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Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management in the Management/Marketing Division, attended the November meeting of the University's faculty to receive a letter of appreciation written by the governor's appointment on the Forest Management Review Commission. He served as chair of a subcommittee that reviewed the Division of Forestry's 10-year management plan for state forests. ALEXANDER presented a paper titled "A Brief Analysis of Modern Health Care Reform" at the Academy of Business Administrations International Global Business Trends Conference held Dec. 17-22 in Aruba. The paper was written with Jon D. Payton, a graduate student. ALEXANDER presented a workshop on "Effective Meeting Skills for the Experienced and the Inexperienced at the Mid-Winter Conference of the West Virginia Municipal

Student to give recital

Shana Pietel of Keyser, a music major at Marshall University, will present her senior recital Sunday, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. She will perform works by Bach, Schumann, Debussy and Beethoven.

While attending Keyser High School, Pietel taught piano and clarinet at a music store and performed with the Potomac State College Wind Ensemble.

Pietel came to Marshall in 1992 as a piano major with a clarinet emphasis. She is studying piano with Dr. Leslie Petteys at Marshall and is a piano and clarinet instructor in Marshall's Music Preparatory Department. The 12-member team included Pam and five medical professionals. Most of the team's efforts were in a hospital, clinic and orphanage in Puerto Cabazos on the Caribbean coast. GRUBER presented a brief orientation session before leaving the United States.

Med students get awards

Seven Marshall University medical students received $10,000 scholarships from the University System of West Virginia.

The awards are given to students who are pursuing careers in primary care and rural practice in West Virginia.

Marshall students, all in their fourth year, receiving awards were: Michael Edward Beane of Wood County, Mark David Payton, a medicine student from Wayne County, Gary David Creamans II of Wayne County, Cheri Yost Lindbergh of Marshall County, Melody Stewart-Cyrus of Wayne County, Paula Flanagan Taylor of Kanawha County and Cynthia Zhao of Cabell County.

The Health Sciences Scholarship Program was established by the University System of West Virginia Legislature in 1995 to increase the number of primary care providers in the underserved areas. Scholarship recipients make a commitment to practice primary care in a rural West Virginia community for at least two years after completing their training.

Office needs envelopes

The University Relations Office needs small campus envelopes. Any offices or departments that have a surplus of small campus envelopes can contact Lynn Mayfield in the University Relations Office, 696-3637, to arrange to have them picked up.

League held Jan. 21-22 in Charleston. He also had a paper titled "Free Enterprise and a Partnership in Economic Education" accepted by the Association of Private Enterprise Education. He was a member of an annual conference scheduled March 30-April 2 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dr. WILLIAM WALLACE, professor emeritus, and Dr. DONALD L. HALL of the Counseling and Rehabilitation Program are the authors of a new book titled "Psychological Consultation and Application." The book, published by Brooks/Cole Publishers, has a 1996 publication date.


Dr. JOHN A. SINGLEY, associate professor in the Safety Technology Department, delivered a talk titled "Milestones in Industrial Hygiene and Their Effects on the Future of Occupational Health" to the Southern Ohio Safety Council on Jan. 31 at Portsmouth, Ohio.

CARRI RAMM, associate professor of communication studies, has been notified that a paper she co-authored has been accepted for publication by The Journal of Leadership Studies. The title of the paper, "Communication Behaviors, Innovation, and the Maverick Leader," was accepted for publication in 1995.

Dr. CHUCK G. BAILEY, associate professor of broadcasting at Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and faculty advisor of Marshall's public radio station, WMUL-FM, recently received the second place award in the Faculty Adviser of the Year category in a competition sponsored by the National Association of College Broadcasters.

CHARLES F. GRUBER, associate professor of history, participated in a volunteer medical mission to Nicaragua sponsored Jan. 6-19 by the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. The 12-member team included GRUBER's wife, Pam, and five medical professionals. Most of the team's efforts were in a hospital, clinic and orphanage in Puerto Cabazos on the Caribbean coast. GRUBER presented a brief orientation session before leaving the United States.

South African scholar is visiting professor

Lewis Nkosi, an internationally recognized South African educator and author, will serve as a visiting Drisko Scholar in Marshall University's John Deaver Drisko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture during the spring semester. Dr. Alan W. Gould, executive director of the academic center.

