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Marshall faculty and staff achievements

DAVID WALKER, professor in the Department of Computer Science, and HAMID CHAHRYAR, associate professor in the department, presented a research paper titled "Multiplexing of a Multiple-Stream FTIR Monitoring System" at the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy held March 16-22 in Atlanta. They also demonstrated their prototype real-time multi-tasking software during the weeklong exhibition. An industrial partner in the project is ViRoLac Industries, involved in environmental air/water monitoring and materials characterization.

Dr. BETTY JO JARRELL and DENECIA MERRITT-DAMRON of the Business, Computer and Office Technology Department in the Community and Technical College, presented a computer workshop at the National Business Education Association's annual conference held March 26 in New York. Dr. SANDRA WALKER assisted with the three-hour workshop titled "What Your Mother Never Told You About Doing Windows." The workshop dealt with the mechanics of using Windows 95.

Dr. MICHAEL GOLDEN, associate professor of music, presented his prize-winning composition for guitar, "FramésuDe," at the Society of Composers Inc. national conference held March

Judges needed for state social studies projects

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.

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.

9 in Florida. This work was selected from more than 600 entries from around the United States and abroad and was performed by Dr. LEO WELCH, assistant professor of music, before an international audience on the last day of the conference. GOLDEN's piece will be released on a CD by guitarist Patrick Kearney later this year and a piece for piano titled "The Sea Change, and Other Stories" will be released on the New Ariel Recordings CD series "Contemporary American Eclectic Music for the Piano" recorded by Jeffrey Jacob.

Dr. ALINA ZAPALSKA, associate professor of economics, had the following papers published: "Teaching International Economics Course in the MBA Program" published in the Papers and Conference Proceedings of the Midwest Business and Economic Association meeting held March 12-14 in Chicago; "The Market Game: Interactive Learning Through Market Simulation" (co-authored by Dr. DALLAS BROZIK, associate professor of finance and economics) published in the Papers and Conference Proceedings: Simulation and Gaming Developments in Business Simulation and Experimental Learning and presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Business Simulation and Experimental Learning held March 19-21 in New Orleans; and "Profiles of Polish Entrepreneurship" and "Woman Entrepreneurship" presented at the 23rd international conference of the Association of Private Enterprise Education held April 12-15 in Washington, D.C., and to be published in the Journal of Small Business Management. ZAPALSKA also presented the following papers: "The Role of Entrepreneurship in the New Emerging Market Economies: An Empirical Approach, A Case Study for Poland" (co-authored by Wali Mondal of Henderson University) at the economic workshop held last year at the Auckland Institute of Technology and at the annual meeting of the ASSA held this year in New Orleans; "Some Economic Implications from China's Economic Reforms" (co-authored by WE WENDA) at the 1997 conference of the Midwest Business Economic Association held March 12-14 in Chicago, and "Profiles of Polish and Hungarian Entrepreneurship" at the international conference of the Association of Private Enterprise Education held April 12-15 in Washington, D.C.

WVU waivers available

West Virginia University tuition waivers for the 1997 summer terms are available through the Marshall University Graduate School Office, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

Full-time faculty and staff members are eligible for waivers, with a maximum award of six credit hours. All six credit hours can be taken in one session or divided between the terms.

The application deadline in the Graduate School Office will be Monday, April 21.

Application information is available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, 696-2816.

No Newsletter next week

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

Items for the April 24 Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. April 22.

Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to ensure publication.

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Dingess chosen Marshall Employee of Month

Nancy Dingess of Huntington, lead cashier, Auxiliary Services, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for March, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Dingess has worked for the university for 12 years.

She was nominated for the award by Bryan Chambers, a student assistant. In making the nomination, Chambers said, "I have been working with Nancy Dingess for one and a half years and her work performance has been influential to me and the rest of the students, staff and faculty at Memorial Student Center.

"She is very dedicated to her job and it shows through the constant assistance she provides to people who frequent the main desk.

Alumni Association will honor three for service



Osborne



Magann



Myers

Burl Osborne, president of the publishing division of A.H. Belo Corp. and publisher and chief executive officer of The Dallas (Texas) Morning News, will be honored April 19 by the Marshall University Alumni Association as its 1997 Distinguished Alumnus.

