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Elizabeth G. Drinko to get honorary degree

Marshall University will present an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Elizabeth Gibson Drinko during its annual Honors Convocation Friday, April 7, at 11 a.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the university's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

"It is only fitting," said Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley, "that one of the top honors in this year's Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation be bestowed on Elizabeth Gibson Drinko."

The convocation was named in honor of Mrs. Drinko last year in recognition of her generous support of academic programs at Marshall University.

Mrs. Drinko and her husband, Dr. John Deaver Drinko, who reside in Lyndhurst, Ohio, have been consistent supporters of academic programs at Marshall and in 1987 established

a distinguished chair in liberal arts.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Drinko graduated in 1940 from Crafton High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and president of both Student Council and the Leaders Corps.

She earned her B.A. degree in 1944 from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., majoring in psychology. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, Panhellenic Council, Mermaids acrobatic swimming team, YWCA and May Court. She served an internship at the Neuropsychiatric Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Drinko is an officer and director of Cleveland Institute of Electronics Inc., World College Inc. and Double D Ranch. She is an officer and trustee of The John D. and Elizabeth G. Drinko Charitable Foundation, The Mellon Foundation and The Hostetler Foundation.

She is a member of Heights United Presbyterian Church, as well as the United Presbyterian Women's Group. She is past president of the Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha, an officer and member of the Cleveland Council of Panhellenic and chairwoman of the Lyndhurst Combined Health Drive. She also has been active with the United Presbyterian Missionary Conference, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.



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Gibbins will be honored

Dr. Neil L. Gibbins, professor of educational administration in Marshall University's College of Education, has been selected to receive the university's Distinguished Service Award this year, according to Dr. Lyle C. Wilcox, senior vice president and provost at Marshall.

The prestigious award and \$1,000 stipend will be presented to Gibbins during Marshall's Elizabeth G. Drinko Honors Convocation Friday, April 7, at 11 a.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Gibbins received bachelor's and master's degrees in education and educational administration from Ohio University and received his Ph.D. in educational administration from Ohio State University.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1963, Gibbins taught at several public schools in Ohio and served as a principal and executive head for the Johnsville Local School District in Shauck, Ohio. He served as a graduate assistant, instructor and assistant professor of education at Ohio State University from 1958 to 1963.

Gibbins has served on several Marshall University committees including the Athletic Committee, the Graduate Council and the Physical Facilities and Planning Committee and serves as program coordinator in Educational Administration and coordinator for the cooperative doctoral degree program with West Virginia University and the West Virginia Graduate College.

He is co-author of a book titled "Law and Free Public Education in West Virginia" and editor and author of three chapters of a book titled "The Teacher and School Administration." He has conducted comprehensive studies of schools in Logan, Putnam and Fayette counties and has had papers published in many professional journals.

Gibbins is a member of the National Education Association,



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Lawson receives award

Adrian Lawson of Huntington, general manager of Instructional Television Services, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for March, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Lawson has worked for the university for 16 years.

He was nominated for the award by Selma Johnson, administrative assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Executive Affairs/General Counsel.

Johnson said she nominated Lawson for his work and much needed assistance during the Mercer classification project combined grievance hearing held on the Marshall campus in January.

"In addition to Adrian's routine duties, he worked tirelessly with the Higher Education Central Office, Bell Atlantic and the Conferences and Facilities Office to insure the technical aspect of the hearing ran smoothly," said Johnson. "Adrian's 'make it happen' attitude makes him a valued Marshall University staff member."

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



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She is a member of the College Club of Cleveland, Mayfield Country Club, The Union Club of Cleveland and O'Donnell Golf Club of Palm Springs, Calif.

Married May 14, 1946, the Drinkos are the parents of four children, Elizabeth Drinko Sullivan, Dr. Diana Lynn Drinko Martin, John Randall Drinko and Jay Deaver Drinko. They have 11 grandchildren.

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Phi Delta Kappa and the National Association of Elementary School Principals. He has made presentations and chaired sessions at various professional meetings and conferences.

This year alone, Gibbins is chairing nine cooperative doctoral committees and serving as a member on 11 cooperative doctoral committees. Twelve people have received doctorates under Gibbins' guidance since the inception of the cooperative doctoral program.

"Dr. Gibbins' career at Marshall stands as a benchmark of what distinguished service should be," said Dr. Tony L. Williams, chair of Marshall's Educational Leadership Division.

Williams said, "During Dr. Gibbins' 32-year tenure at Marshall, he has provided valued leadership in the area of educational administration.

