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NEWSLETTER

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Carver named university Employee of Month

Dorothy "Kitty" Carver, senior administrative secretary at the Community and Technical College, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for September, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Carver has worked for the university for seven years.

She was nominated for the award by Dr. F. David Wilkin, dean of the Community and Technical College; Dr. Maurice Ryan, associate dean, and Peggy Wilkink, special projects coordinator at the Community and Technical College.

In making the nomination, Wilkin said, "Kitty Carver is a very positive 'can do' person who produces an enormous amount of independent, accurate work. This feat is even more amazing considering the constant interruptions and demands of almost 20 faculty and administrators.

"Kitty also 'fills in' to help us through staff shortages. For example, she served as my secretary--in addition to her other

responsibilities--while my secretary was on maternity leave. At present, she is helping Community and Technical College faculty in Corbly Hall while their secretarial position is vacant. Kitty uniformly wins the praise of everyone she helps and her annual appraisals always reflect her 'consistently exceeds expectations' performance.

"The highest praise we can give an employee is to say they 'make Marshall successful' and clearly Kitty Carver is one of these very special employees."

Carver 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.



Carver

Fine memorial service and tribute scheduled

A memorial service and musical tribute to the life of Judi Fine will be presented at Marshall University on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Fine, who taught cello and string bass classes at Marshall, died Aug. 30 following a Department of Music faculty meeting. She was 28 years old.

"During the memorial service, Judi's colleagues and friends will give expressions of sympathy and expressions of appreciation for Judi's life and contributions," said Dr. Donald A. Williams, chair of Marshall's Music Department.

The service will open with a musical invocation presented by Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith and Leslie Petteys of Marshall's Music Department.

Dr. John Mead and Mila Markun of the MU Music Department will perform "Una Furtiva Lagrima" by Donizetti.

Phil Farris of Cincinnati, Fine's former accompanist and friend, will present a solo on piano.

Marshall faculty members Dr. Wendell Dobbs and Leslie Petteys will perform "Medieval Suite IV" by Katherine Hoover.

Leo Welch, assistant professor of guitar at Marshall, will perform Bach's "Sarabande" from the sixth cello suite.

Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, dean of Marshall's College of Fine Arts, will sing "The Bird's Song (Psalm 23)," accompanied on piano by Petteys.

Kay Wildman, professor and music librarian at Marshall, will present a reading from Psalms.

The program will close with a performance by Steven Shumway, Fine's cello teacher from the University of Miami, Ohio, and close friend.

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

MU is a 'best value'

A Marshall University education is one of the best values in the South, *U.S. News* will report in its Oct. 3 issue.

The national news magazine announced that for the first time it is ranking schools that provide the best value--quality education at relatively reasonable costs. In the South, Marshall is ranked fourth among regional universities in one category and seventh in another.

Only schools that ranked in the top 20 percent of the *U.S. News* rankings of regional universities in its "America's Best Colleges" listing were considered for "best value" designation.

"This is great news," Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said. "While we at Marshall have known all along that we offered a high quality education at a modest cost, we now have an independent source verifying that fact."

The magazine reported it devised its "best value" rankings in an effort to provide families with a realistic measure of value by relating the cost of attending an institution to the quality of education. Rankings are determined in two ways: in relation to a school's stated or "sticker" price (tuition plus room, board and fees) and in relation to its "discounted" price (tuition plus room, board, fees, books and estimated personal expenses, minus the average of its need-based grants to students). Marshall is ranked fourth in the first category and seventh in the second.

No other West Virginia institutions were included in the magazine's "best value" rankings.

The Oct. 3 issue of *U.S. News* provides a special section on financing college costs.

Public lectures to be presented during week

Nine public lectures on topics ranging from memory problems to domestic violence will be presented in Huntington next week by the Department of Psychiatry as part of Mental Illness Awareness Week, according to Dr. Daniel Cowell, department chairman.

The presentations are free and open to the public. The schedule is:

Sunday (Oct. 2)

"Anxiety," presented by Steve Cody, Ph.D., 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Monday

"Depression," Karen Armstead, M.A., 11:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church.

