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Lancaster receives MMA honor

Dr. John S. Lancaster, professor of mathematics at Marshall University, has been selected as the sixth recipient of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Ohio Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics.

The award was presented during the Ohio Section meeting held recently at Youngstown State University. The award is presented to those who are widely recognized as successful teachers, have contributed to the mathematical sciences, and have influenced their teaching of mathematics beyond their own institutions and foster curiosity and excitement about mathematics in their students.

Four to be honored at 160th Commencement

Marshall University will award about 1,900 degrees during annual Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 10, in the Huntington Civic Arena. The program will begin at 11 a.m.

Governor Cecil H. Underwood will be the Commencement speaker and will be accompanied by an honorary doctoral degree. Also receiving honorary doctorates will be Dr. Mildred Mitchell Bateman, President of the Army Surgeon General; Dr. Paul C. Fleckner and William E. Willis, administrators according to the Leadership Tri-State board of directors for a one-year term.

Dr. HAROLD T. MURPHY, president and chair of the Modern Languages Department, attended the Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching held April 18 at Indiana University at Pennsylvania. He gave a presentation titled "El mundo entre el cine," which analyzed the work of Carlos Fuentes in his latest novel, "El oeste." He also participated in a roundtable discussion on "Innovations in Teaching English as a Second Language," which was attended by 1,000 participants.

CHRIS OEHREL, instructor in the Community and Technical College, made a presentation titled "Alternative Assessment: Group Tests" at the spring conference of the Ohio Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges held April 5. He also made a presentation titled "A Sense of Worth of 'Adventures in Algebra' - One Instructor's Experience with a Computer Automated Homework System" at the spring conference of the Virginia Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges held April 11-12.

LYNDA CANNON, Marshall's resource collaborative director for the Appalachian Rural Systemic Initiative, attended the Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference held in Morehead, Ky. She participated in a roundtable discussion on "Riding the Crest of the Third Wave" (The Information Age).

Dr. JEFFERY STUTT, senior analyst and chief of the Department of Theatre, had his new play, "Truth and Consequences," selected for the Off-Off-Broadway Short Play Festival held in New York City.

ELWELL, along with other students from the Collenbeck School System, was instrumental in redesigning the center's budget and developed a large group of skilled and dedicated staff.

Valentine retiring from university May 31

Carol J. Valentine, assistant professor of English at Marshall University, has announced her retirement effective May 31, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at the university.

A native of Belle, W.Va., Valentine received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and did graduate work at Montana (P) 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. She served as advisor for the Campus Crusade For Christ, an advisory board member of the Feminist Literary Journal, and chairperson of the Commencement and Convocation Committee.

Marshall University's College of Liberal Arts will present Outstanding Teaching awards to three faculty members during the concluding ceremony of the academic year held Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Dr. Joan Tyler Mead, dean of the college, said awards and stipends of $1,000 will be presented to Nancy H. Lang, assistant professor of English; Dennis C. Lobes, instructor of journalism, and Debra K. Teachman, assistant professor of English.

The names of the winners also will be engraved on a plaque displayed in the College of Liberal Arts Office in Old Main Room 107.

This is the first year that the college will be presenting Outstanding Teaching awards during its annual Graduating Senior Event. Winners were selected by the Dean's Advisory Committee.

"We have numerous outstanding teachers in the College of Liberal Arts," said Mead. "This year's awards identify three of them.

Valentine will retire May 31 after 26 years of service. According to Denman, Valentine has been a thoughtful and caring member of the Marshall community since she came to campus in 1954 as a student.

She was co-director of Marshall's four-day conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1945. The conference brought more than 1,000 delegates 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.

Valentine, who recently received Marshall's Distinguished Service Award, has made presentations at various conferences and presented guest lectures in Thailand, China and Mongolia. She also is active in the church and community organizations.
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Medical degrees to 50 and Ph.D. degree to five.

Of those eligible to receive degrees, 358 completed requirements
last summer and another 537 did so last December. The figure of 1,501 completing their work this spring could change
slightly after completion of final examinations, Ms. Ferguson
noted.

Gus. Underwood, who will receive the honorary Doctor of Human-
ities degree, enjoys the unique distinction of serv-
ing as both West Virginia's youngest governor and its oldest
governor, having been elected to the post in 1935 and 1996.

Dr. Mildred McComas, who has had a medi-
cal career spanning 50 years, served as director of the State
Department of Mental Health for four governors and was the first
African American to administer a major West Virginia State
Agency. The former chair of the MU School of Medicine's De-
partment of Psychiatry, she currently serves as clinical director
of the state's Huntington Hospital and part-time professor of
psychiatry in the School of Medicine. She will be awarded the
honorary Doctor of Humanities.

William W. & Cromwell, including service as chief attorney for the National
Food & Drugs Administration, has been a long-time supporter of Marshall, particularly in its effort to
build a new library. He will receive the honorary Doctor of Human-
ities degree.

Huntington native Franklin D. Cleckley, one of the state's most
prominent attorneys and a professor of law at West Virginia
University, in 1972 became WVU's first African American full
professor. In 1994 he was appointed a justice on the West Vir-
ginia Supreme Court of Appeals, the first African American to
serve on that court. Widely known for his writings in various
areas of the law, he drafted the West Virginia Rules of Evidence
and the West Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure. He will receive the
honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Greetings will be delivered to the new graduates by Kay
Goodwin, chair of the University System Board of Trustees; Bea
N. Orr, chair of the university's Institutional Board of Advisors,
and Jane Butcher, president of the Marshall Alumni Associa-

tion.

