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Marshall faculty and staff achievements

The following students and faculty from the Department of Biological Sciences presented a total of 14 posters/papers at the 57th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists held April 10-12 at Georgia Southern University: WES GLADWELL, SANDY KILPATRICK, JASON BARNETT, KEVIN BRITTINGHAM, REBECCA HALL-RUTHERFORD, BRAD YURISH, SAM STOLL, BROCK TUCKER, ROBERT HOOD, JON SCOTT, JOHN PENNINGTON, TEDRA CLAYTOR, Dr. DONALD TARTER, Dr. TOM PAULEY, Dr. JIM JOY, ANDREA HENRY, MATT WOOTEN, MATT McREYNOLDS, AMY MORRIS, JOHN CAMPBELL, BART PAXTON, JENNIFER PIASCIK, CHUCK SEACRIST, ERICA MIDKIFF, JEFF GINGER, LORETTA WOOLUM, ERIC WILHELM and BRETT JARRELL. The following students and faculty presented papers at the 71st annual meeting of the West Virginia Academy of Science held April 20 at Concord College: JASON BARNETT, JEFF HAJENGA, AMY MORRIS, ERIC EWING, JOE BOGGS, ANDREA HENRY, ROBERT HOOD, BRAD YURISH, MATT McREYNOLDS, KEVIN BRITTINGHAM, ERIC WILHELM, ERICA MIDKIFF, Dr. DONALD TARTER, Dr. TOM WEAKS, Dr. MIKE LITTLE,

Dr. DAN EVANS, Dr. MARCIA HARRISON, Dr. RALPH TAYLOR, Dr. MARY ETTA HIGHT and Dr. JAGAN VALLURI. YURISH (ecology), BARNETT (biology) and McREYNOLDS (zoology) won outstanding paper awards of \$50 in their sections.

DIANE COE, manager of electronic commerce at the Robert C. Byrd Institute, attended the 1996 Department of Defense (DoD) and Industry Conference on Sustainment and Repair Technology held May 13-16 in Seattle, Washington. More than 300 leaders from government, industry and academia exchanged perspectives and information about DoD and industry readiness and sustainment initiatives. Technical areas addressed at the conference included aircraft initiatives, readiness challenges, industry perspectives, privatization and supplier issues.

PHILLIP SPANGLER, graduate student, and Dr. BEVERLY DELIDOW, assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, attended the University of Kentucky Symposium in Reproductive Sciences held in May. SPANGLER presented his research in a poster titled "Dexamethasone decreases cell-cell adhesion in 235-1 rat pituitary tumor cells" during the first trainee poster session held at these meetings. DELIDOW attended the 10th International Congress of Endocrinology held in June at San Francisco, Calif. She was awarded a Career Enhancement Award through a joint program of the West Virginia offices of American Women in Science and EPSCoR to fund her travel to the meeting and to present her laboratory's work on pituitary cell function.

NEH awards to be given

The Marshall University deadline for submitting applications for 1997 National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipends is Sept. 21, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs.

Stipends will provide support for faculty and staff members from universities and two-year and four-year colleges and other persons working in the humanities. Stipends will enable recipients to devote two consecutive months of full-time study and research to their projects.

An applicant's project may be one that can be completed during the stipend period or be part of a long-range endeavor.

Each stipend provides \$4,000 for projects that do not require travel. The stipends normally support work carried out during the summer months but arrangements can be made for holding tenure at other times of the year.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Academic Affairs Office, 696-3007 or 696-5442.

Waiver applications due

Application forms for West Virginia University tuition waivers for the 1996 fall term are due in the Marshall University Graduate School Office today, Thursday, June 27, 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.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, 696-2816.

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Foundation gives \$250,000 to MU libraries

The Huntington Foundation Inc. has awarded \$250,000 in grants to Marshall University libraries.

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said \$125,000 is designated toward construction of the university's technologically advanced library/information center. A second \$125,000 is earmarked for the Health Science Library of the Marshall University School of Medicine.

"The Huntington Foundation has awarded more than \$2.5 million to Marshall since 1987," Gilley said. "A \$1 million grant from The Huntington Foundation in 1988 allowed the School of Medicine to establish the Frank E. Hanshaw Sr. Geriatric Center. In 1994 the foundation granted an additional \$932,800 to expand the center into a comprehensive Geriatric Medicine Institute to serve the region."

The foundation also has made significant gifts to purchase and upgrade instructional equipment for the College of Science and to Marshall's H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Prob-

Thacker receives honor

Bethsaida "Terri" Thacker of Milton, roads and grounds worker in the Physical Plant, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Thacker has worked for the university for approximately two years.

