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Misner selected Marshall Employee of Month

Theodore G. "Ted" Misner Jr. of Ironton, Ohio, building service worker in the Physical Plant, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for February, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Misner has worked for the university for more than 17 years.

He was nominated for the award by Lt. Col. Thomas R. Noreen, chair of Marshall's Military Science Department. In making the nomination, Noreen said, "In the two years that I have had the pleasure to observe Ted Misner in the execution of his custodial duties, he has always provided superb support. Without exception, Ted has flawlessly prepared the Military Science Department, and vicinity, for its various inspections and distinguished visitors.

"He continually looks for ways to improve the department's character and understands the role that appearance plays in our mission as well as that of the university. Our many guests have

Libraries offering more services via Virtua Web

Marshall University libraries have expanded their presence on the Information Superhighway with the addition of the Virtua Web Gateway as "MILES"—Marshall Integrated Library Electronic Services.

Virtua allows users from anywhere in the world to access the MU libraries' book catalog, complete with multimedia, audio, photographs and full text electronic journals, according to an announcement by Monica G. Brooks, head of administrative services and technology.

"Once again, Marshall University's libraries lead the state's academic libraries in the technology area of library automation," Ms. Brooks said. "In the early 1980s, Marshall's was the first library to go completely online with its book catalog. Now, the catalog has been expanded to include all forms of print and non-print materials in the library system, allowing users access via the Virtua Web Gateway."

Laboratory and campus access to the library catalog has more than doubled, she noted.

Operating similarly to a web search engine, the Virtua Web Gateway allows users to search authors, titles, subjects and multiple keywords, Ms. Brooks said. "Result screens are easy to use with clickable links for browsing capabilities. Screens also display library materials call numbers and locations so you can retrieve your materials quickly," she added.

Images and full text periodicals also are accessible with "hot links" that take the user directly to the item online. Interactive submission forms enable students and faculty members to use the web to order interlibrary loans from Marshall's Morrow Library or Health Science Library or from the West Virginia Graduate College Library.

If you have a question or problem, there's an "Ask a Librarian" clickable site.

consistently recognized the maintenance of our department as outstanding.

"On a daily basis, Ted looks after not only the classrooms, offices and hallways, which are always immaculate, but also our students and cadets. He has, without hesitation, not only executed any special request from the department's faculty or staff but takes extra measures to ensure the security of our offices and even items misplaced by our cadets.



Misner

"He has a cheerful, sincere and professional attitude, is always courteous and polite, and truly epitomizes the caring demeanor and selfless dedication that I have come to know among the school's building service workers.

"I am confident that Ted's attention to detail, reliability and contributions to this department, during the past two years, are indicative of Ted's 17-plus years of service to Marshall University. He is a rare commodity, and deserves much recognition. Ted is simply an easy choice to represent our school as Employee of the Month."

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

Olson creates endowment

Retired professor Robert D. Olson has established an endowment at Marshall University to promote professional study in the field of speech pathology.

Dr. Olson donated \$20,000 to The Marshall University Foundation Inc. to enable Marshall's library to supplement its subscriptions of professional journals.

"Because of Dr. Olson's generosity, students in speech pathology will have more resources for in-depth analysis of topics in their field," Frank P. Justice Jr., Marshall vice president for development, said. "Bob spent decades teaching Marshall students, and now, through this endowment, he will be aiding more generations in learning about their discipline."

A former professor of communication disorders, Olson retired last summer after 28 years of service to Marshall. He had served as director of the Marshall Speech and Hearing Clinic and chairman of the Department of Speech and was instrumental in developing the university's graduate degree program in speech pathology and audiology. He was adviser to the MU chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

In 1992 Olson had established The George J. Harbold and Dr. Ruth C. Garrett Awards Endowment. The Harbold award is presented annually to the student who completes the master's degree in Communication Disorders with the highest grade point average. The Garrett award is presented annually to the student who completes the bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders with the highest grade point average.

Grants to aid authors of research proposals

The West Virginia Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (WV EPSCoR) is sponsoring a Mini-Grants Program designed to aid tenured or tenure-track faculty members in the preparation of research or research equipment proposals for submission to external agencies or foundations.

Mini-grants will provide \$3,000 in salary for an uninterrupted summer month for faculty to write research or research-equipment proposals. An additional \$500 can be provided to a "mentor" to critique and provide feedback of the proposal. The number of grants awarded will depend on available funds and quality of the applications.

