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# MU faculty and staff achievements

Dr. WILLIAM PALMER, professor in the Department of History, has published an article entitled "Sir Richard Southern Looks Back: A Portrait of the Medievalist as a Young Man," in the Virginia Quarterly Review (Winter, 1998).

Several faculty members from the Department of Communication Disorders made presentations at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association held Nov. 20-23 in Boston, Mass.

KAREN McCOMAS, assistant professor in the department, was a member of two panel presentations, "Effect of Technology

on Instructional Strategies" and "Breaking Through the Barriers to the Use of Technology." She also presented a seminar entitled "Effective Uses of a Virtual Reality Internet Site" and poster entitled "Using Computer Technology to Promote Critical Thinking Skills" with Jay R. Luckner of St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y.

Dr. PAMELA GARDNER, associate professor in the department, and McCOMAS presented a short course entitled "Introduction to the World Wide Web/Internet for Practicing Professionals." This course was presented with graduate students LAURA HENSLEY and LORI DeWEESE along

with Purdue faculty member Dr. Janet Harrison. GARDNER also presented a poster entitled "Collaboration in Preschool Speech-Language Programs: Clinician and Teacher Views."

Dr. MARY BETH REYNOLDS, assistant professor in the department, presented two posters at the convention. One entitled "Influence of Cognitive Development on Synthetic and Natural Speech Comprehension," and another entitled "Synthetic Speech Comprehension: Implications for Theories of Specific Language Impairment," which was co-authored with Ohio University professor Dr. Donald Fucci.

## Technical college offers three prep courses

Marshall University's Community and Technical College will offer preparatory courses this spring for the ACT and SAT college entrance examinations and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), according to Pam Hamilton, director of the Continuing Education program at MU.

"The purpose of these courses is to give students as much information and guidance as possible for these important tests," Hamilton said.

Two ACT preparatory courses will be offered, one on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 17, 19, 24, 26 and 31. Another course will be offered on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon on April 18, 25, May 2 and 9.

The SAT course will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 17, 19, 24, 26 and March 3.

Cost for the ACT course is \$115, while the SAT course is \$125. Textbooks and materials are included in the cost of each course.

"The classroom lessons are a combination of lecture and review," Hamilton said. "Lectures give students a detailed review of the concepts found in the tests and also discuss test taking strategies."

The GRE course is a one-day session offered on Saturdays during the spring semester. Dates for the course are Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 14.

"A students' GRE score may be one of

the most important factors on his or her application to graduate school," Hamilton said.

"To help them prepare, the Division of Continuing Education has developed this workshop to provide opportunities to concentrate on the skills which are necessary for a good performance on the GRE."

Cost for the GRE course is \$215. MU students and graduates may deduct 10 percent from the cost and all course materials are included.

"Instructors will also administer practice tests using actual exams," Hamilton said.

Contact the Continuing Education Department, 696-3113, in the Community and Technical College for more information or to register for the courses.

## MLK Scholar Awards winners recognized

The winners of the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Awards were recognized Monday, Jan. 19 at the Sixteenth Street Missionary Baptist Church as part of the Fifth Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Symposium.

James L. Meadows, left, won first place in the competition for his essay "Martin Luther King: At the Forefront of a Struggle." Meadows, a Beckley native, received \$1,000 for winning the contest.

Catherine M. Babor, right, won second place in the competition for her essay "Thy Will Be Done." Babor, a native of St. Albans, received \$500 for her second place finish.

For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, 696-4677.



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## MU institutes new purchasing program

A new university purchasing program will utilize a card issued by VISA to pay for small dollar amounts in selected areas of campus, according to Herbert J. Karlet, vice president for finance.

The new system is a result of a program developed by the State of West Virginia in which all state agencies can participate. Through this program, many small dollar items can be purchased without a separate purchase order, receiving report, or invoice.

"Marshall University and the state have been looking at business practices to determine more efficient ways of obtaining goods and services," Karlet said. "It was determined that over 80 percent of the university's transactions are less than \$500 each, but

these account for less than 5 percent of the university's total expenditures."

By using the VISA card for many purchases, the university will be able to eliminate a large number of purchase orders and other transactions currently processed through central offices.

