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Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley, right, recently presented plaques for meritorious service to William L. "Bill" Redd and his wife, Marie E. Williams Redd.

## Redds fund scholarship

Being the third generation in your family to graduate from college is not that common. When you're an African-American living in West Virginia, it becomes even more rare.

Bill and Marie Redd are both fortunate to come from families with long educational traditions. To ensure that others have an opportunity to start or continue the same traditions, the couple recently donated \$20,000 to The Marshall University Foundation Inc. to assist students from McDowell County, W.Va.

"We are quite pleased that the Redds chose to share their success with others from McDowell County, W.Va.," said Frank P. Justice Jr., Marshall vice president for development. "The Redds' generosity will help county students for generations."

Bill Redd is a native of McDowell County and graduated with honors from Gary High School. He earned his B.A. degree from Marshall in 1972 and received his law degree from North Carolina Central University. A Huntington attorney, he is an associate professor in the legal assisting program at Marshall's Community and Technical College.

His wife, the former Marie Williams, received two degrees from Marshall, an R.B.A. degree in 1988 and an M.S. degree in 1995. She is an instructor in Marshall's Criminal Justice Department.

Mr. Redd's grandmother was the first in his family to attend college, graduating from Morristown College in Tennessee and then working as a school teacher. Her brother, Redd's great uncle, graduated from Howard Medical School.

Bill's father, James Redd, graduated from Bluefield State College, where he met his wife, Geraldine. The couple lives in Wilcoe, McDowell County.

Marie's educational roots also run deep. Her great-great-grandfather was a freed slave who was an early settler of Burlington, Ohio. While he didn't graduate from college, Marie's grandmother became a registered nurse after graduating from Meharry Medical School in 1923.

Marie's mother, Martha Sargent Good, attended Wilberforce (Ohio) University before graduating from Marshall.

Recipients of the scholarship must be from McDowell County and be enrolled full-time in Marshall's Community and Technical College. The award will be given to an African-American student currently enrolled or newly admitted to the college. The scholarship may be renewed on the basis of maintaining a 2.0 overall grade point average.

## Employee achievements

Dr. WILLIAM J. RADIG, professor in the Division of Accountancy and Legal Environment, co-authored an article titled "Making a Choice Between Profit and the Environment" that was published in the February 1997 issue of *The Management Accountant* (India).

Dr. HOWARD R.D. GORDON, professor in the Adult and Technical Education Program in the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology, attended the American Educational Research Association meeting held March 24-28 in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. DAYAL SINGH, professor of finance, presented a paper titled "Privatization of Enterprises in Russia: A Sector-by-Sector Analysis of its Outcome" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Business Economics Association held March 12-14 in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. JEREMY BARRIS, associate professor of philosophy, Dr. JOHN VIELKIND, professor and chair of the Philosophy Department, and ROBBIE ASHWORTH and ROBERT BRUMFIELD, philosophy concentration/basic humanities majors, attended an international conference titled "Retracing the Platonic Text" sponsored March 20-22 by the Philosophy Department of Penn State University.

Dr. ALINA ZAPALSKA, associate professor of economics, had two papers, "Some Insights on the Modified Personalized System of Instruction" and "An Experiment in the Introductory Economics Course as an Active Learning Process," published in the Papers and Conference Proceedings of the fourth annual meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences held recently in Las Vegas, Nev. ZAPALSKA also presented two papers, "Interactive Learning: The Market Game" and "Critical Thinking in Economics Courses," at the eighth annual program on Teaching Economics: Instruction and Classroom Based Research held Feb. 21-23 at Robert Morris College. The papers will be published by McGraw Hill and Robert Morris College.

## Mufson will be honored

Marshall University department chairman Maurice A. Mufson will receive a major achievement award from the New York University School of Medicine Alumni Association on April 12.

Dr. Mufson, chairman of Marshall's Department of Medicine since 1976, was chosen to receive the Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Health Science.

"Through this very distinctive and prestigious award, the School of Medicine honors those alumni who embody the best in medical sciences and who inspire, through their achievement and character, those values which are held in the highest esteem by our profession," said Dr. Saul J. Farber, provost and dean of the NYU School of Medicine.

The award's namesake pioneered the field of radioimmunoassay, which led to significant progress in the basic sciences and clinical disciplines.

