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# MU NEWSLETTER

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## Williams selected Employee of the Month

Barbara Williams of Proctorville, Ohio, program assistant II in the Department of English, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for July, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Williams has worked for the university for 13 years.

She was nominated for the award by Elizabeth H. Nordeen, interim chair of the English Department. In making the nomination, Nordeen said, "Barbara does a hard job with skill, with energy, with enthusiasm and with a wonderful cooperative spirit. Daily she must perform multiple tasks, often simultaneously. She fields dozens of phone calls from varied sectors both on and off campus.

"At the same time, she makes sure that all requests from faculty and students are honored, no matter how big or how small.

She does the complicated scheduling, fills out lengthy reports, computes figures, handles budgets, orders supplies, oversees work-study students--the list is endless.

"She is a gracious and welcoming presence anytime the English Department receives important visitors. Her attitude is positive, her knowledge is vast and her warm personality is invaluable. During the 11 years Barbara has been with the English Department I have heard only compliments about her from a large, demanding and diverse faculty.



Williams

"For several years we have had adjoining offices where I can hear almost everything, yet I have never heard a negative comment or a harsh word from her. She is a beautiful, bountiful person who gives and then gives more."

Williams 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.

## Furniture sale planned

Marshall University will hold a special one-day sale of surplus furniture on Monday, Aug. 14, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management at the university.

Sale items will include six-drawer dressers, student desks and wood chairs. There will be a minimum bid of \$10 each for the dressers and desks and a minimum bid of \$5 each for the chairs.

One of each item will be on display in Marshall's Receiving Department in Sorrell Maintenance Building on Aug. 14.

Since there are large quantities of the furniture, bidders will be allowed a maximum of five items on each bid form.

All items are being sold "as is, where is" with no guarantee or warranty. Written bids will be accepted until 8 a.m. on Aug. 15 when the bids will be sorted and tabulated in the Purchasing Office.

Individuals with the highest bids will be contacted and expected to pick up their purchases by 4 p.m. Aug. 18.

To obtain further details contact Carol Skaggs in Marshall University's Receiving Department, 696-6678.

## NEH summer stipends available

The Marshall University deadline for submitting applications for 1996 National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipends is Oct. 2, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Stipends will provide support for college and university faculty and staff members conducting projects in the fields of modern or classical language, linguistics, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, the arts, social sciences, communications, media, theater and film, journalism history or the history of science, technology and medicine as well as other subjects.

Each stipend provides \$4,000 for projects that do not require travel or \$4,750 for projects that require travel.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Academic Affairs Office or the National Endowment for the Humanities, 202-606-8551.

## Gilley on Oxford panel

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley has joined leaders from 16 nations at England's Oxford University this week for a five-day discussion of higher education policies.

The 1995 session of The Oxford International Round Table on Education Policy opened Sunday evening (Aug. 6) and will continue through Friday (Aug. 11). Members of the U.S. delegation, in addition to Gilley, include the Rev. Edward A. Malloy, president of the University of Notre Dame, and William E. Davis, chancellor of Louisiana State University. Among other countries represented are the United Kingdom, France, Denmark, Ukraine, South Africa, Belarus, Qatar and Zambia.

The Round Table, started in 1989 and conducted every second year since, brings together 25 invited guests, selected for their leadership contributions to education. It is described as an opportunity for diverse leaders in industry, government and education to discuss educational policy in a collegial, "think tank" atmosphere.

The focus of the 1995 session is "The Evolving Role of Higher Education in International Development." Results of the deliberations will be published and distributed to key policy makers around the world.

Gilley was scheduled to present a paper, "Technology, Privatization and the Direct Funding of Students: Three Forces Acting to Affect the Quality of and Access to Public Higher Education in America," during the course of the Round Table sessions.

# Marshall University obituaries

## Stephen David Buell

Dr. Stephen David Buell, 84, formerly of Huntington, died Sunday, Aug. 6, in Gallipolis, Ohio, where he had made his home for the past year.

Buell had lived in Independence, Kan., since his retirement as a professor and administrator at Marshall University in 1974.

He was the driving force behind public broadcasting at Marshall, having founded both WMUL radio and television.

A professor in Marshall's Speech Department, he was a member of the MU faculty for 19 years.

Buell received bachelor's and master's degrees from North Texas State University and received his doctorate from Ohio State University.

