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# Faculty and Staff Achievements

Dr. SAM DAMERON and Dr. SKIP GRUBB of the Criminal Justice department recently attended the American Criminal Justice Association's Lambda Alpha Epsilon 1998 Regional Conference in Radford, VA. They were accompanied by several Criminal Justice students who participated in several knowledge and skill events. DAMERON and CHRISTINA TERRY won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal in the professional division of the firearms competition. Additional award winners in the firearms competition were Ted Hoover, J.R. Keener, and David Thompson who were awarded two 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals in the upper division. In the knowledge competition, Jamie Carter was awarded two 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals in Corrections and Criminal Law, as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> place medal in Police Management. Vanessa Rowe was the recipient of two 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals in LAE Knowledge and Police Management respectively.

KAREN F. VEAZEY, a part-time instructor at Marshall in the Division of Teacher Education, recently received the Teacher of the Year Award at the Annual Conference for the West Virginia Learning Disabilities Association. The association also nominated her for the national Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Veazey also teaches at Spring Hill Elementary school.

ROBERT BICKEL of the College of Education and Human services is author of a paper titled "No Effects to Fade: Head Start in Two West Virginia Counties." The paper has been accepted for publication in the journal *Educational Foundations*.

HOWARD R. D. GORDON, professor in the Department of Adult and Technical Education, has an article entitled "Vocational Education Teachers' Perceptions of Their Use of Assessment Methods" published in the *Journal of Vocational and Technical Education* (Fall 1998, Vol. 15, No. 1). GORDON also had an article entitled "West Virginia Vocational Education Teachers' Perceived Use of Student Assessment Information in Educational Decision

DR. LINDA P. ROWE, director of Judicial Programs and adviser to Marshall University's chapter of Phi Eta Sigma national honor society, attended the 34<sup>th</sup> national convention Oct. 16-18 in Indianapolis, Ind. While at the conference, Rowe presented a program, "Understanding Today's

Students," to other chapter advisers. Rowe also received one of two Distinguished Service Awards given to chapter advisers in recognition of outstanding service, and was elected to a four-year term on the society's national executive board.

N. KUMAR KITTUSAMY, assistant professor in the Safety Development Program, presented a technical presentation entitled, "Ergonomic Design of Visual Display Terminal Workstation," to the Office Managers Association of Health Care Providers, Inc., Huntington Chapter, held Sept. 2 in Huntington. He also attended the 1998 Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International Off-Highway & Powerplant Congress & Exposition in Milwaukee, WI. At this conference he was the co-chair of the session "Safety and Ergonomics." He presented a technical paper entitled "Evaluation of the Whole Body Vibration in Earthmoving Machinery" during this session. At this conference he attended the SAE's Construction Machinery and Farm Machinery meetings. On Sept. 16, he was elected as the chair of the Construction Machinery Committee.

DR. MARIA CARMEN RIDDEL, professor in the Department of Modern Languages, delivered a paper entitled: "Amorous Discourse and Narrative Constructions" at the annual AATS meeting in Madrid, Spain last August.

DR. CARLOS LOPEZ, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, organized and chaired a panel on "New Agendas for Latin American Culture in the Age of Globalization" at the Latin America Studies Association in Chicago this past September. He also contributed a paper entitled: "A Postmodern Agenda and the Birth of New Myths."

DR. MARIA CRISTINA BURGUNEO, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, participating in a panel devoted to "Intellectuals and Politics," delivered a paper entitled: "The Legend of Soledad Cruz: Utopia Without a Future" at the Latin America Studies Association in Chicago this past September.

DR. WILLIAM A McDOWELL, professor in the counseling program, and Judith A. McDowell, M.A., adjunct professor in counseling, will have a chapter entitled "Neuro-linguistic Programming Applied:

The Use of Visual Kinesthetic Dissociation to Cure Anxiety Disorders" published in the book *Brief Treatment in Traumatology*.

BARBARA P. GUYER, professor of Special Education and director of H.E.L.P., was an invited speaker at the International Conference on Adults with Learning Disabilities in Tel Aviv, Israel, recently. She is also a keynote speaker at the national conference of the Society for Educators in Anaesthesiology in Orlando, Fla., in October.