"Throughout his career, Dr. Berson remained a creative thinker and dedicated physician," Farber wrote to Mufson. "I am certain that he would have been proud to know that you have been selected as a recipient of the award that bears his name."

Co-recipients of this year's award are Dr. Howard M. Grey of the LaJolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology in San Diego and Dr. Lanny J. Rosenwasser of the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver.

# MU NEWSLETTER

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## Valentine honored for distinguished service

Carol J. Valentine, assistant professor of English, has been selected as the recipient of Marshall University's Distinguished Service Award this year, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at the university.

The prestigious award, which includes a \$1,000 stipend, was presented to Valentine during Marshall's Elizabeth G. Drinko Honors Convocation held April 3 in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

A native of Belle, W.Va., Valentine received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and did graduate work at Morehead (Ky.) State University.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1965, she taught in the Cabell County School System.

Valentine has been involved in many activities at Marshall.

## Reynolds teaching award given to William Palmer

Dr. William Palmer, professor of history at Marshall University, has been selected as the 1997 recipient of the university's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs.

Palmer was recognized and presented the prestigious award, which includes a \$3,000 stipend, at the university's Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation held Thursday, April 3, at 11 a.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1984, Palmer was educated at Iowa State University, Ohio University and the University of Maine where he received his Ph.D. in 1981. Prior to joining the MU faculty he taught at the University of Maine's Augusta and Orono campuses and at Ohio University.

Palmer is an authority on the historical interplay of England and Ireland and has written two books pertaining to the subject: "The Political Career of Oliver St. John, 1637-1649" and "The Problem of Ireland in Tudor Foreign Policy, 1485-1603" which was nominated for the prize for best book on Irish history awarded by the American Conference on Irish Studies.

He has had 17 articles published in major scholarly journals including *Renaissance Quarterly*, the *Journal of British Studies*, *Albion* and *The Sixteenth Century Journal*. He also has made presentations at several scholarly conferences.

In 1996 he was elected a fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Great Britain. He received Marshall's "Meet-the-Scholars" research award in 1992 and is the first person to receive Meet-the-Scholars and Reynolds Outstanding Teacher awards.

Palmer currently is working on a book-length manuscript titled "Politics and Authority in the Mid-Tudor North, 1530-1580" and



Palmer

She served as adviser for the Campus Crusade For Christ, adviser to College of Education English majors, was a member of the Writing Committee and director of the Writing Center.

During her tenure as director, the Writing Center's budget expanded from \$6,000 to \$20,000 per year, the staff size more than doubled and the available hours per day rose from five to 12. She also was instrumental in redesigning the center's space, upgrading the computers, expanding its hours and developing a large group of skilled and dedicated staff members.

She was co-director of Marshall's four-day conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1995. The unique conference brought together scholars from throughout the United States and several foreign countries to promote knowledge of the global conflict and underscore the unity of purpose among allied nations.

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## Lumpkin is named Drinko Fellow

Dr. Shirley Lumpkin, professor of English at Marshall University, has been selected as the fifth Drinko Fellow for the university's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the academy.

The Drinko Academy, established in April 1994, is committed to fostering undergraduate education in American institutions, values and culture. Its mission is to address problems arising from the fragmentation of American society and the loss of a shared sense of common national purpose.

As a Drinko Fellow, Lumpkin will research women writers, teachers and performers in Appalachia and will explore how Marshall University can use the results to enhance existing majors and extra-curricular programs in ways that are relevant to the Drinko Academy's mission.

Lumpkin received her bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio, in 1965, her master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., in 1966 and her doctorate from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, in 1983.

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

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.

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Valentine



Lumpkin

# Celebration of Abilities scheduled April 9

"A Celebration of Abilities" will be held at Marshall University on Wednesday, April 9, at 1 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

The purpose of the program is to recognize and honor graduates and friends of Marshall University who have met the challenge of a disability and are successfully pursuing a career, according to Stephen Hensley, associate dean for student affairs at Marshall.

Area high school students with disabilities who have the potential to achieve the same success also will be recognized.

The featured speakers will be Randall Benear, a systems analyst for Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation in Charleston, and Arden Keith Sansom, an economist at the Huntington Dis-

## Lumpkin is named Drinko Fellow

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She has served on many university committees and the MU Faculty Senate and as adviser to Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society. She is active with the university's Writing Across the Curriculum program, the Marshall Writing Project and various organizations in the College of Liberal Arts, College of Education and English Department.