In conjunction with Marshall's Office of Multicultural and International Programs and Department of English, Nkosi will lecture and teach classes on South African literature and politics.

Nkosi received a Nieman Fellowship from Harvard University's Center for International and Area Studies, a four-year diploma from the University of London, England, and a master's degree in English literature from the University of Sussex, England. He also completed two years of course work toward his doctorate at the University of Sussex.

Henry receives MU honor

Sharielle Henry of Huntington, program assistant in the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for January, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Henry has worked for the university for nine years.

She was nominated for the award by Martha C. Woodward, executive director of the Center for Academic Excellence and several members of Marshall's Sociology of Youth Scholars.

In making the nomination, Woodward said, "Sharielle Henry is the Model Hall Center Employee and an all-around spark plug of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence. Yeager faculty, board members, alumni, students and director all depend heavily on her for demands large and small. She fills difficult roles, handles the way for Yeager classes, freeing faculty to concentrate on what they should be doing, teaching. For board members she makes room reservations, coordinates daylong conferences, runs a month of a traditional Yeager faculty retreat. She answers requests for information, tracking down materials from all over campus and community; keeps track of alumni with the heart of a mother who knows where all her beloved offspring are; meets student needs from filling out necessary paper work to listening to problems of life and love, and supports the director by not only doing her job in outstanding fashion but by anticipating deadlines and being ready to come or stay late if that is what a task requires. She always, at all times dauntles challenges facing her, she remains loving and accepting of us. Her sense of humor bubbles under the surface and breaks through the chaos. I don't know what we would do without her.

Library receives pledge from St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington has joined other area businesses and individuals in supporting the $22 million high-tech library to be built at Marshall University. J. Thomas Jones, St. Mary's chief executive officer/executive director, said the hospital will contribute $50,000 over a five-year period.

"This library will not only be a tremendous resource for Marshall University but the entire Tri-State area will benefit through education and economic development," Jones said. "Through its pledge to the library project, which is so vital to Marshall's future, St. Mary's Hospital is supporting the university's growth and development;" Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said.

"The hospital has made a long-standing humanitarian contribution to our region and is an integral part of the local business community. It also plays a very special role in medical and nursing education," Gilley continued.

Founded in 1924 by the Province of the Missionary Sisters, an order of nuns that originated in Germany, St. Mary's Hospital is a Catholic, not-for-profit, tertiary care, teaching hospital. A prolific writer, Nkosi has published several books including "Underground People," "Tasks and Masks" (a study of themes and styles of African literature), "Home and Exile," "The Transplanted Heart" and "Mating Birds" which received the Macmillan Silver Pen Prize. He has written chapters for other books, several plays including "The Rhythm of Violence" and numerous papers for professional publications and journals. He also has served as a book reviewer for a number of international journals.

He is currently working on a post-Apartheid novel titled "The Cure."

"A noted international author and playwright, Mr. Nkosi will provide a stimulating literary environment in which students can gain an understanding of the rich culture and traditions of Africa," said Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall. "We are very enthusiastic and honored to include Lewis Nkosi as a part of our faculty this spring.

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Cleckley said Nkosi will teach courses in the Department of History, at MU, is visiting professor of African Studies, and is a South African scholar with a strong academic background.

Henry receives MU honor
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Henry will receive a plaque and $100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

WAC program to be held
A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "Uses for Overhead Transparencies in WAC Classes" will be held Friday, Feb. 16, at 2-5 p.m. in Harris Hall 403.

MU excused absences...
Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:
- Feb. 29-March 4-Clifford R. Haddox, retired vice chancellor of the MU Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.
- Dr. Beverly Twitchell Marchant, assistant professor of art at Marshall University, will present a slide lecture titled "Walter Bone Shirt and the Tradition of Plains Ledger Art" Monday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in Student Union Center Auditorium.

Marchant will discuss art of Plains Indians
The International Film Festival sponsored by the Marshall Artists Series, Blockbuster Video, the Greater Huntington Theatre Corporation and the Radisson Hotel will feature six films that will be shown at least three times each through Feb. 15.

Februarys
- "Burnt By The Sun," a Russian film that won an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film; "El Mariachi," a Spanish action-adventure film that won the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival; "Fandango," an Italian film with two powerful forces of love and money violently clash; "High Heels," a Spanish comedy-drama about a mother and daughter who share more than family ties; "The Madness of King George," an English film that was nominated for four Academy Awards and won for Best Art Direction, and "Red," the final film in Krystof Kieslowski's "three colors" trilogy.