Others to be honored during the 60th annual Alumni Awards Banquet will be Eulalia "Feet" Francisco Magann of Bluefield, W.Va., who will receive the Alumna Community Achievement Award, and Dr. Wilbur E. Myers of Willow Wood, Ohio, who will receive both the Distinguished Service and Honorary Alumnus awards.

Osborne earned his B.A. degree in journalism at Marshall in 1960 and worked as a reporter for The Ashland Daily Independent and the former WHTN-TV station prior to joining The Associated Press (AP) as a correspondent in Bluefield, W.Va. He worked with the AP in various positions and locations prior to being named in 1977 as managing editor of its worldwide news operation, based in New York City.

In October 1980, Osborne joined The Dallas Morning News as executive editor. The following year he became vice president and executive editor and in 1983 he was named senior vice president and editor. Osborne was named president and editor in 1985 and was elected to the board of directors of A.H. Belo Corp.,

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"Nancy Dingess is the nicest person that I have ever worked with. She can maintain the perfect balance between supervisor and friend. I know that if I'm having a problem, I can come and talk to her about it. I think of her as a second mom, just as many of the students that work here do. Students who have graduated and moved on to other jobs still come back just to talk to her. Even with her incredible personality, she still has time to do a job where her tasks are never ending.

"For all these reasons, and many others too numerous to write down, Nancy definitely deserves to be Employee of the Month."

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

Weekend activities set

Marshall University alumni from across the country will gather on campus April 18-19 for Alumni Weekend, celebrating this year's theme "The Best Years of Our Lives."

The Marshall Classes of 1937, 1947, 1952 and 1957 will mark their 60th, 50th, 45th and 40th reunions, respectively, during the weekend.

Alumni Director Linda S. Holmes said the weekend will begin with a "Meet & Greet" reception at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 18, in the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 5th Ave. Complimentary coffee, tea, juice, doughnuts and bagels will be served.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, Alan R. Simmons of Edward D. Jones & Co. will make a presentation on estate planning. He will speak at the Ovie and Jesse Cline One-Room School Museum at the northeast corner of 5th Avenue and 17th Street.

A luncheon honoring the Grand Class (pre-1947 alumni) and the classes of 1937 and 1947 will begin at noon Friday in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. All Marshall alumni and friends are invited to attend, Holmes said. The cost is \$8 per person.

An open house will be held at the One-Room School Museum from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Trolley tours of campus will begin at 2:30 p.m. Friday from the Fifth Avenue side of Memorial Student Center.

Alumni Association events for Friday end with a champagne reception at 5 p.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center. The \$5 price includes hors d'oeuvres, coffee and punch. A cash bar will be available.

NBC Capitol Hill correspondent Joseph E. Johns, a 1980 Marshall graduate, will be the guest speaker for the university's Paul D. Stewart Lectureship in Political Science. The lecture will be presented at the annual banquet of Pi Sigma Alpha political science honorary Friday, April 18, at the Uptowner Inn-University Area on Fourth Avenue near campus. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the banquet will follow at 7 p.m.

The banquet, which is open to the public, is \$18 per person.

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Dingess

Association will honor three for service

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parent company of the News, in 1987. His tenure as publisher was effective Jan. 1, 1991. He became president of Belo's publishing division and president of the A.H. Belo Corp. Foundation in 1995.

A native of eastern Kentucky, Osborne is credited with turning the Morning News around. When he joined the News, it trailed then rival Times Herald in circulation in Dallas County and sold less retail advertising. Today, The Dallas Morning News is considered by many to be the best newspaper in the Southwest and one of the top five newspapers in the nation. In 1991 the News purchased the Times Herald, ending a 106-year rivalry.

During Osborne's tenure, the News has won numerous awards including six Pulitzer prizes. Osborne himself has received a number of awards including the National Press Foundation George David Beveridge Jr. Award for Editor of the Year in 1992 and the Pat Taggart Texas Newspaper Leader of the Year Award in 1993. He is a former president of the prestigious American Society of Newspaper Editors and also served as co-chair of the Pulitzer Prize board.

Eulalia Magann, a 1936 Marshall graduate, is being recognized for service to her community. She has been active in various volunteer groups for more than 60 years and has been hailed as "the most important person in the literacy program" in the state.

The retired educator is credited with being responsible for more than 10,000 individuals in her area learning to swim. In 1935, Magann began teaching swimming and training swimming instructors. She started the first Red Cross swimming school at Falls Mills, Va., in 1936. Last year she was awarded a 60-year pin for her work with the Red Cross. During World War II she was chairwoman of first aid for the Red Cross and prepared 115 first aid instructors.