Lumpkin has published several articles on American literature and African American writers and has made presentations at a number of conferences.

She was named the West Virginia Legislature's Outstanding Higher Education Professor in 1990 and received the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award at MU.

Lumpkin is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Modern Language Association and the Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS). She is editor of NewsNotes for MELUS and serves as a reviewer for several publications.

"I am very pleased Dr. Lumpkin agreed to become a Drinko Fellow," said Gould. "She is widely respected in her field and is interested in working on projects that involve the ideals and goals put forth by the Drinko Academy. I am sure she will be a tremendous asset to the academy."

Gould said the academy's faculty will include distinguished professors from various fields to foster teaching and intellectual dialogue across disciplines and keep the academy from being narrowly focused around the interests of any one discipline.

The academy was named in honor of John Deaver Drinko, a Marshall alumnus and nationally prominent attorney. Drinko and his wife, Elizabeth, have been consistent supporters of academic programs at Marshall and in 1987 established a distinguished chair in liberal arts.

## Virginia D. Pitt dies

Virginia D. Pitt, widow of the late W. Page Pitt, founder of Marshall University's School of Journalism and Mass Communications, died Friday, March 21, at Hospice of Martin and St. Lucie County in Stuart, Fla.

She was born in Washington, D.C., and had been a resident of Florida since she moved from Huntington 27 years ago. Prior to retirement she was owner and operator of Monterey Real Estate in Stuart, Fla., for 25 years.

Survivors include two sons, William Colston Pitt of Palm City, Fla., and William P. Pitt of Topeka, Kansas; daughter, Virginia P. Sherlock of Stuart, Fla., and brother, Hugh Daniel of Huntington. Other survivors include five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

trict Corps of Engineers. Both speakers are Marshall graduates who overcame disabilities and achieved success in their careers.

"Marshall University has a long and proud tradition of serving students with disabilities," explained Hensley. "An important component of our Celebration of Abilities will be to encourage high school students to begin the process of planning for their success in college."

A short program to familiarize the high school students about services available at Marshall will be held following the awards presentation.

"A Celebration of Abilities" will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Sandra Clements or Traci Mann in Marshall University's Student Development Office, 304-696-2271.

## MU Wives Club to meet

The Marshall University Faculty Wives Club will meet Friday, April 11, at 1 p.m. at the MU Research and Economic Development Center, 1050 Fourth Ave.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting which will include an overview of the REDC and the university's Byrd Institute for Flexible Manufacturing Systems. Club members also will hold an election for new officers.

Guest speakers will include Dr. James W. Hooper, executive director of the REDC; Mark Julian, chief operations officer for the Byrd Institute, and Pam Hamilton, director of the Marshall University Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

## Valentine given honor

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Valentine has made presentations at various conferences and presented guest lectures in Thailand, China and Mongolia.

She also is active in many church and community organizations including Birthright and the Huntington City Mission.

"Carol is very deserving of this Distinguished Service Award," said Denman. "She has served Marshall University in various ways during her long tenure on the faculty and serves as an ambassador of good will for the university wherever she goes. Since she came to Marshall in 1954 as a student, the university has been a part of her life. Since she joined the faculty in 1965, Carol has been a part of the lives of many, many students, faculty and staff members."

## Palmer receives award

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a manuscript titled "Stardust Memories: The Lives and Works of the World War II Generation of Historians."

"Dr. Palmer's knowledge of his subject is superior," said Denman. "It takes a special scholar to be elected to the Royal Historical Society of Great Britain. However, knowledge alone does not make an outstanding teacher. What makes him an outstanding teacher is his ability to reach his students. He will do various things to keep his students' interest, including dressing up and portraying historical figures during his classes or staging mock events that the students research and conduct. These things, and his accessibility to the students, are what make him an outstanding teacher."

The university's Outstanding Teacher Award was created in 1985 through an endowment established by Marshall and Shirley Reynolds of Huntington.

# Shakespeare conference being held on campus

The 24th annual conference of the West Virginia Shakespeare and Renaissance Association will be held at Marshall University April 10-12 in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Shakespeare and Renaissance scholars from throughout the United States and as far away as The Shakespeare Institute at Stratford-upon-Avon in England will participate in the conference.

