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Gray selected Marshall Employee of Month

Stephanie L. Gray, senior administrative secretary in the Affirmative Action Office, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for April, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Gray has worked for the university for 19 years.

She was nominated for the award by Dr. Christopher L. Dolmetsch, professor of modern languages, and several other university faculty and staff members.

In making the nomination, Dolmetsch said, "Stephanie Gray would not at all expect that I would nominate her for the Employee of the Month Award. After all, we work in completely different branches of this institution and until recently our paths rarely, if ever, crossed. That situation changed drastically this year, when I was asked by my department chair to head several faculty searches.

"Being completely new at this task, I went to Stephanie for advice and assistance in expediting our search. To say that she was helpful would be making an understatement. Stephanie answered my questions--even my most naive ones--patiently and thorough-

ly. When the assistance of her supervisor was required, she responded with a quickness I have rarely encountered during my 14 years of employment at Marshall University. Her help was invaluable and her demeanor throughout our ordeal remained cheerful. Thanks to her cooperation and persistence, we completed our search in near record time.

"Apparently pleased with this success, the chair again appointed me to head a faculty search, this time for three faculty positions. Imagine just how invaluable Stephanie Gray already has been and undoubtedly will continue to be as I begin to process the dozens of applications we expect to receive over the next few weeks. I have no doubt we will be successful, due in no small measure to the efficient and helpful efforts of Stephanie Gray.

"For this excellent work and her kind attention, I am delighted to nominate, in the strongest possible terms, Stephanie Gray for the Employee of the Month Award."

Gray 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.



Gray

Kentucky Electric Steel gives to H.E.L.P. Program

Kentucky Electric Steel Inc. of Ashland, Ky., has pledged \$9,000 over a three-year period to assist Marshall University's nationally recognized H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) Program.

Dr. Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., Marshall senior vice president for institutional advancement, accepted the first year's check recently from Kentucky Electric Steel officers Charles Hanebuth, president and chairman, and William H. Gerak, vice president for administration.

The money is earmarked for Phase II construction on Marshall's Wilbur E. Myers Hall that houses the H.E.L.P. Program.

"We're very pleased that Kentucky Electric Steel Inc. is assisting the university in adding a second floor to Myers Hall," Boehm said. "The H.E.L.P. Program continues to grow and serve more
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Gilley will address faculty/staff

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley will present a "State of the University" address during a joint meeting of the Marshall faculty and classified staff today (Thursday, April 20) at 4 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

All faculty and classified staff members are urged to attend the meeting.

Faculty Senate to meet

Marshall University's Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, April 27, at 4 p.m. in the John Marshall Room on the second floor of Memorial Student Center.

The agenda will include: approval of minutes of 3/30/95, announcements, the report of the university president, the ACF report, discussion of fee for faculty/staff use of the fitness center, discussion of workload changes for Transition Institute faculty, standing committee recommendations (including the approval of the process to be required for the approval of Honors sections of already existing departmental offerings, approval of a revised Executive Bulletin No. 2, a proposal for the selection of members to the new Curriculum and Budget and Academic Policy committees contingent on the faculty passing the amendment, a proposal from the Final Exam Committee to alter the final exam schedule and six recommendations for the addition and changing of courses), standing committee reports and agenda requests for future meetings.

MU-Community Symphonic Band will perform

The Marshall University-Community Symphonic Band, under the direction of Dr. Ben Miller, professor of music at Marshall University, will present its annual Spring Concert Monday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall on the MU campus.

Dr. Dwayne Sagen, director of bands at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., will be the featured guest conductor. Sagen will conduct Malcolm Arnold's "Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo" and Henry Fillmore's well-known march, "Americans We."

The guest soloist for the program will be Dr. Daniel O.

Dunavan, percussion instructor at Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Dunavan will be the featured drum-set soloist on Les Hooper's "Riots of Spring" and xylophone soloist on Joseph Green's "Xylophonia."

Sagen received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern University and his Ph.D. in music education from the University of Iowa. He has written many papers and articles on instrumental music education for professional publications and journals and served as a clinician and adjudicator for marching and concert band festivals throughout the United States and Canada.