Diabetes specialist on campus

Aldo Rossini, M.D., a national authority on diabetes management, will visit Marshall University next week through the Pfizer Visiting Professorship Program, according to Dr. Henry Driscoll of the Department of Medicine.

Rossini is director of the Diabetes Division at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

"His ability in the management of patients with diabetes is well-known and his patient program has received the recognition of the American Diabetes Association," Driscoll said. "His research program was one of only six nationally to win Programs of Excellence research awards, which were presented jointly by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the National Institutes of Health."

Rossini will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 4) to a joint meeting of the Tri-State Diabetes Association and the Huntington Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The meeting will be at St. Mary's Hospital. Monday evening, he will speak to the Tri-State Society for Endocrinology and Metabolism.

During his visit, which ends Wednesday, Rossini also will present Medical Grand Rounds, a seminar for biomedical sciences graduate students, and a clinical conference for medical students and physicians in postgraduate training. He will review the function of the Marshall University Diabetes Center and tour the research labs of nine faculty members to discuss their diabetes-related projects.

More information is available from the Endocrinology Section at 696-7113.

Professor returns to MU

Dr. Beverly Twitchell-Marchant has rejoined the faculty of the Marshall University Art Department, according to Michael Cornfeld, department chair.

Twitchell-Marchant, who received her Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Binghamton, served on the MU faculty for 13 years before leaving to teach at Virginia Polytechnic University, Blacksburg, Va., and La Salle University in Philadelphia, Pa.

She will be responsible for teaching 20th century art history courses, survey courses and graduate seminars.

"Memory Problems," Monica Castillo, M.A., 7 p.m., Central Christian Church.

Tuesday

"Depression of Elderly," Mildred Mitchell-Bateman, M.D., 10:30 a.m., Fifth Avenue Baptist Church.

"Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder," Geetha Subramaniam, M.D., 7 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church.

Wednesday

"Domestic Violence," Jack Adams, M.D., 7 p.m., First Congregational Church.

Thursday

Depression screenings at River Park Hospital, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

"Grief and Mourning," Daniel D. Cowell, M.D., 7 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Friday

"Substance Abuse," Samuel Januszkiewicz, M.D., 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Saturday

"Depression of Elderly," Mildred Mitchell-Bateman, M.D., 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Noted psychologist to lecture

Dr. Na'im Akbar, a clinical psychologist at Florida State University, will discuss the development of an African-centered approach to modern psychology at Marshall University on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Akbar is considered one of the world's pre-eminent African American psychologists and is a pioneer in the development of an African-centered approach to modern psychology, according to Kenneth Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall.

Akbar has appeared on various television programs including the Oprah Winfrey Show and the Geraldo Show. He has written five books and more than 25 scholarly papers for professional publications and journals and has presented more than 300 lectures at colleges and universities and professional conferences throughout the world.

He directs his own private firm, Mind Productions and Associates, and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Black Studies. He has served on the boards of directors of various professional organizations and served as president of the National Association of Black Psychologists.

A recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Scholar Award at Florida State University, Akbar is listed in "Who's Who in Black America."

Mayors in Atlantic City, N.J.; Cleveland, Ohio, and Jackson, Miss., have declared Na'im Akbar days in his honor.

His presentation at Marshall will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Office of African American Students' Programs at Marshall University, 696-2297.

Appalachian arts/history focus of symposium

"Appalachian Arts and History: Finding the Future by Remembering the Past" will be the theme of the eighth annual Yeager Symposium scheduled Oct. 3-6 on the Marshall campus.

Lecturers will include: Dr. Gurney Norman, Appalachian literature specialist from the University of Kentucky; Dr. Denise Giardina, author and faculty member at West Virginia State Col-

lege; Dr. Ron Eller, director of the Appalachian Center at the University of Kentucky; Dr. Altina Waller, professor of history at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, and Gerry Milnes, folk arts coordinator of the Augusta Heritage Center at Davis and Elkins College.