The program is designed to appeal to the entire academic community and the general public, according to Dr. Edmund Taft, professor of English at Marshall. He said the conference will focus not only on Shakespeare but also other areas of interest such as music, history, politics, philosophy, religion, rhetoric and women writers.

Professor H.R. Coursen of the University of Maine will deliver the keynote address, "Shakespeare's Battles," Friday, April 11, at 5 p.m. Coursen will discuss the staging of battle scenes in performances of Shakespeare's works from the Renaissance to present times.

Coursen is widely known for his scholarly work on Shakespeare and his "video lecture," which combines information about Shakespeare with video clips from famous stage and movie versions of his plays.

## Medical students given primary care incentive

Six Marshall medical and nurse practitioner students who plan to provide primary care in rural areas of the state have received \$10,000 scholarships from the University System of West Virginia.

In the School of Medicine, students include Clinton E. Curtis of Harrisonburg, Va.; Sean C. DiCristofaro of Bluefield; B. Danielle King of Huntington, and Lisa M. Morock of Wilkinson.

The nurse practitioner students receiving scholarships are Bonnie E. Carter of Princeton and Angela Dawn Settle of Elkview.

The Health Sciences Scholarship Program was created by the Legislature in 1995 to increase the number of primary care providers in the state's medically underserved areas. The 27 students statewide who received scholarships this year have made a commitment to practice in rural West Virginia for at least two years after completing their training, according to Dr. W. Donald Weston, vice chancellor for health sciences for the University System. All of the students selected have backgrounds or family ties in rural West Virginia.

Approximately 25 awards will be made in the 1997-98.

## Faculty meeting planned

The final general faculty meeting of the 1996-97 academic year will be held Thursday, April 17, at 4 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The agenda will include the following: nominations for a faculty member to serve on the Institutional Board of Advisors, recognition of retiring faculty members, remarks by President J. Wade Gilley, a state-of-the-faculty address by Dr. Elaine Baker, and announcements.

A reception honoring retiring faculty members will be held immediately following the meeting in Marco's in the basement of Memorial Student Center. All faculty members are invited to attend.

Taft said Coursen's lecture, designed for a general audience, promises to be informative and entertaining.

Conference highlights will include a Thursday afternoon paper session on John Milton, a Thursday evening session on Opera and Renaissance Drama, a Friday morning program on Tudor Historiography, a Friday evening showing of Alvin Epstein's award-winning production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," a Saturday morning session on Women Writers in the Renaissance, and a concluding panel discussion of The Temper of Shakespeare's Thought.

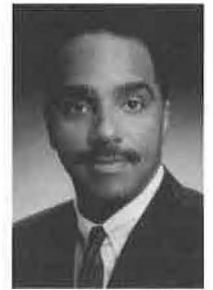
"This year's conference promises to be the best ever," said Taft. "I hope that students, faculty, staff and the entire Huntington community will take advantage of the program."

The conference is being sponsored by Marshall, West Virginia University, the West Virginia Shakespeare Association and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

To obtain further details or a schedule of events contact Taft at the Marshall University English Department, 304-696-3155.

## MU alumnus returning to present Stewart lecture

Marshall University alumnus Joseph E. Johns, one of two NBC news correspondents assigned to cover Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., will return to campus Friday, April 18, to serve as guest lecturer for the university's Paul D. Stewart Lectureship in Political Science.



Johns

He will present his lecture at the annual banquet of Pi Sigma Alpha political science honorary April 18 at the Uptowner Inn-University Area on Fourth Avenue in Huntington. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the banquet at 7 p.m. There will be a charge of \$18 for the banquet which is open to the public.

Johns received a bachelor's degree in political science from Marshall in 1980. He began his television career at WSAZ-TV during his senior year at the university. He then moved to WSOCTV in Charlotte, N.C., where he won a UPI award for "Best Local Newscast."

In 1983 he joined WRC-TV in Washington, D.C., where he was involved in many major events and was the only television reporter to confront D.C. Mayor Marion Barry on camera the night he was arrested on drug charges.

Johns was named Capitol Hill reporter for NBC's "Today" show and other programs in 1993 and regularly reports for the MSNBC cable television/on-line program.

He has covered several major news stories such as the Clinton administration's health care reform proposal, campaign financing irregularities and the "Contract With America" in the 104th Congress.