DR. BETTY JANE CLECKLEY, vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs, presented at the Eighth Annual International Conference where the emphasis was on "Creative Partnerships: Gateway to Embracing Diversity and Multiculturalism." It was held in St. Louis, Mo. on Oct. 7-11. Sponsored by the National Association for Multicultural Education, her paper dealt with Strategies for Building a Multicultural/International University and grew out of her work at Marshall University.

SANDRA PARKER, professor in the Park Resources and Leisure Services Program, has just taken over the office of president of the West Virginia Therapeutic Recreation Association for the 1998-1999 term. Parker presented two sessions at the annual West Virginia Therapeutic Recreation State Conference, held in Wheeling, Oct. 21-23. Parker also presented a paper at the annual West Virginia Recreation and Parks Association State Conference held Nov. 3-6 at Pipestem Resort State Park.

## Letters of appreciation

I was fortunate to be recognized on two occasions during the month of September, for the Sept. Employee of the Month and for "I Heard Your Smile." I am grateful for this recognition and wish to thank all those involved in making it happen.

Linda McComas

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the MU faculty and staff for the lovely planter sent for my mother's funeral service. During a sad time in our lives, the concern of our friends provides much needed support.

Susan Thomas Ferrell

# MU NEWSLETTER

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## New center to focus on John Marshall

Marshall University is establishing a John Marshall Research Center to focus on the life and achievements of America's pre-eminent chief justice, MU President J. Wade Gilley has announced.



"Chief Justice John Marshall was one of the key figures, perhaps the key figure, in the development of the United States government

as we know it today," Gilley said. "And since this institution was named in recognition of his brilliance, we believe the time has come for Marshall University to place greater focus on the man, his life and his work. We are proud to bear his name and we will be even prouder to make scholarly contributions toward greater understanding of his pivotal role in this nation's history."

Gilley said the John Marshall Research Center is being headed by Dr. Alan B. Gould, a historian and director of the

university's John Deaver Drinko Academy for Political Institutions and Civic Culture. The new research center will be a primary component of the Drinko Academy.

Also planned is a new web site on the Internet, "The Life and Times of John Marshall," Gilley said. He added that contacts have been made with various organizations throughout the country which have interests related to John Marshall and the

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## Employee of the Month

### October

Peggy Wilmink, program coordinator senior in the Community & Technical College has been selected as Employee of the Month for October, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

"Peggy encourages, conjoles and consoles," said Larry Artrip, who nominated Wilmink.

Artrip said it is not unusual for former students to stop by and give Wilmink a hug for helping them graduate and enter the job market with employable skills.

### November

Molly Binder, a Huntington resident and accounting assistant II, is November's Employee of the Month.

"Molly is a dedicated employee, she hates to miss work," said Selah Wilson, Binder's supervisor. "She is willing to help anybody, she will do anything for anybody."

Binder has worked for Marshall for a little over five years. She distributes financial reports and does account reconciliations between university accounts and state accounts, among other things.

## MU and Toyota to take 'road trip'

Marshall University and the Toyota USA Foundation are taking a three-year "road trip" throughout southwestern West Virginia, that began Nov. 4 with the unveiling of the collaborative "Science on Wheels" lab at Enslow Middle School.

The "Science on Wheels" lab, which is housed in a Toyota Sienna van donated by the corporation, is designed to improve both the content and methodology of science instruction for fourth through eighth grade students in Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne counties. It is the result of a three-year, \$285,000 com-

mitment by the Toyota USA Foundation. "We are here, literally, to start the engine on a new pre-collegiate education partnership between Marshall University and the Toyota USA Foundation," said William A. Plourde, senior vice president of legal affairs and risk management for Toyota Motor Sales, USA, and a Foundation member. "This unique science outreach program will bring hands-on science lab experiences to nearly 10,000 students attending schools in seven counties."

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## Columbia Gas announces new internship

Catherine Good Abbott, President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., was the featured speaker at Marshall University's new John Deaver Drinko Library on Monday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. as part of a news conference announcing a new technology internship program for students at MU.

"The Information Technology Careers Advancement Program, or ITCAP, will provide Marshall University students advanced internship opportunities to train with Columbia Gas and other prominent regional businesses," Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said. "It is designed exclusively for

Marshall students and combines hands-on industry experience, vendor-authorized certifications and fast-track employment opportunities for graduates."