Since 1984 Magann has been actively involved with the Literacy Volunteers Association (LVA) of Mercer County. In 1992 she received The Kirkus Award for volunteerism on behalf of adult literacy in West Virginia and was among those honored during the "30-Star Salute to Literacy" ceremony at the governor's mansion. Her work with the LVA includes both tutor training and tutoring individuals.

Marshall Alumni Weekend activities slated

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To make reservations or for further information call Betty Cook in Marshall's Department of Political Science at (304) 696-6636.

The Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business also has scheduled its fourth annual Hall of Fame banquet for Friday night. Six business leaders will be honored: Phyllis Huff Arnold, David Fox Jr., Dan R. Moore, Matt Reese, and Art and Joan Meyer Weisberg.

The Hall of Fame banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. Individual tickets are \$75. Host tables, seating eight, are \$2,500 per table, including eight VIP reception tickets, and table and program recognition. Benefactor tables, seating eight and including two VIP reception tickets, table and program recognition, are \$1,000. Sponsor half-tables, seating four, are \$500 including table and program recognition.

Reservations for the Hall of Fame banquet must be made by April 11 by calling Gael Setliff at (304) 696-2316.

Events on Saturday, April 19, begin with a complimentary continental breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center.

At 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Burl Osborne, the 1997 Distinguished

Magann also served 15 years as director of the YWCA Camp Iva and 25 years as Y-Teen program director. As a volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital for the past 14 years, she has served about 2,500 hours.

She began teaching in 1936 at Beaver High School in Mercer County. After serving two and a half years in the WAVES during World War II, she returned to teaching, retiring in 1979. She has continued as a substitute teacher while traveling extensively — to 120 countries on seven continents.

Wilbur Myers was the principal donor in 1991 toward building a facility to house Marshall's H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) program. He later financed a computer lab for the program.

Myers said he "felt compelled" to support the H.E.L.P. program after reading a newspaper article that described its impact on students with learning problems.

A native of North Lima, Ohio, and 1932 graduate of Youngstown State University, Myers was awarded an honorary doctorate from Marshall in May 1996. He retired as associate chief, appellate division, with the Huntington office of the Internal Revenue Service, after 32 years' federal service.

Myers received training in Washington, D.C., with the IRS, prior to being assigned as a revenue agent in Wheeling, W.Va., in 1938. He transferred to Huntington in 1949 where he remained until retiring in 1969.

Since then he has been active with several local organizations. He is a member of the prestigious John Marshall Society, comprising individuals and couples who have made significant donations to The Marshall University Foundation Inc. He serves on the boards for the H.E.L.P. program and the Huntington Museum of Art.

For more than 40 years, Myers has collected American and European art glass. He donated 170 pieces from his collection to the Huntington Museum of Art.

Osborne, Magann and Myers will be honored at the Alumni Association's awards banquet on Saturday, April 19. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. The cost is \$15 per person.

To make reservations or obtain further details call the Marshall Office of Alumni Affairs, 696-2523.

Alumnus, will make a presentation. Osborne is president of the publishing division of A.H. Belo Corp. and publisher and chief executive officer of The Dallas Morning News.

The Classes of 1952 and 1957 will be honored at a noon luncheon Saturday in the John Marshall Dining Room, Memorial Student Center. Cost of the luncheon is \$5 per person.

At 1 p.m. Saturday the Thundering Herd football team will have a Green & White scrimmage game in the Marshall University Stadium. Tickets are \$5.

Alumni and friends wanting a close-up view of changes on campus may take a walking tour beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The tour group will meet on the campus side of Memorial Student Center.

At 5:30 p.m. Saturday a complimentary social with light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be held in the Erickson Alumni Center.

The weekend concludes with the 60th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet.

To make reservations for Alumni Association events or for more information call the Marshall Office of Alumni Affairs, 696-2523.

Academic Festival to be held this weekend

Approximately 3,000 high school students from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky are expected to participate in Marshall University's 19th annual SCORES Academic Festival on Saturday, April 12.

"Stepping Into the New Millennium" will be the theme for this year's Academic Festival, sponsored by the Marshall University SCORES (Search Committee on Recognition of Excellent Students) Department that is composed of representatives from every academic department on campus.