"Dr. Gibbins was instrumental in establishing the cooperative Ed.D. program between Marshall and West Virginia University in 1980. Since that date, he has consistently given praiseworthy leadership in coordinating the Ed.D. program for Marshall. In addition to his leadership in educational administration, Dr. Gibbins is considered an authority on school law and has made many presentations in that area."

A number of special awards will be presented to students and faculty during the Honors Convocation which is sponsored by Marshall's John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence.

To obtain further details contact the Drinko Academy Office, 696-3183.

Services held for Dyer

Funeral services were conducted at the Jefferson Avenue Church of God Wednesday (March 29) for Robert N. Dyer, 59, of Huntington, who died Sunday in St. Mary's Hospital. Burial was in Ridgelawn Cemetery. He was the husband of Shirley S. Dyer, director of printing services at Marshall University.

A native of Logan, Mr. Dyer was a mining equipment and conveyor manufacturing salesman. He served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Additional survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Vallery Dyer of Chesapeake, Ohio; a brother, James Kent Dyer of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters, Sally Neff of Columbus, Anise York of Ravenswood, W.Va. and Iva Stout of Ashland, Ky., and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Family Life Center, c/o Jefferson Avenue Church of God, 2039 Jefferson Avenue, Huntington, W.Va. 25704.

"Elizabeth and John Drinko have been good friends and supporters of Marshall University," said Gilley. "They have enabled the university to develop unique academic programs that benefit our faculty and staff as well as our students and the community in general. We are very pleased that now they will both be holders of honorary doctorates from Marshall."

John Drinko, a 1942 graduate of what was then Marshall College, was presented an honorary doctor of laws degree by the university in 1980.

The Honors Convocation will be followed at 2 p.m. by Marshall's second annual Drinko Symposium sponsored by the university's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture. Both events will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Drinko Academy Office, 696-3183.

Opera star to perform

Opera singer Roberta Peters will perform for the Marshall Artists Series Thursday, April 20, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Peters has been captivating audiences since her surprise debut as Zerlina at the Metropolitan Opera on Nov. 17, 1950, as a last minute substitute for Nadine Conner. The next morning, she received rave reviews on the front page of The New York Times.

At the age of 20, she was one of the youngest singers ever to join the Metropolitan roster. She celebrated her 35th anniversary with the Metropolitan in 1985 after more than 500 performances in the famous theatre.

Peters has maintained a busy schedule of concerts, recitals and personal appearances throughout her career, singing an average of 40 engagements each season. She made her mark on national television with an unprecedented 65 appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show and 25 performances on The Voice of Firestone.

Tickets, available April 6, will be \$30, \$26 and \$22. Marshall faculty and staff and part-time students will be admitted for half-price. To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office, 696-6656.

Lunchbag seminar set

A lunchbag seminar titled "Discovering Our Past Lives" will be presented Wednesday, April 5, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.

The seminar is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Office of Women's Programs, 696-3112.

Excused absences. . .

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

March 23--Tracy Mallet Bell, Ashley Bland, Katy (Melinda) Cater, Angela Copen, Penny Copen, John Coriell, Jassim Fakhoo, Lorie Jackson, Kelly Lawhorne, Debbie Lucas, Michelle Ross, Susan Weaver, Amy Whitehair.

First doctorate received through program

Dolores M. Johnson, assistant professor of English at Marshall University, has become the first participant to obtain a doctoral degree through support of Marshall University's Carter G. Woodson Faculty Initiative, the Department of English and the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees.

The Woodson Initiative was established in the fall of 1992 to help increase the number of Marshall faculty members from underrepresented groups, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall.

"With Faculty Senate approval, we established the initiative in response to increasing competition from colleges and universities throughout the country in seeking qualified minority faculty members," explained Cleckley. "We think this program benefits the university and minority students who want to continue their educations."

Applicants for the program must have a master's degree and plans to complete a terminal degree program. A committee chaired by the senior vice president and provost selects the participants who must be accepted in a program leading to a Ph.D. or terminal degree before being approved.

Participants are employed as faculty members at Marshall at the instructor level. They may be given a six-hour teaching load

and permitted to work on a doctoral degree the remaining time. Applicants also are provided tuition and assistance in order to attend summer school and work on the doctoral degree during the summer. After the first year of doctoral study, if the applicant desires, an unpaid leave of absence will be granted to work on the doctorate, with the university providing assistance in obtaining grant and scholarship funding.