She was nominated for the award by Barbara James, coordinator of the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program.

In making the nomination, James said, "Until recently when the American Cancer Society held its annual fund-raiser, the Relay for Life, at the Lefty Rollins Track, I had known Terri only as the one woman you see working everywhere around the campus. Now I have an appreciation of the kind of hard-working and cheerful employee she is."

"Because of the flooding of the football stadium field, there were few grounds workers to help us get set up on Friday for the opening of the all night relay at 7 p.m. The camp sites had to be measured and marked quickly, a big undertaking. Terri worked right through her lunch hour in the hot sun without complaint and her work was accurate and well done."

"She helped move athletic equipment off the track, located dollies for us to use to move in camping and food supplies and simply made herself available for whatever needed to be done. She did all this with a smile on her face and in her voice."

"We don't give recognition for hard work and a cheerful attitude often enough and this will be another way to say thank you to Terri Thacker. This comes from one who saw her as a Marshall fellow employee as well as a volunteer from an outside agency."



Thacker

lems) program toward an addition to the program's Myers Hall.

The recent grants are toward construction of a \$22 million-plus library/information center to be located on the main campus and to increase holdings and improve information delivery by the Health Science Library.

The library/information center will provide access to worldwide information resources through a network of fiber-optic cables, linking Marshall to other libraries and universities, government agencies and databases around the world.

Gilley said the grant will allow the School of Medicine to better serve students, faculty, physicians and other health care professionals, both locally and in rural practices, through an upgrade of the Health Science Library's collection of books, journals and audiovisual materials and through expansion of its computerized document delivery system.

The library will use existing technology in the form of personal computers, scanners and the Internet to make information available through the World Wide Web. A prototype is being developed to use Web pages, Netscape and custom software to speed documents to those seeking information.

The Health Science Library will move to the Marshall University Medical Center, being constructed through a partnership that includes Marshall, Cabell Huntington Hospital and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The center is

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Biomedical Ph.D. named 'Program of Excellence'

The University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees has designated Marshall University's doctoral program in biomedical sciences as a "Program of Excellence," according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the MU Graduate School.

The board's Graduate/Professional Degree Program Review Committee cited the Ph.D. program's "high level of faculty productivity with respect to external grants and publications, and the high level of accomplishment of the students."

Deutsch, who served on the Graduate Program Review Committee, said the Ph.D. in biomedical sciences was one of only four graduate programs statewide in 1996 to be recognized as a "Program of Excellence." Deutsch said he believes that with the infusion of additional resources, the program should not only be able to retain this designation but be able to build a national reputation.

Dr. Robert Edmunds, coordinator for program review at Marshall, said the program review process on Marshall's campus and statewide is very rigorous. He stated that the Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences received high praise from every phase of the review committees.

Dr. Howard Aulick, assistant dean for research and graduate

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Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

My family and I appreciated all the cards, flowers and calls upon the death of my son-in-law Jerry Adkins in Hickory, N.C.

These elements of support provided comfort to all of us especially to Ruthann and her sons, Tyler and Jay upon the death of her husband and their father.

Sincerely,
Bob Hayes

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to express my gratitude for the lovely planter sent to my mother during her recent illness. The plants are still quite beautiful and are cheering her during her recovery.

While this has been a difficult experience, the thoughtfulness of my colleagues has been a great source of comfort to me.

Sincerely,
Wylma Skean

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I appreciate the flowers and cards that I received from many of you and on your behalf from the University Functions Committee during my recent recuperation.

I certainly appreciated your thoughtfulness and consideration.

Sincerely,
Elaine Baker

Fall waivers available

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's fall semester will be accepted through Friday, July 26, in the MU Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

In line with the West Virginia Board of Trustees Policy Bulletin 49, priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents. A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students.

Deutsch said academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding waivers, which cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student Activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Academic merit will be determined by grade point average and Graduate Record Examination scores. Students must list their GRE scores in order to be eligible for consideration.

Up to three credit hours of waivers for graduate course work will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Students interested in being considered for a Board of Trustees tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact the Graduate School to obtain the proper application procedure. Eligible students may be awarded up to six hours of waivers depending on grade point average.

Students who previously held waivers must reapply to be considered for fall semester waivers.

Approved waivers can be picked up beginning Tuesday, Aug. 6. Waivers not claimed by Friday, Aug. 16, will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 304-696-6606.

Thacker receives honor

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

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.

The program has been designed to recognize outstanding performance by classified and non-classified staff at the university.

Awards will be made to MU employees who have exhibited exceptional levels of work performance and displayed high regard and loyalty toward the university and their job responsibilities.