"We want to prepare our exceptional high school students for education and career development in the 21st century," said Sherry Brooks, SCORES coordinator. "Marshall University's SCORES Department is offering students an excellent opportunity to experience academic growth from this era to the next."

The event is a spirited academic competition in which outstanding students vie for top honors in various contests designed to test their knowledge.

"The competition is a way to encourage and recognize academic excellence among high school students, cultivate relationships with high schools in the region and generate public awareness of the academic achievements occurring in area high schools," said Brooks.

Tests will be given in approximately 120 subject areas, ranging from computer skills to drama performances. Each participant must have at least a 3.0 grade point average in his or her chosen area of competition.

New to this year's festival is the Bank One/Transfab Inc. Quiz Bowl scheduled Friday evening, April 11. Thirty-two teams will compete for the first prize of \$1,000 and second prize of \$500. The prize money, donated by Bank One and Transfab Inc., may be used toward the entry fee for the national Quiz Bowl contest.

The Academic Festival's most coveted prizes are the large trophies

presented to the schools with the highest point totals for all tests taken within their division. The schools are divided into five divisions based on student enrollment. First and second place winners will receive trophies while third place schools will receive plaques.

Trophies will be given in honor of distinguished and outstanding service of Marshall University faculty members. The honorees for this year are: Dr. Charles "Chuck" Bailey, associate professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and faculty manager of WMUL-FM; Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs; Nicholas C. Kontos, associate professor in the Division of Finance and Economics; Dr. Lynne B. Welch, dean of the School of Nursing, and Linda S. Wilkinson, chair of the Division of Developmental and General Studies in the Community and Technical College.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded respectively to the top three competitors in each contest. Seven of the festival's outstanding students will receive full tuition waivers for one year at Marshall. In addition to a tuition waiver, the festival's outstanding student will receive the Robert A. Wheeler SCORES Scholarship Award.

Students registered for competition on Saturday are invited to observe the Quiz Bowl rounds and attend a dance sponsored by the West Virginia Thespian Conference on Friday evening.

Competition will begin after breakfast from Tudor's Biscuit World on Saturday, April 12, and continue throughout the morning. The tests will be scored and the results compiled while the students have lunch from Gino's Pizza.

The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Henderson Center Arena.

To obtain further details about the Academic Festival contact the Marshall University SCORES Office, 304-696-6752.

Alumnus will portray Booker T. Washington

Joseph Bundy of Bluefield will present a Chautauqua performance at the Marshall University Library Associates meeting Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the university's Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Bundy, a 1976 graduate of Marshall with a bachelor's degree in theatre, will portray Booker T. Washington.

The performance and meeting will be open to the public free of charge, according to Dr. Kenneth Slack, executive secretary of the MU Library Associates.

After graduating from Marshall, Bundy worked in summer stock with the Ohio Outdoor Historical Drama Association and studied with the National Shakespeare Company and the American University Academy of the Performing Arts.

He then returned to Bluefield and founded the Afro-Appalachian Performance Company. The company's first production, "A Tribute to James Weldon Johnson," received a statewide tour sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Culture and History.

As an actor with the company, Bundy has portrayed Jeff in "The River Niger," Purlie Victorious Judson in "Purlie" and Walter Lee Younger in the musical, "Raisin." Bundy has performed several dramatic Chautauqua presentations. He also served as director for some of the company's productions.

His original works include "Banns," a three-act drama he co-wrote with Alcesta Wells; "I Won't be Satisfied," a creative drama

developed on the theme of accountability; "Montgomery to Memphis," a play that tells the story of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. from the Montgomery bus boycott to his assassination, and "In The Pink," a musical about Maceo Pinkard, a Bluefield native who wrote such noted songs as "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Give Me A Little Kiss Will Ya Huh" and "Them There Eyes."

Bundy also wrote, directed and played the lead in "To Do His Will," a pageant play about the true life story of John Stewart, the first Methodist missionary.

The Marshall University Library Associates organization was formed to provide support for Marshall's libraries, enhance the prestige and service of the institution and, in so doing, advance the cultural and economic status of the Tri-State region.

Anyone interested in the development of the library is welcome to join the organization. The current membership includes community leaders and residents and Marshall faculty and staff.

To obtain further details about Bundy's presentation or the Marshall University Library Associates contact Slack at Marshall University, 304-696-3097.

MU excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

April 24-27—Todd McCormick.