Event will raise funds for MU health library

A Hard Hat Party May 17 at the construction site of the Marshall University Medical Center will benefit Marshall's
Health Sciences Library.

Sponsored by the School of Medicine and Cabell Huntington
Hospital, the event will begin at 7 p.m. with a cocktail reception, to be followed by dinner and tours of the new cedules.
Each participant will be provided a Mardi Gras.

Special activities will include a silent auction, a "dumb truck
guestimate," and the opportunity for participants to leave their
mark on the new facility by buying a commemorative brick or
stair. Guests are encouraged to mix construction garbage with black-
tie attire, and a prize will be given to the best dressed guest.

Photos of those who attend will be placed in a time capsule to be
opened in 50 years.

Tickets are $75 a person. For more information call Beth Ham-
mers at 696-7163.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

As this academic year is almost history, I take this opportu-
nity to thank you for your support during my tenure at Marshall.

Your countless notes of best wishes have been comforting
and I am most appreciative. Marshall will always have a spe-
cial place in my heart. Retirement—I recommend it to all
who are eligible.

Sincerely,

Neil Bailey

MU staff members to be recognized at luncheon

Marshall University's 12th annual Service Awards Luncheon
will be held Thursday, May 15, from noon to 2 p.m. in the W.
Dorn Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The following university staff members will receive awards:

For 15 Years of Service—Nina Barrett, Eddie Brozey, Connie
Chapman, John Darrah, Sharon Gates, Herbert Karlet, Paula
Kelly, Linda Mills, Janie Rone, Penny Smoot, Jerry Stowasser,
Mark Taylor.

For 20 Years of Service—David Arguin, Hildegard Bauer,
Mario Billy, Robert Bolling, Ezra Brininger, Janet Dudley, Char-
lotte Hardin, Linda Holmes, Betty Lawhorn, Thomas Lovins,
Joyce Ray, Ida Reed, William Shendel, Jack Shaffer, Carol Skaggs,
Judy Watters.

For 25 Years of Service—Delana June Addkins, Nancy Fil-
bert, Charles McKinney, Judith Olson, Barbara Ransbottom;

For 30 Years of Service—Julia Gibson;

For 35 Years of Service—Shirley Dyer.

Retirees—Neil Bailey, Edna Ball, Lois Jacqueline Ball, Shirley
Bledsoe, Clifford Curry, John E. Garrido, Wilma Gibbons, Bar-
bara James, Clowo Johnson, Richard Lannson, Judy Mag, Clarice
Maynard, Helen Moeller, Floyd McSweeney, Ernestine Osburn,
Reginald Spencer, Cal Stephenson, Maxine Vernon, Jacqueline
White.

To be eligible for awards employees must have completed 15,
20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years of service to Marshall University by
May 1, 1997.

Senators meeting planned

Marshall University's Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, May
15, at 10 a.m. in the Patio Dining Area on the second floor of the
Memorial Student Center.

The agenda will include: the approval of minutes of 4/24/97;
announcements; report of the university president; ACF report;
22 standing committee recommendations to approve course evalu-
ations and an alternative resolution regarding course evalua-
tions, a proposal that residence hall parking be moved to the
stadium lot freeing existing residence hall spaces for commuter
parking, the establishment of the Marshall University Depen-
dent Employee Scholarship, that graduate assistants be allowed
to request alternate parking on those lots designated for faculty
parking; final approval of non-expenditure and personnel ap-
proval of 22 standing committee recommendations to approve course evalu-
ations; requests to speak to the senate; old business; new
process/_decision/open forum, and agenda requests for future meet-
ings.

Mufsons establish award

An outstanding Marshall University medical graduate will be
honored annually through an award established by Dr. Maurice
A. Mufson and his wife, Diane.

Mufson, chairman of the School of Medicine's Depart-
ment of Medicine, and his wife, a licensed psychologist, endowed the award through The Marshall University Foundation
Inc. to recognize a graduating student who excelled in courses in the Department of Medicine and who plans a career in in-
ternal medicine or one of its subspecialties.

Dr. Mufson, a Marshall professor and department chairperson
since 1978, currently is president of the Association of Profes-
sors of Medicine, a national organization comprising chairs from
125 U.S. medical schools.

A native of New York, Mufson graduated from Bucknell Uni-
versity and for the last 36 years has been on the faculty of the
School of Medicine.

He recently was presented The Solomon A. Berson Alumni
Achievement Award in Health Science by NYU. He is well known
for his research on infectious diseases and has published more than
50 scientific papers and book chapters.

Diane Mufson, a partner in Affiliates in Psychology and
Therapy Inc., graduated from the University of Vermont and
earned master's degrees from Cornell University and Marshall.

Mufson joins department

Captain William R. Kinsey has joined the faculty of Marshall
University's Department of Military Science, according to Lt.Col.
Thomas R. Norcun, chair of the department.

Kinsey earned a bachelor's degree in political science and was
commissioned at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1992.
He will serve as an assistant professor of Military Science at
Marshall. He most recently was assigned to Fort Benning,
Ga., where he completed the Infantry Officers' Advanced Course.
His most recent assignment was at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.
Kinsey is replacing Capt. Edward J. Burke who has been reas-
signed to Germany.