'Program of Excellence'

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education in the School of Medicine, was pleased with the recognition particularly because it is based on the productivity of the faculty. He pointed out that while the program's faculty is one of the smallest in the country, extramural funding per biomedical science faculty at Marshall ranked above the 30th percentile for all medical schools in the United States.

Aulick said this recognition by the Board of Trustees confirmed earlier designation of the biomedical sciences program as a Marshall University Center of Excellence.



Representatives of B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 795 recently presented a \$500 check to Frank P. Justice Jr. (left), Marshall University vice president for development. The lodge's annual gift is earmarked for the Perkins Loan Fund, a federal program that matches \$7 for every \$1 donated. Presenting the check are, from left, Isaac Lerner, Herman H. Glaser and David Glick.

Fulbrights to be awarded

Fulbright Scholar awards are available for university lecturing or advanced research in nearly 130 countries.

Scholars in all academic ranks are eligible to apply, from junior faculty to professor emeriti. Applications also are encouraged from professionals outside academe, as well as from faculty at all types of institutions.

Awards range from two months to a full academic year. Many of the assignments are flexible. Openings exist in almost every area of the humanities, social sciences, natural and applied sciences, the arts and professional fields such as business, journalism and law.

The basic eligibility requirements for a Fulbright award are U.S. citizenship and a Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications. For lecturing awards, university or college teaching experience is expected. Language skills are needed for some countries but most lecturing assignments are in English.

A single deadline of Aug. 1, 1996, exists for research and lecturing grants for 1997-98. Other deadlines are in place for special programs.

To obtain further details contact the United States Information Agency (USIA) Fulbright Senior Scholar Program, 202-686-7877 (Web page: <http://www.cies.org/>).

Libraries get \$250,000

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being built adjacent to the hospital.

The Huntington Foundation was created in 1984 as a non-profit institution to return to the community money generated by the sale of Huntington Hospital to the Hospital Corporation of America. The foundation awards grants for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes.

Members of The Huntington Foundation board of directors are Frank E. Hanshaw Jr., John E. Jenkins Jr., Winfield C. John, Kermit E. McGinnis and Cecil H. Underwood. C.H. "Jackie" McKown Sr. is director emeritus and Alyene Arthur is executive secretary.

MU employees honored for years of service

Marshall University's 12th annual Service Awards Luncheon was held Tuesday, June 11, in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The following staff members were eligible to receive awards:

For 15 Years of Service—Nell Bailey, Marlene Chaffin, Ruth Chinn, Ruby Dean, Susan Dolen, Roy Michael Dunn, Marilyn Fox, Charles Hooser, Norma Keith, Ethel Lipscomb, James McKeny, Elizabeth Nickell, Nancy Schultz, Wanda Webb, Charles Whaley, Sandra Winters.

For 20 Years of Service—Larry Artrip, Linda Bondurant, Stephanie Gray, Earl Johnson, Carolyn Sue King, Rebecca Lewis, Elinor Midkiff, Ethel Pierson, Glenna Racer, Kristine Standifur, Sheila Wiley, Vivian Wood.

For 25 Years of Service—Paul Dempsey, Barbara Ferrell, Marilyn Frame, Sharon France, Shirley Henson, Warren Lutz, Patricia Mulcahy, Cal Stephenson, Jane Vickers.

For 30 Years of Service—Barbara Atkins, Elfriede Beaver, Jill Chapman, Barbara James.

For 40 Years of Service—Floyd McSweeney.

Retirees (eligible as of May 1, 1996)—Barbara Jane Brown, Georgia Childers, John Hagan, John Hagy, Al Horan, Rachel King, Billy Peal, Christine Qualls, Eva Traylor, Willa Mae Turner, Paul Ward.



Floyd McSweeney was honored for 40 years of service.



Honored for 30 years of service were, left to right, Jill Chapman and Barbara James.



Retirees honored during the luncheon were, left to right, Rachel King, Christine Qualls, Eva Traylor and John Hagan.



Honored for 25 years of service were, left to right, seated, Marilyn Frame, Shirley Henson and Sharon France; standing, Paul Dempsey, Warren Lutz, Jane Vickers and Cal Stephenson.



Honored for 20 years of service were, left to right, seated, Carolyn Sue King, Stephanie Gray and Elinor Midkiff; standing, Larry Artrip, Earl Johnson, Glenna Racer and Kristine Standifur.



Honored for 15 years of service were, left to right, seated, Norma Keith, Nell Bailey, Ruth Chinn and Marlene Chaffin; standing, Elizabeth Nickell, James McKeny, Nancy Schultz, Wanda Webb and Sandra Winters.