Dunavan received percussion performance degrees from Wichita State University and DePaul University and received his doctoral degree in musical arts from the University of Iowa. He has performed with many eminent orchestral conductors as well as popular recording artists and television and movie celebrities. He also is in demand as an adjudicator and clinician.

"We are very fortunate to have two extremely talented professionals participate in our Spring Concert," said Miller. "Both of our guest artists are in demand for music festivals and performances throughout the country. It is a great honor for us to have them both on stage at the same time with the Marshall University-Community Symphonic Band."

A medley of tunes made famous by the Glenn Miller Band such as "In The Mood," "Little Brown Jug" and "Moonlight Serenade" also will be featured during the concert. Other works to be performed include "Overture Energico" by James Barnes, "Sovereign Variants" by James Curnow and excerpts from the soundtrack of "The Lion King."

Miller said the Marshall University-Community Symphonic Band is composed of Marshall students and faculty members, area high school students and musicians from throughout the Tri-State area. The band rehearses Monday evenings during the fall and spring semesters and presents winter and spring concerts each year.

The concert will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 304-696-3117.

Program receives funds

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students, and with that growth is an increasing need for more space to allow the program to fulfill its educational mission."

Boehm said Kentucky Electric Steel previously has made contributions to Marshall's fine and performing arts program and to the College of Business.

The single-story Myers Hall, located at 520 18th St., was dedicated in October 1992. It was built totally with private funding.

Phase II second-story construction includes a library, testing laboratories, 13 additional tutorial rooms and two rooms for individual and group study.

Dr. Barbara P. Guyer, professor of education, organized the program in 1981 with funds from the Marshall Foundation. The students' learning disabilities have included dyslexia, problems in concentrating, and lack of ability to organize one's activities. The majority of students in the program are dyslexic.

Guyer said services offered at Marshall to students with learning problems include tutoring in course work, note taking, study skills, organization and memory improvement, and remediation in reading, spelling and written language skills. H.E.L.P. serves as a liaison between the professor and student. Oral tests are administered when appropriate. Counseling for problems of self-concept and severe test anxiety are also available.

Campus activities scheduled for Mathematics Awareness Week

"Symmetry in Mathematics" will be the theme for Mathematics Awareness Week being observed April 24-28 at Marshall University.

A presentation titled "The Three Faces of Symmetry" will be presented Monday, April 24, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154 by Stan Sporny, associate professor of art at Marshall; Dr. Thomas Bauserman, retired MU professor of mathematics, and Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith, associate professor of music at the university, who will discuss symmetry in their fields of study.

Videos dealing with mathematics will be shown throughout the week from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a special display in the lobby of Memorial Student Center. There also will be a bulletin board display on "Symmetry in Mathematics" on the fifth floor of Smith Hall.

All of the presentations will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Laura Adkins at Marshall University's Department of Mathematics, 696-3034.

Handicapped parking law changes

Charles W. Manning, chancellor of the University System of West Virginia, has notified institutional presidents that the law dealing with handicapped parking areas will soon change.

In a memorandum to the presidents, Manning said, "The provision of law dealing with handicapped parking was amended in this last legislative session and may affect your campus. The amendments to W.Va. Code Section 17C-13-6, contained in H.B. 2560, make violations of that code section a misdemeanor punishable by a mandatory \$100 fine.

"Specifically, this penalty is to be assessed against anyone fraudulently obtaining a handicapped parking sticker or anyone unlawfully parking in a zone designated for the handicapped.

"Additionally, the erection of future signs marking areas designated for the handicapped or physically disabled shall include the words '\$100 Fine.'

"The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is directed to promulgate rules to effectuate this code section. H.B. 2560 was passed March 11, 1995, and becomes effective 90 days from passage."

Professor named to post for Olympic trials

Bruce McAllister, assistant professor of athletic training and sports medicine in Marshall University's Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, has been selected as director of medical coverage and head athletic trainer for the United States Olympic trials in swimming, diving and synchronized swimming scheduled in March, June and October of 1996.