"Cardholders will be able to take advantage of sales and close-outs because the merchant will typically receive payment much more quickly," Karlet said. "The need to invoice the state and wait for a check to be cut is eliminated with this process."

The program is being implemented under the direction of Larry Barnhill, director of accounting, with the first stage of the program targeting large volume areas.

"The first two areas to receive the VISA card will be university libraries and plant operations," Karlet said. "They have been notified that the card will be available to their areas by the end of January."

Initial testing has been successful in select campus areas and the MUGC, according to Karlet. "By the end of 1998, we hope that all areas of the university will benefit from this program through simplified procedures that maintain accountability for use of university funds."

"Not every office will receive a card, but they will have access to some of the benefits," he said. "Flexibility has been built into the program to allow various areas of campus to operate in a way that makes sense for that area."

"Some areas may have a purchase card in each office, but others may want to consolidate purchase card activity in the dean or vice president's office."

Karlet said individual areas of campus will be notified by the Office of Accounting with details on the start-up process near the time when that area is target for implementation. For more information, contact Larry Barnhill in the Office of Accounting, 696-6603.

## Fidler selected Employee of the Month for January

Josephine Fidler of Huntington, director of university libraries, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for January, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.



Fidler

Fidler has worked at Marshall for 35 years.

She was nominated for the award by: Charlotte Hardin, administrative secretary-senior in the James E. Morrow library; Monica Brooks, associate director of libraries for technology services and planning, and Mary Caserta, library accountant.

"Ms. Fidler is one of the fairest persons I know," Hardin said. "She is kind, considerate and courteous. She treats her staff and others with respect and always finds the 'good' in everyone."

Josephine does her job well while showing all of the above assets. Her work exemplifies the mission of the university.

Brooks said that "throughout her career Ms. Fidler has demonstrated a true commitment to the university and has dedicated her efforts to providing an academic unit of outstanding quality. She delegates and empowers her employees while encouraging personal and professional growth at all levels."

Dedication, integrity and professionalism are three aspects that make Fidler an outstanding employee, according to Caserta. "During her 35 years at MU she has worked in many facets of the library with an exceptional level of performance."

"The rapport that she has developed within the university community, the library staff and the many professional and humanitarian organizations she deals with is unsurpassed by anyone I know," Caserta said.

Fidler 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 University 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.

## Cleckley honored

Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, MU vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs, was presented the "Living the Dream Award" by Gov. Cecil H. Underwood during the ceremonies celebrating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 19.



Cleckley

"I am elated to receive the award and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration a success," Cleckley said.

The prestigious award was given during Gov. Underwood's speech at the Cultural Center in Charleston.

# University Relations director retiring

C.T. Mitchell, director of university relations at MU for 25 years, is retiring at the end of this month. He also has served as executive assistant to the president since 1990.



Mitchell

Mitchell, 65, said his years at Marshall have been exciting and rewarding.

"I've been fortunate to work with some outstanding people, including six presidents, all of whom contributed to the amazing progress Marshall has achieved since 1972," Mitchell said. "Right now, I believe Marshall is better, stronger and of greater importance to West Virginia than ever and

I've enjoyed having a small role in what has been a fantastic era."

"C.T. Mitchell is an 'institution' at Marshall," MU President J. Wade Gilley said. "He will be sorely missed for his know-how, his wit and his institutional memory and all of us at Marshall University wish him the very best as he moves to a new phase of his life. At the same time, we are pleased that he has agreed to stay on long enough to help with the transition to a new university administrative organization."

Mitchell said his retirement plans include "some 'fun' writing, trying to catch up on a lot of books I haven't had time to read and learning more about computers."

Initially, however, he said he has accepted a temporary assignment as a Marshall presidential assistant. "Dr. Gilley is looking at some reorganization ideas and I'll

work with him during a transitional period," he said.

A native of Williamson, W.Va., Mitchell earned his bachelor's degree in journalism at Marshall in 1953 and his master's degree there in 1970.

