applicants also should ask two people to send letters of reference on their behalf. At least one letter must be from a science teacher at the student's high school.

More information and additional application forms are available from Kasvinsky at 696-7326.

Jazz concert planned

The Marshall University Jazz Band will feature two former students during a concert Friday, May 5, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall, according to J.D. Folsom, director of the Jazz Band.

Melissa Roach, a 1987 Marshall graduate, will join the Jazz Band in performing works by her former classmate and accompanist Bruce Rous, also a 1987 MU graduate.

Ms. Roach, a native of Logan County, currently is pursuing a theatrical career in New York City and studying voice with Harry Garland and musical theatre with Sara Louise Lazarus.

The concert will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Department of Music, 696-3117.

works throughout the east.

Her works are included in many private and public art collections including those of John D. Rockefeller III, IBM, Ashland Industries, Payne Engineering, the Federal Reserve Bank of Baltimore, the Mint Museum in Charlotte, N.C., the Charleston Art Museum at Sunrise, the West Virginia Art and Humanities Center, First Huntington National Bank, Federal University in Espirito Santo, Brazil, and others.

The reception will be open to the public. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Art, 696-6760.

Symphony to perform

The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra's spring concert will be held Wednesday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall, according to Michael McArtor, symphony director.

Two selections will be conducted by students. Kamine Haghighi, a Huntington graduate student and Cabell County music teacher, will conduct two movements from "St. Paul's Suite" by Holst. Timothy Channel, a senior from Elkins, will conduct Schubert's "Overture in D" in Italian style.

William Wassum, a Huntington graduate student and Cabell County music teacher, will be featured on violin in Mozart's "Adante, Serenade No. 4."

The concert will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

Researchers sought for NASA projects

Small Business Innovative Research pre-solicitations are being sought on a variety of NASA-related projects, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Marshall Graduate School.

Subjects could include propulsion concepts, viscous flow, catalytic gas/surface interactions, aircraft ice protection systems, flight research sensors, and aeronautical human factors and flight.

Researchers are needed to address these and many other problems according to Deutsch.

To obtain further details contact Larry Kyle, director of the Economic Development Administration Technical Assistance Project at Marshall, 696-3093.

Fisher gets scholarship

Dorinda Fisher, a junior in Marshall University's College of Business, has been awarded the third annual Tri-State Data Processing Management Association Scholarship, according to Dr. Dale Kewitz, associate professor of computer science at Marshall.

A Huntington native, Ms. Fisher is an honor student at Marshall, working on a bachelor's of business administration degree in computer information sciences. She currently serves as secretary of the Marshall student chapter of the Data Processing Management Association.