He was selected for the position as the result of outstanding performance as director of medical coverage and head athletic trainer at the NCAA Division I men's swimming and diving

Poet to read from works

Gibbons Ruark, an award-winning poet and professor of English at the University of Delaware, will read from his work at Marshall University on Thursday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Ruark has published five books of poetry. His book, "Keeping Company," was selected for publication by the highly regarded Johns Hopkins University Press in 1983 and received the prestigious Saxifrage Prize. His most recent collection, "Rescue the Perishing," was published in 1991 by the Louisiana State University Press. Both books will be available at the reading and the Marshall University Bookstore.

Ruark's work has been published in many journals including Poetry, The New Republic, The New Virginia Review and The Antioch Review. His work also has been widely anthologized.

He has received many honors and awards for his work and has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ruark's presentation at Marshall, open to the public free of charge, is part of the university's Visiting Writers Series sponsored by the Department of English, the College of Liberal Arts and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

To obtain further details contact Art Stringer in Marshall University's Department of English, 696-2403.

International Festival planned

"Mosaic of Marshall University" will be the theme for the university's 29th annual International Festival which will be held Sunday, April 23, beginning at 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The festival will feature exotic foods, traditional music and dance and displays representing many different countries and cultures.

Exhibits and entertainment will be open to the public free of charge. Tickets for the food-sampling session will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children if purchased in advance, or \$7 for adults and \$4 for children if purchased at the door.

Dr. William A. Edwards, executive director of Marshall's Center for International Programs, said the International Festival brings the Marshall University community and citizens from the Tri-State area together to share cultures and gives people the opportunity to celebrate and share their international heritage.

"This effort promotes understanding and awareness and reminds everyone of the increasing interdependence of all nations and peoples," he said. "Every individual is unique but also is a member of a larger community. All are invited to attend the festival."

To order tickets or obtain further details about the International Festival contact Lena Ji, 696-2379, or visit the Marshall University Center for International Programs in Old Main Room 212.

championships held recently at the University of Indiana Natatorium.

McAllister arranged for select students in Marshall's Athletic Training and Sports Medicine Program to participate in the medical and training functions during the NCAA swimming and diving championships.

The students attended seminars on aquatic medicine presented by well-known and respected physicians and specialists in the field. They also were issued deck passes that allowed them to interact with the athletes, medical professionals and related specialists.

McAllister said the medical coverage for the swimming and diving championships received the highest rating ever granted by the NCAA for an event held at the highly respected facilities at the University of Indiana. He said every participant involved with the medical coverage and athletic training at the event has been invited to participate in the Olympic trials.

McAllister will procure and coordinate all of the suppliers of medical, physical therapy, massage therapy, health care and athletic training services for the Olympic trials. He plans to take students from Marshall's Athletic Training and Sports Medicine Program to the trials which will be held at the University of Indiana.

He also has made arrangements with the Marshall University School of Medicine to add a group of physicians who will be active participants for the prestigious Olympic event.

Campbell donates books to university library

William A. Campbell of Huntington recently presented copies of two books he has written to Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library.

Campbell's first book, "Northeast Georgian Bay and Its People," was published in 1985. It deals with the history of the people of the Georgian Bay area of Lake Huron in Canada. His second book, "The French and Pickerel Rivers, Their History and Their People," deals with the history surrounding the two rivers that empty into Georgian Bay.

"These books record the history of this beautiful wilderness area in Ontario, Canada, through stories, photographs and maps," explained Lisle Brown, professor and curator of special collections at Marshall's library. "Mr. Campbell hopes these books will help Marshall students and faculty gain appreciation for Canadian history."

Campbell first became acquainted with Canada in 1947 when he was publisher of the "Ontario Sportsman Guide." He later purchased a tourist camp near the mouth of the Key River where he and his wife, Leatha, spend their summers.

Campbell presented two copies of his second book and one copy of his first book to Marshall in honor of close friends who live in Huntington: Rev. and Mrs. Bob Bondurant and Mary Jo Stephens. Rev. Bondurant is the Presbyterian campus minister at Marshall's Campus Christian Center. Stephens is a 1938 graduate of Marshall.

"We appreciate Mr. Campbell's contribution to the library," said Brown. "The books are well-done and are welcome additions to our collection."

