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 assistance 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 Morrisett College in Tennessee and then working as a school teacher. Her brother, Redd’s great uncle, then working as a school teacher. Her brother, Redd’s great uncle, recently donated $1,000 to Marshall’s Employee Achievements scholarship fund. The award will be given to an African-American student currently enrolled at the university. The award is named in honor of Marie's educational roots also run deep. Her great-great-grandmother was a freed slave who was an early settler of Burlington, Vermont. Her mother became a registered nurse after graduating from Meharry Medical College. The award will be given to an African-American student currently enrolled at the university.

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Employee achievements

Dr. WILLIAM J. RADIG, professor in the Division of Accounting and Legal Environment, co-authored an article titled “Making a Choice Between Professors or Professionals in the Environmental Sciences” that was published in the February 1997 issue of The Management Accountant (India).

Dr. HOWARD B. 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 Financing Regions: 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 "Remaking the Platonian Text" sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago as the first group of summers by the Philosophy Department of Penn State University.


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. The award will be given April 12.

Mufson, chairman of Marshall’s Department of Medicine since 1971, was chosen to receive the Solomon Person Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Health Science.

"Through this very distinctive and prestigious award, the School of Medicine honors those whom everyone believes to be the best in medical sciences and who inspire, through their achievements and character, those values which are held in the highest esteem by our profession," said Saul J. Faber, 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 an inspired physician," Mufson said. "I am certain that he would have been proud to know that you've been selected as a recipient of the award that bears his name."

Recipient of this year's award is Dr. Howard M. Grey of the Lahey Clinic for Allergy and Immunology in San Diego and Dr. Lanny J. Rosenwasser of the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver.
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 graduants 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.

A high school graduate with disabilities who has the potential to achieve the same success also will be recognized. The featured speakers will be Randall Benera, a systems analyst for Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation in Charleston, and Arden Keith Sansom, an economist at the Huntington District Court. Lumpkin is named Drinko Fellow

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She has served on many university committees and the MU Faculty Senate and as advisor 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 Halsey 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-Fractile Literature of the United States (MELUS). She is editor of Notes for MELUS and serves as a reviewer for several academic journals. Her research 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 REDC; and Pam Hamiton, director of the Marshall University Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

Valentine gives keynote address

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Valentine gave keynote addresses 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 that could not be quantified. She has been a useful tool to 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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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 27, at Hospice of Martins and St. Lucie County in Stuart, Fla.

She was born in Washington, D.C., and had been a resident of Florida since 1977. Prior to her retirement she was owner and operator of Monterey Real Estate in Stuart, Fla., for 25 years. Survivors include her son, William Colston Pitt of Palm City, Fla.; William P. Pitt of Topeka, Kansas; daughter, Virginia P. Sherlock of Stuart, Fla., and husband, Hugh Daniel 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. “Our Social Stigma is a traditional disease affecting 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 information contact Dr. Tony Traci Mans 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 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.

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The 24th annual conference of the West Virginia Shakespeare and Renaissance Association will be held at Marshall University April 9-11.

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. It includes three days of general public, according to Dr. Edmond 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. Courser of the University of Maine will deliver keynote address, “Shakespeare’s Battles,” April Friday, April 11, at 4 p.m. Courser will discuss the staging of battle scenes in performances of Shakespeare’s works from the Renaissance to present times.

Courser is widely known for his scholarly work on Shakespeare and his “video lecture,” which combines information with music, history, politics, philosophy, religion, rhetoric and women writers.

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 $15,000 scholarships from the University System of West Virginia. In the School of Medicine, students include Clinton E. Curtis of Oak Hill, Sean M. Coursen of Clarksburg, Danielle King of Huntington, and Lisa M. Morock of Wilkinson.

The nurse practitioner students receiving scholarships are Brian C. Carter of Princeton and Angela Dawn Settle of Elkhoy.

The Health Sciences Scholarship Program was created by the Legislature in 1995 to provide financial assistance to students 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 of West Virginia. All of the students selected have backgrounds or family ties in rural West Virginia.

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

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. Edward Rubin of New York University, and a 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 Alumni Lounge. All faculty members are invited to attend.

Tauf said Courser’s lecture, designed for a general audience, promises to be informative and entertaining.

The lecture titled “Shakespeare’s Battles” will include a Thursday afternoon paper presentation on John Milton, a Thursday evening session on Opera and Renaissance Drama, a Friday morning program on Tudor and Stuart drama, a Friday afternoon 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 Sunday morning panel discussion of The Tempest of Shakespeare’s Thought.

"This year’s conference promises to be the best ever," said Taft.

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 alumni returning to present Stewart lecture

Marshall University alumna Joseph E. Johns, one of two NBC news correspondents owned to cover Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., will return to campus Friday, April 18, to serve as guest lecturer for John W. Stewart Lectureship in Public Service.

He will present his lecture at the annual banquet, Alpha Tau Omega Student Government 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 was a network political correspondent in political science from Marshall in 1980. He began his television career at WSUZ-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 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, who earned a B.A. in history from 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 W. Donald Weston, vice chancellor for Health Sciences.

“It will be a delight to welcome him back to Huntington.”

The 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.
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 published 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.

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 secretaries, 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 “Nonverbal 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 Lilian 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.

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.