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WMUL students receive Marconi awards

Students from Marshall University's public radio station, WMUL-FM, received three first place awards in the Fifth Annual Marconi College Radio Awards ceremony held last month in Chicago.

"It is a very rewarding accomplishment to win three first place Marconi awards out of the eight granted in 1997," said Chuck Bailey, faculty manager of WMUL.

"With 14 total first place finishes since 1992, WMUL-FM has won more Marconi awards than any other college radio station in the nation. I am proud of our students who have brought such honor to Marshall University, the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and

WMUL-FM."

The first place recipients and their categories were:

Newstalk Achievement: "Five o'clock edition of Newscenter 88," anchored by Rebecca Bokkon, a sophomore from Summersville, and Jeff Shaw, a junior from Burgin, Ky. The program was broadcast Thursday, March 27, 1997.

Sportscasting Achievement: The sports segment of the "Five o'clock edition of Newscenter 88," written and anchored by Derek Chapman, a junior from Chesapeake, Ohio. The program was broadcast Friday, Feb. 28, 1997.

Sports Play-By-Play: WMUL -FM's

broadcast of the MU-WVU football game Aug. 30, 1997. Broadcasting students announcing the game were Brian Guthrie, a senior from Belmont; Dennis Black, a graduate student from St. Petersburg, Fla. and Angela Henderson, a graduate student from Chesapeake, Ohio.

"The work that WMUL-FM entered in the competition was professional and clearly met the objectives of the categories," said Rob Creighton, coordinator of the Marconi College Radio Awards.

"The student broadcasters of WMUL-FM really do a good job and we look forward to hearing their work in future contests," Creighton said.

Funeral held for former Special Education director

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 6 for Dr. Offa Lou Jenkins, former English professor and director of special education at MU.

Jenkins, 79, was also the director of the Rehabilitation Center at the University of Virginia, chair of the Special Education Department at Winthrop College and principal of several elementary schools during her career.

While at MU, she was co-author of "A Note on the Future of Special Education," published by the National Council for Exceptional Children as part of that organization's Professional Standards and Guidelines project.

Dr. Jenkins was granted a sabbatical leave by MU during the 1972-73 academic year to serve as assistant director of the Professional Standards and Guidelines Project at the invitation of the council.

She was presented an Award of Merit Plaque from the Council for Exceptional Children for her work on the project and was elected to a three-year term on the council's Board of Governors.

A 1938 graduate of both Greensboro College and King's Business College, she received a master's degree from William & Mary and a Ed.D. from the University of Virginia. Jenkins also conducted post-doctoral work at Purdue University.

A member of "World Who's Who of Women, 1973," Dr. Jenkins was the founder and executive officer of McPherson Complex, a member of the Halifax County School Board, a member of the Lakeland Cultural Arts Center and the former Mayor of Littleton, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Allen Jenkins. Those surviving include: two sons, Melvin Elwood Jenkins of Columbia, S.C. and James Allen Jenkins of Fresno, Calif.; three brothers, James Harris of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., Dick Harris of Norfolk, Va., and Carl Harris of Littleton, N.C.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CSEGA Fellows donate items to library

Dr. Susan A. Eacker and Geoff Eacker, resident fellows in the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia, presented a set of audio tapes entitled "The Banjo Women of West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky" Dec. 9 to the special collections section of the James E. Morrow Library.

Since joining the center during the fall semester, the Eackers have conducted audio interviews of 10 women banjo players from eastern Kentucky and West Virginia.

"These interviews are important because they document a little known aspect of local folk music," Geoff Eacker said. "Most banjo players are men and these interviews provide a glimpse at those women who also play an instrument which is identified with the Appalachian culture."

The Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia Scholars-in-Residence program is funded by a Rockefeller Foundation grant.



Front row, from left: Dr. Susan A. Eacker, CSEGA fellow; Lisle G Brown, special collections curator and Geoff Eacker, CSEGA fellow. Back row, from left: John Taylor, graduate student, Cora Teel, University archivist; Mary Thompson, CSEGA administrative assistant and Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, CSEGA co-director.



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Broce named Employee of the Month

Gina Broce of Huntington, program assistant I in the School of Nursing, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for December, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.



Broce

Broce has worked for the MU School of Nursing for seven years. She was nominated for the award by Giovanna Morton,

professor and associate dean of the school, while numerous other members of the school sent their written support with the official nomination.

"Gina began her career at Marshall University when the Master of Science in Nursing program was initiated," Morton said. "Over the course of these years she has assumed her duties graciously and has readily adapted to many changes."

"In spite of her heavy workload, Gina always has a smile and a kind word for everyone. I repeatedly hear from students, faculty, staff and the general public how much they appreciate her. She is truly an

ambassador for Marshall University."

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

"Gina has grown with the program and capably took on added responsibilities as they developed," said Lynne Welch, dean of the MU School of Nursing. "She is thorough and organized in her work and makes excellent suggestions for improvement in department processes and procedures."

Nancy Fagan, assistant professor in the school, said "Gina's professional skills are excellent and she is always available to assist others. She is a compassionate individual whose smile brightens the day."

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

New faculty award announced

A bequest to Marshall University from Charles B. Hedrick and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick has established a new faculty award, the Dr. Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award, according to Frances Hensley, associate vice president for academic affairs.

The annual award, in the amount of \$3,000, will recognize a faculty member who meets the following criteria:

- Must be a full-time faculty member.
- Must have a minimum of seven years of teaching experience at MU.
- Must have a record of outstanding classroom teaching (at the undergraduate or graduate level), scholarship, research and creative activities.

By request of the donors, priority will be given to faculty from the Department of
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Paycheck distribution set

Paychecks for all MU employees for the pay period ending Dec. 31 will be distributed Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Payroll Office, 205 Old Main, according to Sharon Rutherford, director of payroll and sponsored programs.

Entry to Old Main will be through the south entrance only (adjacent to the new library construction). Employees must

show some type of identification before the check can be released.

If someone else will be picking up your check, you must notify the Payroll Office in writing by Monday, Dec. 22. Please include your Social Security number.

Checks not picked up on Dec. 31 and all direct deposit stubs will be distributed to departments through normal channels on Monday, Jan. 5.

Holiday Wishes

Nanna and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a joyous holiday season and a happy, prosperous new year.

I want to thank you for the hard work and caring attitude you exhibit every day on behalf of Marshall University.

Your efforts don't go unnoticed or unappreciated. I am proud of your dedication and proud of what we are accomplishing at Marshall University.

Sincerely,
J. Wade Gilley

SCORES receives \$1,500 grant for Quiz Bowl

The Foundation for the Tri-State Community Inc. has awarded a \$1,500 grant to Marshall University to enable area high school students to participate in the National Quiz Bowl.

Mary Witten Neal, president of the Foundation for the Tri-State Community Inc., presented the check recently to Sherry Asbury, executive director of The Marshall University Foundation Inc., during a meeting of the Marshall Foundation's Executive Committee.

The grant will be used for prizes in the second annual double-elimination Quiz Bowl conducted by Marshall's SCORES (Search Committee on Recognizing Excellent Students) Academic Festival, according to Sherry B. Brooks, project coordinator.

Thirty-two teams from high schools in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio will compete at Marshall on March 6-7, 1998. The top two teams will then be eligible to participate in national Quiz Bowl competitions held in New Orleans, La., and Washington, D.C.

The \$1,500 grant from The Foundation for the Tri-State Community Inc. will allow Marshall to award \$1,000 to the winning team for participation in the National Quiz Bowl and \$500 to the runner-up team.

New MU faculty award announced

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History, the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business and the Family and Consumer Science program.

A selection committee composed of one faculty representative from each college, one faculty representative from the Faculty Senate, one undergraduate student appointed by the Student Government Association and one graduate student appointed by the Graduate Student Council will review nominations and select the recipient.

Nomination forms may be picked up in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Individuals may be nominated by faculty, staff or students by sending a completed nomination form to Dr. Frances Hensley, Office of Academic Affairs, Old Main Room 110. Nominees who meet the criteria will be asked to submit a teaching credentials file, a research/scholarship/creative activities file, a vita and recommendation from three colleagues.

Contact the Office of Academic Affairs for more information, 696-6690.



Mary Witten Neal (left), president of the Foundation for the Tri-State Community Inc., presents a \$1,500 check for Marshall University's SCORES (Search Committee on Recognizing Excellent Students) Academic Festival to Sherry Asbury, executive director of The Marshall University Foundation Inc. With them is Steve Hatten, president of the Marshall Foundation board of directors.

The SCORES grant was one of six projects funded recently through the 21st Century Endowment of the Foundation for the Tri-State Community Inc.

"Targeting the New Millennium" is the theme for the festival, which attracts

approximately 4,000 outstanding high school students from the Tri-State area. "We are offering young people a chance to experience the world of academic excellence as it steadily advances into the future," Brooks said.

Applications available for faculty development seminars and institutes

The National Endowment for the Humanities supports faculty development through residential summer seminars and institutes.

These programs are designed to provide teachers drawn from across the nation with intensive summer study of important texts and topics in the humanities.

Seminars and institutes are intended to foster excellent teaching by encouraging collegial discussion of humanities topics

within close-knit scholarly communities. They also promote active scholarship in the humanities in ways suited to teachers at all levels from elementary school through college.

Twenty-five collegiate positions are available. If you are interested in applying for one of these institutes or seminars, contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 696-6690. Application deadline is March 1, 1998.

Next MU News Letter Jan. 15

The next edition of the Marshall University News Letter will be Thursday, Jan. 15, during the first week of the Spring semester.

All items for publication in the News Letter must be submitted to John Winters in the Office of University Relations by 10 a.m. Tuesday to be published the following Thursday.

Longer items should be submitted as early

as possible to ensure publication.

The MU News Letter is published weekly during the Spring and Fall semesters and bi-weekly during the summer terms. It is distributed on Thursdays.

For more information, contact John Winters in the Office of University Relations, 696-2586.

Best wishes to you. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

MU faculty and staff achievements

DANNY FULKS, professor in the Department of Education, has an essay entitled "Buried Five Times, Floyd Collins, Caver" in press for *Timeline*, a journal from the Ohio Historical Society. He also contributed a chapter entitled "Define Yourself" to the book "Planning for Diversity in Rural Southwestern Schools" (Morris Publishing, Kearny, Neb., 1997.)

FULKS also had a personal essay entitled "The Way We Laughed" published in the Spring 1997 edition of *Now and Then* (East Tennessee State University). He also participated in an author's round table discussion at the Nov. meeting of the West Virginia State Reading Conference at White Sulphur Springs.

Dr. HOWARD R. D. GORDON, professor in the Department of Adult and Technical Education, attended the Annual American Vocational Education Research Association Convention held Dec. 11-14 in Las

Vegas, Nev. GORDON presented the annual historian's report and served as facilitator for the research session entitled "Preparation for the Workplace."

Dr. DARSHANA T. SHAH, assistant professor in the Department of Pathology, and Dr. ERNEST M. WALKER, professor and chair of the Department of Pathology of the MU School of Medicine, wrote a chapter along with Dr. Bryan Larsen, formerly of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, entitled "Dithiocarbamates: Novel antimicrobial agents for nosocomial pathogens" for the book "Recent Research Developments in Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy." They also were authors of "Inhibitory effects of seven organosulphur compounds on clinical isolates of *Candida* species *in vitro*" in the *Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science*.

Dr. LYNNE WELCH, dean of the MU School of Nursing, has been elected to serve

on the 1998 nominating committee for the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing.