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. JAMES W. HOOPER, director of the Center for Geotechnical, Environmental and Applied Sciences and Weisberg Professor of Software Engineering, and Dr. AKHTAR LODGHER, associate professor of computer science, participated in an intensive training course titled "Introduction to GIS with ARC/INFO" held recently at the University of Vermont. They also attended the 13th annual National Conference on Ada Technology held March 13-16 at Valley Forge, Pa. The conference was sponsored

by ANCOST Inc. HOOPER is immediate past president of the organization. He chaired a session titled "Ada95." LODGHER was the technical program chair at the conference and presented a paper titled "Learning C++ for Ada Users" that he co-authored with Dr. HISHAM AL-HADDAD, assistant professor of computer science. HOOPER also moderated a session at the Economic Development Administration Regional Planning Conference held Feb. 26-28 in Philadelphia.

Freedom Forum picks MU student for Quinn award

Misty Mackey of Barrackville, a journalism major at Marshall University, has been selected as a Chips Quinn Scholar for 1995-96 by The Freedom Forum, an international foundation dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit for all people, according to Charles L. Overby, president and chief executive officer of the organization.

As a Chips Quinn Scholar, Mackey will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a summer newspaper internship at the Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Mackey was one of 45 journalism students from throughout the country to be named a Chips Quinn Scholar. Winners were selected by a committee of journalism educators and editors.

The program was established in 1991 in memory of John C. (Chips) Quinn Jr., managing editor of the Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, by his family and friends. Quinn, who had served newspaper internships in Huntington and Agana, Guam, died in an automobile accident in 1990.

His father, John C. Quinn, deputy chairman of The Freedom Forum, said the program seeks to fulfill his son's hope of bringing more young talent and greater diversity to the newsroom.

The Freedom Forum is supported by an endowment--established by Frank E. Gannett in 1935 with \$100,000 in Gannett Co. stock--that now is worth more than \$700 million in diversified, managed assets.

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of recreational sports and fitness activities, attended the 46th annual conference and Executive Committee meetings of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association held April 5-12 in Albuquerque, N.M. LOVINS is NIRSA Region II vice president and one of 12 Executive Committee members. He served as a facilitator in a series of workshops titled "Diversity in NIRSA" during the conference. The Marshall University campus was selected as the site for the 1995 West Virginia Intramural-Recreational Sports State Workshop scheduled Oct. 6.

RANDY BOBBITT, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications, was chosen president-elect of the West Virginia chapter of the Public Relations Society of America during the organization's annual business meeting held April 11 in Charleston.

Dr. JOAN TYLER MEAD, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, presented a paper titled "Narrative Strategies in Royall Tyler's 'The Algerine Captive' and Melville's 'Benito Cereno'" as part of the Sea Literature sessions in the American Culture Association's annual conference held April 14 in Philadelphia.

Japanese language will be focus of MU classes

Beginning and intermediate courses in Japanese language will be offered at Marshall University during the 1995 fall semester, according to Eric K. Spears of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

Previous knowledge of the Japanese language is not a prerequisite for the beginning class which will meet from noon to 12:50 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The intermediate course will meet from 3 to 3:50 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Spears said students and business people can obtain many benefits from the language courses, particularly now that West Virginia is increasing its economic activity with Japan.

"Japanese is one of the world's business languages," said Kaniko Kikuchi, Japanese language instructor. "Taking a course could give you a competitive edge when doing business."

There are other benefits apart from the business aspect of learning another language, explained Kikuchi. "Your eyes will be opened to another culture and you will be able to appreciate your own culture from another perspective."

Registration for the classes will be conducted during the university's regular registration period. Advanced registration is being conducted through April 28. General registration begins May 1.

To obtain further details contact Marshall University's Center for International Programs, 304-696-6265, or the Marshall University Department of Modern Languages, 304-696-6730.

Gibbins will be honored

Marshall University's College of Education will host a reception in honor of Dr. Neil Gibbins on Monday, April 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Gibbins, professor of educational administration in the College of Education, plans to retire May 31, after 32 years of service to Marshall.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception, according to Dr. Carole A. Vickers, dean of the College of Education.

Altany to give lecture

"Religion and Science," part of the History of Science Lecture Series, will be presented by Alan Altany of Marshall University on Wednesday, April 26, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

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