"We are gratified that one of our students has gone on to become such an astute observer of the national political scene," said Dr. Troy M. Stewart, chair of Marshall's Political Science Department. "It will be a delight to welcome him back to Huntington."

To make banquet reservations or obtain further details contact Betty Cook in Marshall University's Department of Political Science, 304-696-6636.

# Faculty members get Pickens-Queen awards



**LeGrow**



**Mader**



**Anthony**

Three Marshall University faculty members received Pickens-Queen awards during the university's Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation held Thursday, April 3, at 11 a.m. in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The awards, presented for the second year, went to Dr. Christopher LeGrow, assistant professor of psychology; Dr. Fred Mader, assistant professor of management/marketing, and Eugene J. Anthony, assistant professor of theatre.

Ethel K. Pickens of Gallipolis, Ohio, and her nephew, retired Tradewell Supermarkets chairman Glenn J. Queen and his wife, the former Carol Booth, established the awards to honor faculty members in their early years of teaching on the collegiate level. Each award includes a stipend of \$1,000.

Recipients are selected by a committee on the basis of innovation and excellence in teaching. The awards are designed to pay tribute to faculty members who, although they have not been teaching long, are already making significant contributions to educating Marshall's future alumni.

Faculty engaged in teaching full-time in tenure track appointments with the rank of instructor or assistant professor who have completed six years or less of service at Marshall are eligible to be nominated for the awards.

LeGrow teaches industrial organizational psychology courses at Marshall. He received his bachelor's degree from Plymouth (N.H.) State College and his master's and doctoral degrees from Ohio University.

## *Judges needed for fair*

Marshall University faculty and staff members are needed to serve as judges and volunteers for this year's West Virginia Social Studies Fair.

For the past 20 years Marshall University has hosted this event which brings school children from throughout the state to the campus and city.

The judging of projects will begin Friday, May 16, at noon at the Huntington Civic Arena.

A party for the fair participants will be held Friday evening in Memorial Student Center. Approximately 15 volunteers are needed to help with the party. Refreshments and various activities have been planned for the students attending the party. Volunteers would help serve pizza and monitor the students until 10 p.m.

"This has been a very worthwhile activity and we hope to continue to sponsor the state Social Studies Fair," said Rise Lovell of the MU History Department who is coordinating the event.

Faculty and staff members who can serve as project judges or volunteers for the party should contact Barbara Lanham in the Marshall University History Department, 696-6610.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty four years ago, LeGrow taught at the State University of New York at Oswego and Ohio University. In 1991 he received the Ohio University College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for the Department of Psychology.

He has written several research papers for presentation at professional meetings and conferences and has been a member of the Midwestern Psychological Association and the Eastern Psychological Association.

This is the second consecutive year LeGrow has been chosen to receive a Pickens-Queen Award.

Mader has been a member of the Marshall faculty for six years. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in geography from Western Kentucky University and received a master's of business administration degree from the University of Georgia. He received his Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Georgia in 1988.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty, Mader taught at the University of Georgia and the University of Louisville. He was an American Marketing Association Doctoral Consortium Fellow and received a Blumberg Academic Scholarship.

Mader has had several papers published in professional journals and made presentations at various conferences. He is a member of the American Marketing Association and the Southern Marketing Association.

Anthony joined the Marshall faculty in 1993. He received bachelor's degrees in theatre/speech and education from the University of Toledo and received a master's degree in theatre criticism and theory from the City University of New York at Brooklyn College.

He previously taught at New York University and the Lee Strasberg Institute in New York and served as chair of the Drama Department at St. Francis de Sales College Preparatory School in Toledo.

Anthony has an impressive acting resume that includes many performances in regional theatre, on Broadway, and in films and television programs. His credits include principal roles in films such as "The Purple Rose of Cairo" and "The Blues Brothers," television programs such as "Law and Order," "All My Children" and "The Guiding Light," and Broadway shows such as "On Your Toes," "Broadway" and "The Pajama Game."

He also has served as director and choreographer for several plays and musicals.

"The common traits that keep appearing in evaluations of all of the award winners are their willingness to help students and their ability to involve students in class and make them want to learn," said Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall. "They already are valued members of the Marshall University faculty and we have great expectations for all three."

## **No Newsletter April 17**

The Marshall University Newsletter will not be published Thursday, April 17.

Faculty and staff members should plan accordingly to make sure events and activities that need to be published prior to April 24 are submitted in time to be printed in the April 10 issue.