Foreign films are not rated and therefore are not recommended for youth 17 and under.

Well/Fit offers course
Project Well/Fit will offer an introductory course titled "Kayak Touring and Basic Water Kayaking" beginning Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Henderson Student Center swimming pool.

Well/Fit Office, 696-3668.

Newsletter deadline set
Items for the Marshall University Newsletter must be submitted to the Office of Public Relations Office by 10 a.m. on Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday. Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to ensure publication.
Drinko Academy publishes Duckworth book

“Ramblings of a Scorched Soul,” a book of poems by Edna Smith Duckworth of Huntington, has been published by Marshall University’s John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture.

Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the academy, said, “We published the book because Mrs. Duckworth has been an important contributor to the civic life of Huntington and West Virginia.”

A lifelong resident of Huntington, Duckworth has been involved in many community organizations.

She graduated from high school at the age of 15 with scholarship offers from Bluefield State College and Knoxville College. However, she was unable to attend either institution because she was too young to live on the college campuses. She stayed home, married and became a mother.

Duckworth was active in the community and belonged to the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) at her children’s school. In the 1960s she began working with a program called ABLE in which she interviewed older residents living in urban areas and described how they were living.

She then worked with Community Action and joined the League of Women Voters. In 1975 she was involved in a program called Preventicare that taught physical fitness to elderly people. She is a longtime member of the Huntington Home-makers Club that began in the 1940s and serves as club historian. She also is a member of the Cabell Wayne Historical Society and was a charter member and secretary of the Carter G. Woodson Committee.

When she was a member of the West Virginia Minority Task Force, Gould provided her office space in Old Main. She since has participated in various programs at Marshall where she helped develop a program for black senior citizens and worked with the bibliographer for Marshall’s Rosanna A. Blake Library of Confederate History.

Dr. Joan Tyler Mead, dean of Marshall’s College of Liberal Arts, edited the book and wrote the foreword. She said, “The poetry that Edna Duckworth writes is moving and funny, bitter and hopeful, courageous, and above all, ‘feisty’—a word she likes to use about herself.”

Copies of “Ramblings of a Scorched Soul” are available for $8 by contacting Dr. Carl P. Burrowes, Carter G. Woodson distinguished professor in Marshall University’s Drinko Academy, 304-696-2473.

Student art on exhibit

The ninth annual Student Juried Exhibition, sponsored by the Marshall University Art Department, will be shown through Feb. 24 in Birke Art Gallery.

The purpose of the exhibition is to stimulate students to produce their best work, give them the kind of experience they need to be successful artists and reward excellence in visual art.

Many local businesses provide prize money and awards for winners of the show. The students put this prize money to practical use by purchasing art supplies or other art-related materials such as books, cameras and portfolios.

Welch to give concerts and make presentation

Leo Welch, assistant professor of guitar at Marshall University, will present a faculty recital Sunday, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Huntington.

Welch will be presenting concerts this spring throughout Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina and West Virginia and will perform March 9 for the Charleston Chamber Music Concert Series.

He also will make a presentation in April on strategies for teaching guitar in the public schools at the National Music Educator’s Conference.

Marshall’s first full-time guitar faculty member, Welch has performed throughout the eastern United States and Europe and has published numerous articles in professional journals.

He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the Crane School of Music and Florida State University. He completed extensive study of Bach transcriptions at the Eastman School of Music.

Welch is fulfilling an artist-in-residency this spring in Cabell County schools.

The faculty recital Feb. 25 will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Welch in Marshall University’s Department of Music, 304-696-6459.

Two grant programs open

Students are invited to apply for two fellowship programs at West Virginia University, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the Marshall University Graduate School.

The Arlen G. and Louise Stone Swiger Doctoral Fellowship provides a 12-month stipend of $12,000 plus tuition and fees. It is open to all U.S. citizens entering any doctoral program at WVU.

The W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship is open to African-American graduate and professional students. It provides a nine-month stipend of $10,000 plus payment of tuition and fees.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.
Wilcoxon responds to Faculty Senate questions

(The following report on the Jan. 25 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Kay Wildman, secretary.)