The following presentations will be open to the public free of charge:

Monday, Oct. 3--"Current Trends in Appalachian Literature" by Norman and "Appalachian Women in the Labor Movement" by Giardina beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 4--"Poverty and Development in Contemporary Appalachia" by Eller at 7 p.m. in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 5--"The Politics of Feud Violence in the Southern Mountains" by Waller at 8 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Thursday, Oct. 6--"West Virginia Folk Arts: Preindustrial Traditions in a Postindustrial Age" by Milnes at 7 p.m. in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

To obtain further details contact Megan Flynn at Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars, 696-6763.

WVSA state conference will be held Oct. 6-7

The West Virginia Sociological Association will hold its statewide conference at Marshall University on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 6-7, in Memorial Student Center.

"Internationalization of Sociology Curriculum" will be the focus of this year's program, according to Susan Weaver of Marshall's Department of Sociology and Anthropology and WVSA president.

Weaver said the conference should be of interest to people in other fields such as social work, education, political science, history and economics.

Registration will be held Oct. 6 from 3:30 to 4 p.m.

The conference banquet will begin at 5 p.m.

Conference presenters will include William Martin of the University of Illinois, Dr. Roland Robertson of the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen of the West Virginia Institute of Technology, Dr. Akbar Mahdi of Ohio Wesleyan University, Dr. Joseph Sanders of Wheeling Jesuit College, and Dr. Ahmad Khalili of Marshall.

Major sessions will be held on "Sociology's Response to Internationalization," "The Middle East and Africa" and "Syllabus Development." Student presentations will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday.

All of the programs will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details or make banquet reservations contact Weaver, 696-2799, or Ahmad Khalili, 696-6394, in Marshall University's Department of Sociology.

Club gives journals to library

The Pilot Club of Huntington has provided funds for Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library to subscribe to the following journals: Asia Week, China Today, India Today, Review of African Political Economy and Hobubei Mainichi.

Josephine Fidler, director of libraries at Marshall, said the gift will assist the library in promoting and fostering a multicultural community.

Released time applications due

Applications for Graduate Faculty Released Time for spring 1995 are due in the Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, by Oct. 24, according to Dr. Lee Erickson, chair of the MU Research Committee.

Application forms are available in the Graduate School Office or the Faculty Senate Office.

Musical to be performed

Marshall University's departments of Theatre/Dance and Music will present Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" Oct. 13-15 and 20-22 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Admission will be \$8. To obtain tickets or further details contact the MU Box Office, 696-2787.

Grant booklet available

A booklet titled "A Teacher's Guide to Grants and Programs" has been compiled and produced by the West Virginia Humanities Council.

The booklet provides a combined listing of grants available to teachers and institutions from three statewide granting agencies.

Copies of the booklet are available by contacting Dr. Sarah Denman, 696-3007, in the Academic Affairs Office, Old Main Room 110.

Nutrition lectures set

Dr. Richard Rivlin of the Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Institute will present two nutrition lectures at Marshall Oct. 6.

He will speak on "Nutrition and Aging" at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2W22 of the Memorial Student Center and on "Nutrition and Cancer" at 4 p.m. at the Coon Medical Education Building in the VA Medical Center complex.

His visit is co-sponsored by Marshall's Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program and the National Dairy Council. More information is available from Dr. Kenneth Guyer at 696-7322.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

An article titled "Adult Literacy in Rural Areas" by Dr. SUSAN T. FERRELL, professor of teacher education, and Dr. AIMEE HOWLEY, associate dean of the College of Education, was selected for inclusion in "Adult Literacy: A Compendium of Articles from the Journal of Reading" which was published by the International Reading Association in August 1994.

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management, attended the Huntington Regional Economic Symposium held Sept. 21. The main speaker was Dr. Jesse White, federal co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Speakers included Chuck Chambers, speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates; Steven Summer, president of the West Virginia Hospital Association, and Randy Hammer, executive editor of the Herald-Dispatch.