Mentors are provided at the beginning of the program to advise and assist the participants.

At the end of three years, which Cleckley said should be enough time to at least complete all but the doctoral dissertation, a determination will be made as to the future employment of participants.

If a participant has performed satisfactorily and is in agreement, he or she will be employed at Marshall at the rank of assistant professor and be placed on the tenure track. The person is expected to remain at the university for a minimum of three years.

"I think this is a promising initiative," said Cleckley. "It is a way we can encourage people from underrepresented groups to continue their educations and keep them on the faculty at Marshall University."

Johnson received her doctorate in rhetoric and linguistics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She received her bachelor's degree in French and Spanish from Marshall in 1964 and her master's degree in English from Marshall in 1977.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1989, she taught at Huntington High School.

Johnson has been involved in various activities at Marshall and directs the writing program for the English Department. She has served on the African American Advisory Committee, the Oral History Committee, the Dean's Task Force on Recruitment, the Writing Across the Curriculum Steering Committee and the Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium Planning Committee and Scholar Award Selection Committee.

She has been a Yeager Professor and served as a mentor for teaching assistants in the English Department and a mentor for the African American Mentorship Program.

Johnson has made presentations at numerous professional meetings and workshops. She is active in the community and served as a member of the St. Joseph's Board of Education, co-chaired the West Virginia NAACP African American Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics and initiated a community writing program.

"Dr. Johnson was an excellent person to participate in this program," said Cleckley. "She proved that the Carter G. Woodson Faculty Initiative works. We are proud of Dr. Johnson and look forward to the continued success of the Woodson Initiative and its participants."

Woodson, a nationally recognized educator, was the founder of what became Black History Month. He came to Huntington as a teenager and graduated from Douglass High School in 1896. He continued his education at Berea College and the University of Chicago and earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University. Woodson served as principal of Douglass High School, taught for the U.S. government in the Philippines, taught in Washington, D.C., and served as dean at Howard University and West Virginia State College.

He is universally acknowledged as the "Father of Black History" and founded the organization that became the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. "It is precisely for these reasons that we named the initiative in his honor," said Cleckley.

Awards luncheon planned

The 11th annual Marshall University Service Awards Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 17, from noon to 2 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The following is a tentative list of persons who will receive awards:

For 15 Years of Service--Larry Barnhill, Robert Blake, Jerri Burnette, Timothy Calvert, Dennis Casey, Carla Cook, Denver Cooper, Russell Dobbins, Deborah Dorsey, Bernie Elliott, Thomas Irwin, James Jones, Edna Justice, Karen Kirtley, Darla Kuryla, Sharon Lake, Thomas Laney, William Lewis, Theodore Misner Jr., Sharon Noble, Richard Dale Osburn, Sharon Pertee, Wanda Peters, Gail Sheets, Jacqueline Smith, Eva Traylor, Dennis Turner, Jacquelyn White, Shirley Whitlow and Jack Wilson.

For 20 Years of Service--Donald Adkins, Kathy Adkins, Clifford Curry, Russell Dorton, Joe Dragovich, Jeff Edwards, Nadine Hamrick, Shannon Harshbarger and John McKinney.

For 25 Years of Service--Georgia Childers, Alex Holcomb, Clarence W. Martin, Reginald Spencer and Willa Turner.

For 30 Years of Service--Worthy Richardson.

For 35 Years of Service--Cletis Richards.

Nonclassified Staff--Kenneth Blue (25 years), William Deel (25 years) and Ted Massey (15 years).

Retirees (eligible as of May 1, 1995)--Mary Ball, Opal Byrd, Willidean Chapman, Robert Eddins, Cleopatra Garvin, Marilyn Keyes Garner, Iula Chapman Hartley, Rosa Lewis, Marvel Mathews, Ezekiel Mills, Mary Pelfrey, Donald Salyers, Richard E. "Scooter" Shreve, Delores M. Wise and Phyllis York.

To be eligible for awards employees must have completed 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 years of service to Marshall University by May 1, 1995. If anyone has been left off this list please contact Jill Chapman, 696-2242.

Forum to discuss publishing victims' names

"Should the Names of Sexual Assault Victims Be Used in News Stories?" will be the subject of a forum at Marshall University Monday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The university's first William C. Beatty Forum on Ethical Issues and Mass Communications will feature Dr. Deni Elliott, Mansfield professor of ethics and public affairs at the University of Montana, and Dr. Carolyn Byerly, assistant professor of media studies at Radford (Va.) University, as Gannett Foundation lecturers.