He was born Sept. 28, 1910, in Manhattan, Kan., a son of the late Thomas Warner and Marian Allen Buell. He also was preceded in death by one brother, William A. Buell of Sanger, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Edwina Carson Buell, a former Cabell County teacher; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Nolan Graham, with whom he lived in Gallipolis; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Emily Buell of Huntington; six grandchildren, Nathan, Nadia and Nichelle Graham of Gallipolis and Christopher, Craig and Bethany Buell of Huntington; and by one sister, Marian Moore of Brownwood, Texas.

## Edward Milford Starling

Edward Milford Starling, 71, of Huntington and formerly of Williamson died Thursday, July 27, in Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Starling retired as associate athletic director from Marshall in 1989. He came to Marshall in 1969 as assistant basketball coach and then moved into administration, serving as assistant athletic director three times and interim athletic director twice.

He was born Jan. 2, 1924, in Leaksville, N.C., a son of the late Mary Ellen Hairston Starling and Edward Starling Sr. He graduated from Liberty High School, Williamson, and West Virginia State College.

Starling played football and basketball in high school and college and later coached both sports at Liberty High School. He was a member of the West Virginia State College Sports Hall of Fame and the Marshall University Sports Hall of Fame.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II in North Africa, Italy, France and the South Pacific. He was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, the Revelers Social Club and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He also served on several boards of directors in the area.

Surviving are his wife, Anna B. Starling; one daughter and son-in-law, Gina Starling and Dr. Michael Conrad Gunn of Brentwood, Tenn., formerly of Huntington; three grandchildren, Natalie Nicole Gunn, Karen Alexis Gunn and Lauren Michelle Gunn, all of Brentwood; five brothers, Guy Starling of Washington, D.C., Linwood Starling of Williamson, Emory Starling of Point Pleasant, Charles Starling of Long Island, N.Y., and Millard Starling of Morristown, N.J.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Zane McCoy

Dr. Zane McCoy, 74, of Huntington died Tuesday, Aug. 1, in St. Mary's Hospital.

McCoy served as a professor in Marshall University's Department of Educational Administration from 1969 to 1983.

He was born Oct. 11, 1920, the son of the late Edward and Mae Harvey McCoy. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, attaining the rank of captain.

McCoy received his bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College, his master's degree from West Virginia University and his doctorate from Ohio State University.

A lifelong educator, McCoy spent 23 years of his career coaching, teaching and administrating in school districts in Jackson Township, Lodi, Wooster, Licking Valley and Lakewood, Ohio. He co-authored "Law of Free Public Education in West Virginia" (1978) with Neil Gibbons and Bernard Queen.

He was a member of the MU Faculty Emeritus since 1984. He also held memberships in Phi Delta Kappa, the Association for Higher Education and the West Virginia Education Association.

Surviving are Rosemary McCoy, his wife of 52 years; one daughter, Sandra Bernard; one son-in-law, Robert Bernard; one granddaughter, Robin Bernard; one sister, Billie Burkholder, and his mother-in-law, Irene Vandergrift.

## Shirley Winning Overholt

Shirley Winning Overholt, 67, of Vero Beach, Fla., and formerly of Huntington died July 23 at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C., after a short illness.

She served as an instructor, assistant professor and associate professor of office administration and business education at Marshall from 1968 to 1988.

A native of Uniontown, Pa., she received her bachelor's degree in commerce and finance from Bucknell University and received master's degrees in business education and management from Marshall.

While at Marshall, she was active in the National Business Education Association, the Southern Business Education Association, the West Virginia Business Education Association, the Faculty Women's Club, the American Management Association, Pi Omega Pi, Delta Delta Delta sorority and several community organizations. She was instrumental in establishing the local chapter of the National Secretaries Association.

Surviving are her husband, Ernest M.; daughter, JoAnn O. Gainer of Summersville; son, Scott M. of Wilson, N.C.; sister, JoAnn Howell of Miami, Fla.; brother, James W. Winning Jr. of Uniontown, and two grandchildren.

## New key cards being distributed

The Classified Staff Council Service Committee has prepared a new list of area businesses participating in the university's Key Merchants Program, according to Sherry Brooks, SCORES project coordinator.

Key cards and the new list will be distributed to faculty and staff members through campus mail.

Any employee who doesn't receive a card and list by Aug. 14 should notify the Staff Council Office, 696-2222.