Developed by the Marshall Technology Institute and Productivity Point International (PPI), the program includes a stipend and the opportunity to earn course credits. It is open to associate, bachelors and masters degree candidates at MU and the Marshall Community and Technical College who are enrolled in business or technology related programs.

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university is working out cooperative arrangements with them.

The university's renewed focus on the fourth chief justice was marked with last month's unveiling of a \$100,000 John Marshall statue as the nucleus of a new campus Central Plaza.

Gould said the John Marshall Research Center will encourage research and scholarship on Marshall's life and career in a number of ways, including: producing a comprehensive bibliographical guide on John Marshall's life, collecting all works written by Marshall, maintaining a library of all works written about him, republishing a series of selective articles on John Marshall to be made available in both indi-

vidual and collective form, stimulating new research on the life and times of Marshall and publishing the results, and conducting an annual Marshall Scholars Seminar featuring aspects of John Marshall and his impact on American history.

Gould said the center is identifying John Marshall scholars throughout the country and is inviting them to a planning conference to be held here next Feb. 4.

"We will have brainstorming sessions with a great many academicians interested in John Marshall and his work," Gould said. "That will help us further define the John Marshall Research Center and its role. This is one of the most exciting developments of my 29 years at Marshall University."

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"We at Marshall University are pleased to be able to work with the Toyota USA Foundation in this exciting science outreach program," MU President J. Wade Gilley said. "The teaching of science grows in importance each day as we face the challenges of the science-driven, information technology-facilitated economy of the new century. This program can make a real difference in the lives and eventual careers of youngsters throughout southwestern West Virginia."

West Virginia is in the process of a major education reform through recent legislation under Senate Bill 300, a bill designed to significantly raise academic standards for all West Virginia school children. Plourde said the "Science on Wheels" project is "a proactive initiative to make a difference in this rapidly changing education system."

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"Our goal for ITCAP is to address the technology needs of companies throughout the region and, by creating a surplus of skilled talent, help attract new businesses to the region," said Eric Innat, partner with PPI.

Many of the stipends available through the program are valued between \$5,000 and \$10,000. In addition to the immediate help provided by the interns, corporate sponsors will also benefit by being able to staff key positions with local graduates who are skilled and experienced in the particular technologies required in their company-specific computing environment.

"Columbia Gas Transmission is proud to

The goals of the "Science on Wheels" project are three-fold: to provide teachers of grades four through eight with a mechanism for the innovative teaching of science with an emphasis on interactive and hands-on learning; to offer students in grades four through eight opportunities to learn science in an understandable, relevant and integrated way, and to enrich curricular opportunities of education majors at Marshall by involving them in the development and teaching of science content appropriate for the targeted grade levels.

"This program will complement West Virginia's new science instructional goals and objectives," Gilley said. "It will also provide necessary support for teachers and schools in meeting these new goals and objectives."

be part of this innovative alliance between Marshall, key training providers and technology-oriented businesses and organizations in the region," Abbott said. "This partnership will help students develop the overall knowledge, practical skills and cutting-edge technical training West Virginia businesses need to compete on a national and global scale."

For more information about ITCAP, contact Mike Simmons of Marshall Technology Institute at 696-2201, Jerry Gargas of PPI-Huntington at 525-4203 or Howard Swint of PPI-Charleston at 345-3322.

## Childress named dean of MU Graduate School of Education

Ronald Barry Childress has been named dean of the Marshall University Graduate School of Education and Professional Development.

Dr. Childress, a Charleston resident, works on Marshall University's South Charleston campus. He has been a professor in the colleges of Elementary/Secondary Education and Leadership Studies program since 1983.

This will be the third time Childress has served as dean. From 1986-89 he served as dean of the Division of Education in the former West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, and from 1989-93 served as dean of the School of Education, Human Services and Humanities.

He is currently chair of the Governors Cabinet Council on Education Subcommittee on Public/Private Education Partnerships. Childress has also been chair of the West Virginia Higher Education Task Force on Teacher Education.

Childress is a graduate of the MU Middle Childhood Education Faculty Development Program.