RANDY BOBBITT, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications, made a presentation titled "Are Today's

Plumley produces tapes

Marshall University has produced and distributed a set of seven motivational videotapes designed to show students the importance of studying math and science, according to Dr. Virginia Plumley, professor of instructional technology at Marshall.

Collectively titled "Eight Outstanding West Virginians in Math and Science," the videotapes were produced and directed by Plumley with financial assistance from a Dwight D. Eisenhower Math and Science Education Grant.

Featured in the tapes are: 1. Wren Wilson, a civil engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; 2. Drs. Thomasena and Bruce Redd, professors of biology at Alderson-Broadus College; 3. Dr. Libby Frye, professor of math at Fairmont State College; 4. Diane Furman, math and science coordinator for the Marion County Board of Education; 5. Lloyd Smith, account marketing representative for IBM; 6. Denise Baisden, flight surgeon for NASA in Houston, Texas, and 7. Jay Edwards, a music producer and music director for Chandler Audio.

Topics of discussion range from how math and science are used in music production to the importance of keeping the environment clean.

"The primary purpose for the tapes is to motivate students to study math and science," said Plumley. "Ordinarily students' attitudes toward math and science are formed during middle school years. That's why we focused on fifth- through eighth-grade students but younger students also will benefit from viewing the tapes.

"The basic premise behind the production was to get the students' attention early enough to show them that many people have had difficulty with these subjects," explained Plumley.

She said the videotapes may be beneficial to older students. "Although ninth- and 10th-grade students may have missed out on some of the basics of math and science, it still is not too late for them to take more of an active interest," she said.

Free copies of the videotapes, along with an instructor's guide and profiles of those featured in the program, were sent to each West Virginia county board of education, the eight Regional Education Service Agencies (RESA) in the state and several colleges and universities.

Plumley said public schools interested in using the videotapes can contact their county board of education office.

Public Relations Graduates Ready for the Job Market?" at the Public Relations Student Society of America District Leadership Conference held Sept. 24 at Wright State University, Fairborn, Ohio.

Dr. AHMAD KHALILI of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology presented a paper titled "Economic Disparity, Infant Mortality and Infant Care in Metropolitan Cities: The case of Pittsburgh neighborhood" at the 1994 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association held Aug. 5-9 in Los Angeles, Calif. The abstract of the paper will be published in Sociological Abstract. KHALILI attended a one-week summer seminar on Case Teaching in International Studies held Aug. 8-12 in Morgantown. Sponsored by FACDIS, the program introduced an alternative teaching method to develop critical thinking and learning by engaging students in a collective learning exercise. He also is organizing a session on "Linking Demography and Social Stratification" for the North Central Sociological Association which will be held in April 1995 in Pittsburgh.

JOSEPHINE FIDLER, director of libraries, was a participant at the fourth annual Library Directors' Conference sponsored by VTLS Sept. 18-20 at Mountain Lake, Va. The theme for the conference was "Digitization and the Creation of Virtual Libraries."

Art funds distributed

Marshall University's Art Department awarded more than \$13,800 in tuition waivers and scholarships this year, according to Michael Cornfeld, department chair.

Waivers were awarded to Derian Anderson, Annalisha Johnson and Chad Danford of Huntington, Andrea Prince of Fort Gay, Brian Sutphin of Beckley and Dawn Dixon of Renick.

Scholarship funds were awarded to Joyce Spears, Mona Arritt and Jesse Pace of Huntington, Christie Barnes of Charleston, William Napier and Todd Ross of Wayne, Keith Ann Laber of Culloden, Christine Boggs of Barboursville, Rose Hesson of Chesapeake, Ohio, and Lee Anna Wilkes of Proctorville, Ohio.

Cornfeld said the awards were made through Art Department endowment scholarships, the Gala Fund for the Arts scholarships, the Garth Brown Memorial Scholarship and Art Education Scholarship funds. He said this was the greatest amount of money the Art Department has yet been able to offer to students.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

Sincerely,
The family of Judi Fine