Dr. Harold C. Shaver, director of Marshall's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, said the forum topic grew out of a 1992 decision by editors of Marshall's campus newspaper, *The Parthenon*, to disclose the name of a rape victim in a news story. "This ethical issue has emerged as one of the most wrenching for news professionals across the country," said Shaver.

Elliott and Byerly have diverse professional backgrounds and

Comedian to give show

Comedian Wali Collins will perform at Marshall University Wednesday, April 5, at 9:15 p.m. in Marco's in Memorial Student Center.

Host of *The Comedy Central's "Stand-Up, Stand-Up,"* Collins is one of the most popular comedians on the nationwide college circuit.

He regularly performs at some of the country's best-known comedy clubs including Dangerfield's, the Improv, the Comedy Store in Los Angeles and the Village Gate in New York City.

Collins appeared on NBC's "Showtime at the Apollo" and MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Hour." He has performed with musicians such as M.C. Hammer and the Righteous Brothers and comedians such as Jerry Seinfeld and Sinbad.

He regularly performs on cruise ships for the Viking and Sovereign of the Seas cruise lines.

There will be a \$1 admission charge for the general public. Marshall students will be admitted free. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Student Activities and Organizations, 696-6770.

Wind Symphony concert scheduled

The Marshall University Wind Symphony will present a free concert featuring wind masterworks from the 18th and 19th centuries Tuesday, April 4, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The Wind Symphony is a select group of wind and percussion students from the Department of Music conducted by Michael McArtor, assistant professor of music and director of instrumental ensembles, and Thomas Bias, graduate assistant.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

History of Science lecture set

"Al Khwarizmi: The Father of Algebra," part of the History of Science Lecture Series, will be presented by Ahlam Tannouri of Morgan State University on Wednesday, April 5, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

To obtain further details contact Dr. James Moloney, associate professor of mathematics, 696-3045.

both have experience as newspaper reporters.

For four years Byerly, an active feminist and author of various articles for professional journals, directed the Safeplace Woman's Shelter/Rape Crisis Center in Olympia, Wash. She maintains that an adequate understanding of the dynamics of rape is essential to reporting on the subject and argues that rape victims' names should not be used.

Heaping social stigma on the victim is not the only or the most important result of using victims' names, according to Byerly. She believes the fears and needs of recent victims of sexual assault are often increased when their names are revealed.

Elliott, author of a book on journalism ethics, presents a different view. She thinks that because all victims of violent crimes feel violated and vulnerable, reporters should treat all such victims equally--if the names of rape victims are withheld, the names of victims of other violent crimes should be withheld.

She maintains that the feelings of the victims cannot be a reason for not naming rape victims because the victims of many crimes share, to a degree, the experiences of rape survivors.

Elliott wrote, "I cannot say don't publish the names of victims of these sorts of crimes unless we are willing to make a broader rule that media ought to refrain from publishing the names of victims who have experienced 'like' crimes."

Byerly and Elliott will make presentations representing their viewpoints, respond to the other's presentation and answer questions from the audience.

The forum is being sponsored by the Marshall University School of Journalism and Mass Communications in conjunction with the university's Women's Center and Committee on Student Media.

Program expenses are funded through a gift from the late William C. Beatty. Beatty was a prominent Huntington attorney known for his practice of First Amendment law. He also served as an adjunct faculty member in the MU School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Income from a gift from the Gannett Foundation (now the Freedom Forum) will cover the fees and expenses of the lecturers.

The forum will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Shaver at Marshall University's School of Journalism and Mass Communications, 304-696-2738.

Employee achievements

Dr. MICHAEL E. SEIDEL, chair of the Biological Sciences Department, is co-author of a chapter on "The Amphibians and Reptiles of the Cayman Islands" which appears in the book, "Cayman Islands: Natural History and Biogeography" (1994, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 604 pp.). Richard Franz of the Florida Museum was co-author.

Dr. PAUL F. LUTZ, associate professor of history, presented a "Chautauqua-style" historical impersonation of William Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield at the annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association hosted March 18 by West Virginia University.

Dr. MONICA A. VALENTOVIC, JOHN G. BALL, DIANNE K. ANESTIS and Dr. GARY O. RANKIN of the Department of Pharmacology at Marshall's School of Medicine had a paper titled "Comparison of the *In Vitro* Toxicity of Dichloroaniline Structural Isomers" published in *Toxicology in Vitro* (Vol. 9, No. 1, pp.75-81, 1995).