### Holiday party Dec. 11

President and Mrs. J. Wade Gilley cordially invite all Marshall University employees, retirees, and their families to join them for the annual Marshall University Holiday party on Friday, Dec. 11 in the Don Morris Room of the MU Memorial Student Center.

6:00-6:30 p.m. Reception

6:30-8 p.m. A light buffet

Free photographs will be made of children visiting with Santa Claus

### Open House Dec. 11

The MU Printing Services Department has scheduled an Open House on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Old Main Copy Center, Room 14B.

On display will be the latest printing technology available to MU faculty, staff, and students. There will be refreshments, door prizes, and participants are welcome to bring photographs for a demonstration.

## MU introduces new Machinist Technology Program

Workforce development in West Virginia received a significant boost Dec. 3 from Marshall University's Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI), with the announcement of a new Machinist Technology Program developed by RCBI. As a feature of the program's design, trainees are able to receive national credentialing from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) and have the opportunity to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree from the MU Community and Technical College.

RCBI's new Machinist Technology Program is designed to create a pool of technically trained machinists who are prepared to join the workforce immediately upon the program's completion. "This particular feature will eliminate the need for costly and

time consuming retraining, a common dilemma faced by the manufacturing sector," according to Charlotte N. Weber, RCBI director.

MU President J. Wade Gilley said, "Manufacturers have expressed a critical need for workforce development, training and continuing education across the state. I commend RCBI and the cooperation of the MU Community and Technical College for their efforts, which will help meet the needs of manufacturers across the state."

Participants in the Machinist Technology program receive training to work in industrial machining, introductory CNC (computer-numerical-control) machine operation and technical support, industrial communications and organizational skills, ap-

plied mathematics and safety issues.

RCBI has worked closely during the past 18 months with its 12 member, statewide Industry Advisory Council to design the program's technical components so they fully address the manufacturing sector's needs.

Currently, RCBI is planning additional program elements that include part-time courses and is developing the program to offer it statewide at its Manufacturing Technology Centers located in Bridgeport, South Charleston and Rocket Center.

For additional information, contact the Robert C. Byrd Institute at 1-800-469-RCBI or e-mail [mfg@rcbi.org](mailto:mfg@rcbi.org); or the MU Community and Technical College at 696-3646.

## Jean Edward Smith named John Marshall Professor

Noted political scientist and John Marshall biographer Jean Edward Smith will join the Marshall University faculty next July 1 as John Marshall Professor of Political Science, MU President J. Wade Gilley has announced.

A long time member of the University of Toronto faculty, Smith currently is a visit-

ing professor of history at Princeton University.

In addition to teaching, Smith will work with the new John Marshall Research Center and will address various civic and social groups in the region, Gilley said. His appointment is for five years.

"The addition of Dr. Jean Edward Smith

to our faculty is a real coup for Marshall University," Gilley said. "In addition to being a distinguished teacher, he is a prolific and highly respected author. His presence will provide additional luster to Marshall's growing academic reputation."

Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of Marshall's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, who also will head the John Marshall Research Center, said Smith will play a key role in the center's development.

"Having one of the nation's leading authorities on John Marshall in residence on our campus guarantees an excellent start for the John Marshall Research Center," Gould said. "Jean Edward Smith gives the center instant credibility and his presence will help us to attract other specialists on the chief justice for scholarly visits."

A magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University, Smith earned his Ph.D. at Columbia University. He began his teaching career at Dartmouth College in 1963 and joined the University of Toronto in 1965.

Smith has held visiting professorships at the University of Virginia, Freie Universitat in Berlin, Germany and the University of California at La Jolla. He has been a visiting scholar at Bellagio (Italy) Study Center, the Smithsonian Institution and Columbia University.

His next book, *Grant*, a biography of Ulysses S. Grant, is scheduled for publication by Henry Holt in 1999.

### Harmony Institute receives \$1,000 donation



Ebony Classics, Inc. donated \$1,000 to the new Harmony Institute during its Benefit Auction Nov. 14. Pictured are, from left: Joseph Williams, director of Ebony Classics; Lavonda Singer, whose late husband was assistant director of Ebony Classics, and Dr. Betty Cleckley, Harmony Institute director and MU vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs.