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," 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," said Chuck Bailey, faculty manager of WMUL.

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 school's Professional Standards and Guidelines project.

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 Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia Scholars-in-Residence program is funded by a Rockefeller Foundation grant.

Gina 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 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 equally 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.

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 cannot be held. Payroll office will not be open Dec. 31 and all direct deposit stubs will be distributed to departments through normal channels on Monday, Jan. 5.
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 Ashby, 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 purchase $1,000 worth of the winning teams for participation in the National Quiz Bowl and $500 to the runner-up team.

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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.

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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, covering 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, 696-2386.

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 "Burned Five Times, Floyd Collins, Caves" 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, N.B., 1997.)

FULKS also had a personal essay entitled "We Looked at the Department of Pathology of the MU School of Medicine, was a chapter along with Dr. Bryan Larsen, formerly of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, entitled "Diisohydroxamates: Novel antithrombotic agents for nosocomial pathogen" for the book "Recent Developments in Anti-infectious Agents and Immuno-therapy." They also were authors of antihypertensive effect of some organophosphorus compounds on clinical isolates of Candida species in vivo in the Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science.

MU Undergraduate Alumni Awards

The MU Undergraduate Alumni Awards will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, 1998, in the MU Alumni Room in Morgan Hall. The awards recipients and their families will be honored in a ceremony in the morning followed by a luncheon and awards ceremony.

The award recipients will be presented with plaques and certificates of recognition at the luncheon. The recipients will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the University and their communities.

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Literature concerning a new program to better prepare minorities for a career in academia 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 to support minority students in science and engineering.

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.