He began his professional career as sports editor of the Williamson Daily News in 1953 and soon was promoted to city editor. He worked in several editing positions with the Huntington Advertiser and Sunday Herald-Advertiser from 1960 to 1972, including executive city editor and news editor.

A member of the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, he served primarily with the Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany.

He has been active with Green Acres Center for the developmentally disabled for more than 30 years.

Mitchell is the father of three grown children, Richard K. Mitchell of Huntington, Sharon E. Norris of Nashville, Tenn. and Matthew K. Garrett, a student at Marshall. His mother, Edith Mitchell, also lives in Huntington.

## Marshall Artists Series offers annual Foreign Film Festival

The Marshall University Artists Series will present its annual Foreign Film Festival Jan. 30 through Feb. 5 at the Cinema Theatre in downtown Huntington, according to Angela Grant, marketing director with the series.

"The film festival is always a highly anticipated event among MU students, staff and members of the community," Grant said. "It allows them to experience many different cultures, all from their own hometown."

The following is a list of the six international films to be shown during the festival:

**Crows:** A Polish film about an alienated and adventurous nine-year-old girl. Living in a seaside city of narrow cobbled streets and deserted beaches, she is a lonely latchkey child neglected by her overworked single mother.

**Hotel de Love:** A quirky Australian film about twin brothers who fall for the same beautiful girl in high school. Years later, they meet her again at the tacky Hotel de Love on the eve of her wedding and vow to do everything they can to stop it.

**I am Cuba:** An exploration of the seductive, decadent world of Batista's Cuba— juxtaposing images of rich Americans and bikini-clad beauties sipping cocktails with scenes of ramshackle slums filled with hungry children and elderly people.

**Kolya:** A Czechoslovakian film about a former cellist in the Czech Philharmonic

Orchestra who now plays funerals at the city crematorium. The aging bachelor's entire life is interrupted when he is obligated to take care of a six-year-old boy named Kolya.

**Maborosi:** A Japanese film which follows the spiritual odyssey of Yumiko, a young woman recovering from her husband's inexplicable suicide.

**Microcosmos:** Developed in the U.S. and France, this look into the world of the insect required specially designed cameras, three years of filming and six months of editing. Void of narration, it contains a musical score by Bruno Coulais.

"The Foreign Film Festival is a great way to kick off the MU Artists Series' second half of its season," Grant said. "We are very pleased with the variety of films that will be offered."

Each film will be shown at least three times during the six day festival and general admission tickets are \$6.

Full-time Marshall students are admitted free while part-time MU students, faculty and staff tickets are \$3. Call Angela Grant in the MU Artists Series, (304) 696-6656, for film times or for more information.

The Foreign Film Festival is sponsored by the Marshall Artists Series, Dutch Miller Lincoln-Mercury-Mazda, Radisson Hotel Huntington and the Greater Huntington Theatre Corporation.

## Faculty Senate to meet Jan. 29

Marshall University's Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Corley F. Dennison, senate president and associate professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The agenda for the meeting will include the report of MU President J. Wade Gilley as well as a report from the Calendar Committee. A discussion of the revised Interim Executive Policy Bulletin number 5 (Guidelines for Salary Administration at Marshall University) will ensue.

Also on the agenda are two standing recommendations to approve the following: one recommending that the Student Code of Conduct be amended with the addition of a sexual assault and abuse policy, and one recommending that all monies generated by the Faculty Improvement Fee be used for full-time faculty as merit raises, market value adjustments, promotion bonuses and across-the-board or experience increment increases.

Contact the Faculty Senate office, 696-4376, for more information.

# "Who's Who" includes 61 MU students

Sixty-one students from Marshall University will be included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," according to Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities at MU.

"It is an honor for each of these students who have been selected for this prestigious publication," Hermansdorfer said. "I am proud of all of them because they are making the most out of their education at Marshall University."

These students join an elite group of students from more than 1,900 higher education institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

"The Office of Student Activities nominated these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success," Hermansdorfer said. "They are outstanding people as well as students."