IBM executive returning to give lecture

Marilyn D. Johnson, recently named business opportunity executive for retail/wholesale industry marketing at IBM North America Headquarters in White Plains, N.Y., will make a presentation in conjunction with the African American Alumni Lecture Series at Marshall University on Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

"Preparing for Leadership in the 21st Century" will be the topic of her presentation.

Johnson received her bachelor's degree in physical education (1974) and master's degrees in general education (1975) and curriculum development (1976) from Marshall.

While at the university, she was an academic honor student, a member of the cheerleading squad, a charter member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, a member of the Black United Students, served as a resident adviser and represented the school as "Miss Huntington 1972." She also worked as a news and weather reporter for WSAZ-TV.

In 1977 she joined IBM's sales and marketing field organization in Los Angeles, Calif., as a marketing support trainee. She held various positions in sales before being named executive assistant to the general manager of IBM's Southwestern Business Geography.

Johnson was named marketing manager in southern California in 1992 and was promoted to IBM's North America Marketing Headquarters in 1994. She served as a staff negotiator in software procurement for 18 months before accepting an assignment as program operations manager, reporting to the vice presidents of retail/wholesale industry sales in North America.

Last year she was named manager of worldwide operations for IBM's Printing Systems Division with responsibilities for business re-engineering, sales planning, business controls compliance, customer satisfaction, skills of field sales representatives and executive briefings supporting Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Canada and the United States.

She has been involved in several community and professional organizations and is a member of the "Coalition of 100 Black Women."

Her presentation, sponsored by the African American Students' Program Office, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the African American Students' Program Office at Marshall University, 304-696-6705.



Johnson

Professor of the Year nominations being taken

The Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia is seeking nominations for the 1997 Professor of the Year Award which includes a \$10,000 cash prize, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

Two runners-up in the competition each will receive \$1,000 cash prizes.

Nominees from the faculties at West Virginia colleges and universities will be judged on teaching ability, student evaluations, academic credentials and community service.

"The professor of the year program gives everyone, including the general public, the opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements of our state's higher education mentors," said Gov. Cecil H. Underwood, former president of the Faculty Merit Foundation.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the foundation by May 30. Applicants may be nominated by college administrators, faculty peers, students or former students.

To obtain nomination forms or further details contact the Marshall University Academic Affairs Office, Old Main Room 110, 696-5442.

MU alumna named fellow

Marshall alumna Victoria Smith is one of 34 teachers selected from throughout the nation as an American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education-MetLife Fellow. She was nominated for the honor by the university.

The program recognizes teachers who have demonstrated an ability to employ methods that bring cultural diversity into the classroom. Smith was selected for her work on the Cabell County Multicultural Education Council, the Community Forum on Racism and the board of directors of Hospice and Barnett Child Care Center.

The Spring Hill Elementary third grade teacher also was the 1996 recipient of the Milken Family Foundation Teacher of the Year Award and was Cabell County Teacher of the Year for 1995-96.

Marshall Concert Band will perform April 20

Marshall University's Concert Band, under the direction of Baruch J. Whitehead, will present its annual spring concert Sunday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The concert will feature Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute soloist, and a special presentation by the Cabell Midland High School Band.

Included in the program will be James Kessler's "Gaelic Rondo" for flute and band; Mark Camphouse's "A Movement for Rosa" dedicated to Rosa Parks, the civil rights heroine; Robert Smith's "Inferno" and Gustav Holst's "First Suite." The concert will conclude with a multi-media presentation of Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

The concert, open to the public free of charge, also will feature guest conductor Steven Hall, assistant director of bands at Marshall, and student conductors Elizabeth McCormick and William Haddix.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 304-696-3117.

WAC workshop to be held

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "The Writing and Thinking Relationship" will be held Wednesday, April 16, at noon in Harris Hall Room 403.

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

Writing awards will be presented April 28

Thirty-four Marshall University students will receive cash prizes totaling \$9,250 for work entered in the William J. Maier Writing Competition during an awards ceremony Monday, April 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

Awards will be given for papers written by students in 11 different categories including freshman papers (research papers and non-research papers) and upper-division and graduate nonfiction prose, poetry and fiction, according to Dr. Michele Schiavone of Marshall's English Department.

Edward H. Maier, president of the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation, also will present the Maier Latin Cup awards to area high school students and the Maier Latin Scholarship to a Marshall student.