THOMAS E. WILSON, associate professor in the Department of Physics and Physical Science, presented consecutive invited seminars entitled "A Novel Ultrashort-Pulsed Far-Infrared Laser: Potential Applications in High-Resolution Cryogenic Acoustic Microscopy" to the Universität Dortmund Lehrstuhl für Experimentelle Physik II Nov. 28, and to the Universität Regensburg Institut für Experimentelle and Angewandte Physik, Federal Republic of Germany Dec. 4.

WILSON also arranged an equipment exchange with Dr. Dietmar Froelich, a physicist at Universität Dortmund, which has resulted in the acquisition of a unique stress apparatus suitable for low temperature, condensed matter physics research in phonon generation at MU.

Taylor funeral held Dec. 16

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 16 for Wayne Gilbert Taylor, professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Taylor, 56, was a member of the Marshall University faculty for 26 years. He had recently won the Ray O. Duncan Award given to the outstanding HPER professional in West Virginia.

"An excellent teacher, he is beloved by his students," said Mary Borst, chair of the Ray O. Duncan Award committee. "He has made kinesiology and research come alive for a generation of Marshall students."

Dr. Bob Barnett, professor and chair of the HPER department, said Taylor was a special teacher. "At most colleges, students avoid those courses like the plague, but at Marshall they filled those classes, especially those in Mechanical Analysis and Structural Kinesiology as if they were some kind of gut courses. The reason is Wayne Taylor," he said.

Born in McComas, W.Va., Taylor was raised in Princeton. He received a bachelor's degree from Concord College in 1963 and a

master's in 1967 and Ed.D. in 1971 from the University of Tennessee.

Before joining the MU faculty in 1971, Taylor taught at Waynesboro (Va.) High School from 1963 to 1966, was a teacher in the Knox County (Tenn.) Public Schools from 1966 to 1967 and a professor at the University of Tennessee from 1967 to 1971.

He is also a member of "Who's Who, 1963," the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and the American Association of HPER.

Taylor was preceded in death by his wife, Rebecca Marcum Taylor. Survivors include: a daughter, Kim Taylor of Huntington; a sister and special brother-in-law, Shirley and Richard James of St. Albans; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Tim and Anita Sweeney of Concord, N.C., Ed and Harriett Allen of Middletown, Md., Jack and Brenda Marcum of Kingsport, Tenn. and many nieces and nephews.

A scholarship has been founded in honor of Dr. Taylor. Donations may be made to the Wayne G. Taylor Scholarship Fund in care of the Marshall University Foundation.

Volunteers needed for Habitat for Humanity

Linda McComas, a MU staff member from the Physical Plant, has qualified to receive a home from Habitat for Humanity, an organization "whose members take time out to become a volunteer who makes shelter a matter of conscience," according to Sherry Brooks, director of SCORES.

McComas needs 50 more volunteer hours in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity to satisfy the requirements for getting a new home. If you, your group or organization would like to help meet these requirements, contact Habitat for Humanity, 523-4822 for details about volunteer locations.

Faculty diversity literature available

Literature concerning a new program to better prepare minorities for a career in academics is available in the Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Graduate School.

The Southern Regional Education Board, along with the New England Board for Higher Education and the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education are partnering with the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Ford Foundation to prepare more minority students for a career in education.

Over 150 scholars currently benefit from participation in the program and 48 institutions in 14 states are committed to offering doctoral programs which strengthen diversity. Brochures containing information about the Compact for Faculty Diversity are available in the Graduate School.

Excused absences...

The following students have received university absences for Thursday, Dec. 4 through Saturday, Dec. 6. They are members of the MU Debate Team who will be participating in a tournament at Ohio State University.

Excused—Jessica Greenwood, Alison Fisher, Michael Warren, Joshua Saunders, Christian Hess, Vanessa Williamson, Carrie Malone, Lauren Thompson and Ronda Childers.