Committee funds awarded

(The following report on the Feb. 13 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Development Committee was submitted by Dr. Michael R. Moore, secretary).

The Faculty Development Committee met Feb. 13, 1997, with the main item of business the selection of applicants to be awarded funds for faculty development activities. The committee received 19 individual applications and one group application.

After discussion, those present unanimously agreed to distribute the funds as follows: J. Powell (group project), \$1,000; B. Delidow, \$500; H. Wayne Elmore, \$500; J. Elwell, \$440; D. Fulks, \$500; R. Garnett, \$500; D. Ha, \$500; D. LeBec, \$500; N. Lowe, \$500; S. Lumpkin, \$500; D. Meehan, \$500; B. Pinkerman, \$500; S. Power, \$500; W. Shanholtzer, \$500; W. Sweetser, \$500; C. Uihlein-Nilles, \$462; A. Zapalska, \$500.

The total awarded was \$8,902. Since total funding available was \$10,650.73, there is \$1,748.73 left in the budget.

The Great Teachers Institute was discussed. The deadline for application to attend the institute is March 14. One faculty member from each college will be chosen to attend (plus two at-large alternates).

Finally, Professor Rowe asked the members for input and suggestions for the Faculty Development News and the Web Site, which is linked to the Marshall Home Page.

Employee achievements

Dr. BETTY J. CLECKLEY, vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs, presented a paper titled "Developing a Multicultural/International Campus Community: The Marshall University Model" at the Florida International University College of Education Conference on Urban/Multicultural Education: Past, Present and Future held Feb. 27-March 1 at Miami Beach, Fla.

Dr. CRAIG A. HOLLINGSHEAD, associate professor of marketing, presented a case titled "Hospice of Huntington" at the annual meeting of the Southeast Case Research Association held Feb. 20-22 at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Presenting with him was Charlene Ferrell, CEO of Hospice of Huntington. HOLLINGSHEAD is membership chair of the Southeast Case Research Association.

Dr. W. BLAKER BOLLING, professor of management, presented a case titled "A Question of Ashland's Corporate Culture" with graduate student MELONY HOWARD at the annual meeting of the Southeast Case Research Association held Feb. 20-22 at Myrtle Beach, S.C. BOLLING was a reviewer and a track chair for the meeting.

By accepting a grant, the recipient agrees not to teach or engage in other activities that will interfere with the proposal writing effort for at least one summer month and agrees to submit a proposal to an external agency or foundation by the end of the 1997 fall semester.

Any project that will lead to the submission of a research or research equipment proposal to an external agency or foundation is eligible for support. Research equipment proposals should include a statement on how the equipment will increase the sponsored research capabilities of the individual or others in the department. The faculty member must not be terminating his or her position prior to the 1997-98 academic year to be eligible.

The deadline for submitting applications is March 31. To obtain application forms or further details contact Dr. Howard Aulick at the Marshall University School of Medicine, 696-7330.

MU staff member dies

Betty C. Hawkins Lawhorn, 59, of Huntington died Friday, Feb. 28, at her residence.

She was a security guard in Marshall University's Department of Public Safety.

Lawhorn was born Jan. 14, 1938, in Cabell County, a daughter of the late Alex and Icie Graham Hawkins. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Harold "Hawkshaw" Hawkins.

Survivors include one daughter, Rita McComas of Huntington; two grandchildren, Shaunna McComas Smith and her husband, Anson, and Jonathan McComas; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Lewis Berry and Leona and Paul Davis, all of Huntington, and her companion Harold D. Bell of Huntington.

Videoconference planned

A videoconference titled "New Technology Assessment: Best Practices from Industry, Federal Labs and Universities" will be held at the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, 1050 Fourth Ave., Wednesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program will feature presentations and panel discussions involving nationally renowned experts and company "success stories" that will offer insights into the assessment process leading to successful implementation of new inventions or technologies.

Topics will include critical steps in the assessment process, benefits of involving technology transfer agents, potential for partnerships and options for financial models.

There will be a \$25 registration fee. To register or obtain further details contact Nancy Johnson, 696-4856, or Susan McComas, 696-4839, at the Byrd Institute.

WAC workshop scheduled

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "Encouraging Originality in Student Writing" will be held Friday, March 21, at 3 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 403.

All faculty members are invited to attend. To obtain further details contact the WAC Office, 696-4650.