The writing awards were established in 1973 after the late William J. Maier Jr. read an article on freshman composition by

Student receives honor

Robert Todd McCormick of Huntington, a junior broadcasting major at Marshall University, has been selected to attend the sixth annual Collegiate Sports Journalism Seminar being held April 25-27 in conjunction with the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Chuck Bailey, associate professor in Marshall's School of Journalism and Mass Communications and faculty manager of WMUL-FM, said only 50 of the nation's top student journalists, broadcasters and photographers are invited to participate in the three-day event. "It is an honor for one of our students to be selected to attend this prestigious event," said Bailey.

Students are given an opportunity to attend panel discussions and accompany professional journalists as they gather news on owners, trainers, jockeys and horses preparing for the 123rd Kentucky Derby.

Bailey said the purpose of the seminar is to give students the opportunity to observe professional journalists as they cover a major sporting event and discuss the changing nature of the job market in sports journalism and the excitement and challenges of covering sports for a living.

McCormick is a member of the sports staff at Marshall's award-winning public radio station, WMUL-FM.

Landscape art class set

Marshall University's Art Department will sponsor a special landscape painting class during the university's intersession this summer, according to Michael Cornfeld, chair of the department.

"Rendering the Landscape" (Art 480) will meet from 9 a.m. to noon from May 12 through May 30. Participants will meet for one week of the class, May 18-23, at Twin Falls State Park.

Any suitable media (drawing, pastels, watercolor, photography) may be used for the class. Works produced in the class will be on display in Birke Art Gallery June 9-20 along with poetry and prose pieces produced by members of a concurrent course taught by the English Department.

There will be an additional fee of \$150 to cover the cost of rooms at Twin Falls State Park. Lunches and one dinner will be included in the package. A \$50 deposit will be required by April 15.

Participants must have permission to take the course. To obtain further details contact Cornfeld in the Marshall University Art Department, 696-2897.

Marshall University professor John Teel in the National Review.

The awards recognize, reward and encourage excellence in writing by undergraduate and graduate students.

Latin awards were established by Maier in 1979 to repay, in some way, the special attention given to him by his high school Latin teacher. Maier credited the teacher's extra devotion to Latin and students of Latin with helping him secure a scholarship to Harvard University.

High school students are presented the cash awards based on their scores on the College Board Latin Achievement Examination.

Maier Latin Sight-translation Contest awards also will be presented. The contest was created in conjunction with the West Virginia Junior Classical League Convention.

Each junior high school and high school represented at the convention could select one student to compete in each of the four levels of the contest. Students in the four levels of competition participated by translating Latin passages on sight.

William J. Maier was born in Clarksburg and attended school in Elkins, Wheeling and Huntington, where he graduated from high school at the age of 16. He received a scholarship to Harvard and became a Rhodes Scholar.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Maier practiced law in Charleston and established natural gas and merchandise storage businesses. He later dropped the law practice to concentrate on the management of his assets.

Maier, and the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation which he established in 1958, contributed millions of dollars to educational purposes and institutions.

The awards program will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Schiavone at Marshall University, 304-696-2387.

MU Theatre plans plays

The Marshall University Theatre will present a "Texas Two-Step" April 23-26 at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse when it performs James McLure's "Laundry and Bourbon" and "Lone Star." There will be an additional matinee performance Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

Director Eugene J. Anthony, assistant professor of theatre at Marshall, said "Texas Two-Step" is an evening of raucous, raw and irreverent comedy flavored by the humor of the Southwest. It contains mature themes and bawdy language and therefore is not appropriate for a young audience.

Phil Wilcox of Huntington will portray Roy Calder, a disenfranchised Vietnam veteran who spends his nights at Angle's bar drinking Lone Star beer and spinning hilarious yarns of by-gone days. Wilcox, who recently played Macbeth in an MU Theatre production, was named as one of "Fifty People to Watch" by Huntington Quarterly Magazine.

Jennifer Samples of Charleston will play Hattie, a wise-cracking, no holds barred, down home kind of girl.

The cast also includes Jeremy Richter and Aaron Kliner of Wheeling, Peteria Cochran of Charleston and Vivian Smith of Morgantown.

Tickets are \$8. Senior citizens over 65 will be admitted for \$6. Full-time Marshall students with valid identification cards will be admitted free. Tickets will go on sale April 14.

To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall University Box Office, 304-696-2787. The Box Office is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.