Items for the Marshall University Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday.

# Acclaimed author will make presentations

Charles Johnson, a winner of the National Book Award for his novel "Middle Passage," will make two presentations at Marshall University Tuesday, April 8.

He will make an informal presentation and respond to questions about his life and work at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. He will read selections from his work, including passages from a novel in progress, at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Johnson currently serves as director of the Creative Writing Program and holds the Pollock chair in humanities at the University of Washington. He was the first African American man to win the National Book Award since Ralph Ellison won it in 1953 for "Invisible Man."

As a student, Johnson first developed an interest in drawing and at age 17 published his first cartoon in a store catalog. In 1970 he published the first of two collections of cartoons and later that year hosted a PBS television series on drawing.

He moved on to writing to broaden his range of expression and studied with famed novelist John Gardner. In 1974 he pub-

lished his first novel "Faith and the Good Thing."

His second novel "Oxherding Tale" was released in 1982. Johnson also published a collection of short stories titled "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" that was nominated in 1986 for the PEN/Faulkner Award.

It was "Middle Passage" in 1990 that propelled Johnson into the public spotlight. The novel, set in early 19th century New Orleans, is an adventurous and philosophical story of a freed black man who stows away aboard a ship only to discover that it is a slaver bound for Africa.

The book, which soon will be made into a major motion picture, was praised for its lush attention to detail that was the result of six years of research during which Johnson studied virtually every seafaring novel, nautical dictionaries and slave narratives of ocean crossings.

Johnson's recent work includes a book of literary criticism titled "Being and Race: Black Writing Since 1970." He currently is working a book titled "Dreamer," an epic historical novel about famed civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

His presentations will be open to the public free of charge.

## *Annual conference for secretaries planned*

The annual Conference for Secretaries and Administrative Assistants at Marshall University and the American Management Association's 10th Briefing for Secretaries and Administrative Assistants will be held Wednesday, April 23, beginning at 8 a.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Marshall's Office of Continuing Education and Department of Human Resources will sponsor a local program prior to the American Management Association's national videoconference.

The program has been designed for all office support secretar-

## **Lunchbag seminar slated**

A lunchbag seminar titled "We're Breathing Heavy...It Must Mean Love" will be presented Wednesday, April 9, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.

The seminar, open to the public free of charge, will be a healthy dating program exploring miscommunication, misunderstanding and conflict in relationships.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

## **'Third House' scheduled**

"The Third House," an annual roast of state officials, will be presented Wednesday, April 9, at 8 p.m. in the Cultural Center on the State Capitol grounds in Charleston.

Sponsored by the Alumni Association of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall University, the event last year raised \$10,000 which was donated to the school.

Members of the Capitol press corps write the skits and songs and perform them.

Tickets to the show, which has played to a sold-out audience the past two years, are \$25 each and may be obtained by calling Tom Miller, event coordinator, at 304-342-1418. The price includes a reception following the performance.

The show has raised more than \$50,000 for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications since 1990.

ies, executive secretaries, administrative assistants and aides, office managers, information processing coordinators and others who provide secretarial or administrative support for one or multiple bosses, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

Opening remarks will be made at 8:10 a.m. by Dr. Betty L. Kyger, dean of the MU Community and Technical College.

Lorraine P. Anderson, associate dean of Marshall's Lewis College of Business, will present the keynote address at 8:15 a.m.

Simultaneous workshops will be held throughout the morning. Participants will be able to attend two of the following workshops: "Dream Boldly" (projecting a positive outlook), "Sharpen Your Writing Skills" (overcoming barriers to written communication), "Safety in the Workplace" (dealing with difficult and inappropriate behavior and personalities), and "Non-verbal Clues" (techniques for developing your communication sensitivities).

Following lunch, the American Management Association briefing will begin at 1 p.m.

Several nationally prominent speakers and business owners and managers will take part in the briefing. Guests will include Dee Dee Myers and Lillian Glass.

There will be a \$20 registration fee for MU employees which will include materials, lunch, refreshments and a continuing education unit certificate.

The registration deadline will be Friday, April 18.

To register or obtain further details contact Marshall University's Office of Continuing Education, 304-696-3113.

## *WAC workshop to be held*

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "General Discussion/Sharing" will be held Friday, April 11, 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.