Members absent were: Merritt-Damron, Lester, Perry, Cowell, Finver, Walker and Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Elaine Baker. Minutes of the Dec. 14 meeting were approved as distributed.

Announcements:

David Woodward was welcomed back to the senate after being on sabbatical. Baker also welcomed Kay Goodwin, chair of the West Virginia Board of Trustees, as a visitor.

Baker referred to several sheets of information placed at senators' chairs. A sheet with many of the senators' e-mail addresses was compiled for information as well as for the opportunity to correct any errors. Senators who have not responded should do so in order to be included in the new senate web page.

ACF Report:
Caroline Perkins referred to the revised draft of system initiatives that was included with the senate agenda. The Board of Trustees will be discussing them again at their February meeting. A conference call with Marshall and West Virginia University representatives will take place prior to that February meeting for the purpose of receiving additional input.

After some general discussion and the re-emphasis of some suggestions previously made, Perkins was asked to stress that Marshall's original general response still stands.

Report of the University President:
President Gilley reported that $3.8 million has been raised thus far from the community (including MU employees) for the new library/information center. The fund is expected to reach $4 million by next month which will match the Drisko challenge.

Since Sept. 16, 1995, a total of $5.2 million has been received, much of which has helped fund student scholarships.

Gilley referred to three of the handout sheets and elaborated on the information provided there regarding new faculty positions since 1990-91 (Transition Institute positions reduced burdens in English and Math departments); enrollment trends and projections, and legislative summary.

Several questions followed. The first question was about the new football coach's salary package. Gilley replied that the base salary is $70,000 plus an incentive package of up to $17,000.

Displeasure was expressed for the lack of media information for Marshall's opening delay (from 8 to 10 a.m.) because of snow Jan. 12. It especially affected the Medical School since their semester already had begun.

A question was asked about the possible merger of West Virginia Tech and West Virginia University and how WVU sees it as a benefit. Gilley said that we can only speculate since he and Dr. Hardesty have not discussed it; however there are many concerns from our perspective that Gilley already has publicly expressed.

Gilley introduced Kay Goodwin and invited her to say a few words. She brought greetings from the Board of Trustees and complimented Gilley as an exemplary manager and fine university president. Referring to Senate Bill 547, she emphasized that is indeed the Legislature's mandate but that the board is happy to support it. She appreciates the input from higher education and emphasized that the responses from Marshall and WVU are valued. However, she said the initiatives will occur and we all will work through them.

Discussion with Dr. Lyle Wilcox:
Wilcox responded to the following issues set forth in a memo from Baker that summarized questions previously posed by senators:

1. Budget—Funding to deans and programs are pretty much distributed in block amounts working with a base amount of $150,000 plus $50,000 in foundation money.
2. Summer school—The money budgeted for 1996 includes a 5 percent increase to reflect faculty pay raises but does not increase course offerings.
3. The library has been allocated $100,000 for this year.
4. The Research Committee allocation was $12,000 for the 1994-95 school year; the committee began with $13,000 this year and then was given an additional $5,000 upon request from the committee.
5. The Greatest Need or Special Projects Fund was $100,000 in 1994-95. The fund amounted to $200,000 for 1995-96, including $90,000 provided by the president for faculty development and special projects.
6. New positions—In general, the positions are remaining with the department when retirements or resignations occur. There are no new positions in Integrated Sciences thus far. Those faculty working in the Geotechnical area are funded with external grants.

A senator from Liberal Arts who had just come from a meeting of that college said that they were told that summer school monies in Liberal Arts had decreased by 3 percent this year. Wilcox replied that no monies had been shifted to other areas of the university; part-time salaries during the academic year may have affected the outcome in that college. He said he would be happy to meet with representatives of the college to resolve the issue.

Committee Recommendations:
SR-95-96-(18-20)(GR): To approve the following course changes—MGT 601 and MGT 674; to approve the addition ENG 410/510 and ENG 412/512, and to approve the addition of EDF 617 with a provision that the course title be Applied Multiple Regression Analysis for Educational Research. The recommendation was approved.
SR-95-96-(21)(APC): To approve the intent to plan a B.S. degree in Environmental Science. The recommendation was approved.

New Business/Open Forum:
A brief discussion was held on the anomaly of large numbers of students showing up for the second week of classes (not previously registered).

Ben Miller announced the upcoming Marshall University Jazz Festival and encouraged attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.