The following is a list of MU students who are included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

### HUNTINGTON

**Elizabeth Laura Appell**, graduate history major; **Harvey J. Austin**, senior graphic design major; **Jeremy Baisden**, senior economics major; **Catherine M. Captain**, junior elementary education major; **Heather R. Carver**, graduate nursing major; **Kathleen Mary Kneafsey**, fine arts major; **Tamara S. Nimmo**, senior management health care administration major; **Lois A. Ratanamalaya**, junior board of regents major; **Bryan Luke Styer**, junior english major; **James Rodney Watts**, athletic training major, and **Kelley Wells**, senior classical studies major.

### CHARLESTON

**Laura E. Abernathy**, junior biology major; **Cristalle Britton**, junior chemistry major; **Parween Loynab**, professional medical student; **Patricia A. White**, senior broadcast journalism major, and **Kristy Wilburn**, senior finance major.

### PROCTORVILLE, OHIO

**Kara Anderson**, senior nursing major; **James Graley**, senior political science major; **Tamela R. King**, graduate nursing major, and **Amory K. Wilson**, junior marketing/management major.

### CINCINNATI, OHIO

**Cynthia L. Dawson**, senior accounting major; **Bryon Hoskins**, senior criminal justice and psychology major; **Nakia**

**Watkins**, graduate safety education major.

### GRANTSVILLE

**Heather Trippett**, junior mathematics major and **Courtney A. Ostaff**, senior history major.

### WHEELING

**Jeremy Richter**, junior acting/directing major, and **Wendy Smoulder**, international economics major.

### ASHLAND, Ky.

**Billy Pence**, junior biology major.

### BECKLEY

**Sephra Leigh Snyder**, junior psychology major.

### BELMONT

**Brian Wesley Guthrie**, senior radio/television broadcasting major.

### BETHEL, OHIO

**Farrah Jacquez**, junior psychology major.

### BRANCHLAND

**Conrae Lucas**, graduate clinical psychology major.

### BUCKHANNON

**Aimee Hildreth**, senior biology major.

### BRIDGEPORT

**Kristi James**, senior elementary education major.

### CHESTER

**Linda M. Oliver**, junior marketing/business administration major.

### GRAFTON

**Melissa Ann Kuhl**, graduate mathematics major.

### GRANTTOWN

**Michael Warren**, senior international economics major.

### GREEN SULPHUR SPRINGS

**Mary Paige Gwinn**, graduate sociology major.

### HINTON

**Cheryl Lynn Cooper**, junior communication disorders major.

### IAEGER

**Christopher Daniel**, junior medical technology major.

### KENOVA

**Kara Dee Dixon**, senior history and english major.

### LEWISBURG

**Donald Andrew Hudgins**, junior graphic design major.

### LEXINGTON, Ky.

**Lynn D. Black**, graduate forensic science major.

### MILFORD, De.

**Donald Leonard Ott**, senior park resources and leisure services major.

### MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA

**Jeff Howard**, senior marketing major.

### ONA

**Traci Jewell**, senior english major.

### PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO

**Jocelyn Eikenburg**, senior environmental biology major.

### PINEVILLE

**Erica Blankenship**, graduate communication disorders major.

### POCA

**J. Alex Wilson**, senior photography major.

### POINT PLEASANT

**Jan M. Click**, graduate secondary education/biology major.

### PORTSMOUTH, Ohio

**Jacki Pick**, senior history/political science major.

### RUSSELL, KY.

**Joshua James Epling**, junior business/marketing major.

### ST. ALBANS

**Patricia Smith**, graduate nursing major.

### SCOTT DEPOT

**Michele McKnight**, senior broadcast journalism major.

### SISSONVILLE

**Maggie Bostic**, junior adult fitness major.

### UNION

**Michelle Moore**, senior criminal justice major.

### VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

**Michelle Ellen Goodnight**, graduate biology major.

### WELLSBURG

**Jarred B. Lazear**, junior counseling psychology major, and **Rhonda Mizok**, senior music performance piano major.

### WILLIAMSTOWN

**Scott Francis Lewis**, senior exercise science major.

### WINFIELD

**Donald R. Richardson**, junior political science/pre-med major.

These students will be recognized April 24 at the annual Marshall University Leadership Awards Banquet. For more information, contact Hermansdorfer in the Office of Student Activities, 696-2283.