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Dickens gets Employee of Month award

Kay Dickens, administrative aide in the Department of Modern Languages, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for February, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Dickens has worked for the university for nine years.

She was nominated for the award by Dr. Harold Murphy, chairman of the Modern Languages Department, and 10 other members of the department.

In making the nomination, Murphy said Dickens always exceeds the requirements of her position in terms of helping members of the department with their work and helping students with a myriad of problems ranging from scheduling and housing to personal and health problems.

"Her willingness to go beyond the limits of her obligations to help students, faculty and townspeople is extraordinary," said Murphy.

He said Dickens has planned several events for the department including meetings for foreign language teachers from throughout the state and summer seminars during the Quincentenary Celebration. She also operated the department's "Language Bank" which provides assistance to persons who need help with matters requiring knowledge of a foreign language.

"She is dependable and reliable, rarely missing a day of work, and she is extremely devoted to performing her job to the best of her ability," Murphy said. "She is willing to work overtime and weekends when needed for activities such as the SCORES competition."

"I would classify Kay as the 'ultimate people person' because of her willingness to help any and all of those connected with the university."

Dickens 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
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Dickens

Beckett named bursar

Barry A. Beckett, associate controller for payroll and grants at Marshall University, has been named director of student financial systems/bursar, according to Herbert J. Karlet, vice president for finance at Marshall.

Beckett, who had been serving as acting bursar since last April, received his bachelor of business administration degree from Marshall in 1975.

A Huntington native, Beckett joined the Marshall staff in 1987.

He has held several administrative positions at the university including associate controller and director of payroll and grants and has been responsible for the financial administration of funds disbursement and annual retirement and health systems in excess of \$50 million.

Prior to joining the MU staff, Beckett worked for Cilco Inc. where he was responsible for various accounts and administrative functions of 12 international divisions. He previously owned his own company, DBK Fiberglass, and worked at Elmac Corporation where he served as director of payroll, controller and divisional manager. He is a member of the American Payroll Association.

"We were extremely fortunate to hire Barry as our payroll coordinator back in 1987 because he had several years of excellent experience as a controller and general manager in the private sector," said Karlet. "His business experience, along with the six years of administrative experience at Marshall, makes him extremely qualified for this position."

Karlet also announced that Sharon Rutherford, payroll manager at Marshall, will become the acting assistant controller, assuming the duties formerly performed by Beckett in the Payroll and Grants offices.



Beckett

Writer to visit campus

Noted West Virginia writer Pinckney Benedict, author of two collections of short stories, will read and discuss his work at Marshall University on Wednesday and Thursday, March 3-4.

He will read selections from his books on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154. He will discuss his writing on Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Hoffman Room in James E. Morrow Library.

Both presentations will be open to the public free of charge, according to Art Stringer of Marshall's English Department.

Stringer said many of Benedict's stories are set in West Virginia.

Both of his books, "Town Smokes" and "The Wrecking Yard," were listed on The New York Times Book Review's annual list of "Notable Books."

The New York Times called Benedict "a highly original writer whose vision of the American frontier is as contemporary as it is compelling."

He has received numerous awards for his writing
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MU Research Committee approves grants

(The following reports on the Dec. 14 and Feb. 10 meetings of the Marshall University Research Committee were submitted by Marjorie Keatley, secretary.)

Dec. 14

After an introduction of Lynne Mayer (who replaced Carolyn Hunter as the MU Foundation representative), Quinlan requests were considered.

After applications were ranked, a motion was made and seconded to approve the following list: R. Badenhousen, \$216; S. Banks, \$363; J. Boyce, \$500; S. Fish, \$400; B. Guyer, \$500; A. Haddad, \$500; R. Kriebel, \$500; D. Swain, \$500; D. Walker, \$500; J. Wallace, \$500; L. Welch, \$414.

University Greatest Needs Fund--Research Grant applications approved for funding were: W. Dobbs, \$250; F. Gilliam, \$250; W. Palmer, \$81; M. Simmons, \$200; K. Sun, \$120; X. Weng, \$120.

Graduate students of Don Tarter approved for funding

Women's Day reception set

An open house and reception will be held at Marshall University in observance of International Women's Day on Monday, March 8, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Women's Center, Prichard Hall Room 143.

The event, open to the public free of charge, is being sponsored by the River Cities National Organization for Women, Marshall's Office of Women's Programs and the MU Office of International Students and Scholars Programs.

Dissertation to be defended

Maudie Karickhoff, a candidate for the Marshall University-West Virginia University doctoral degree in educational administration, will defend her dissertation Friday, March 5, at 9 a.m. in Jenkins Hall Room 210.

Observers are welcome to attend but seating will be limited, according to Dr. Aimee Howley of the Educational Administration Department.

Karickhoff, who serves as director of clinical experiences in the College of Education, has conducted a research study titled "Gender Differences in Work and Family Commitments and their Effect on Work-Family Role Conflict Among Administrators in Higher Education."

Employee of Month award

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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.

were: E. Emery, \$250; K. McGuinn, \$250; E. Moore, \$250; L. Mulling, \$250.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Feb. 10

The minutes of the Dec. 14, 1992, meeting were approved. Members were reminded that ad hoc committees for selecting summer research grants need to be created. It was suggested that a minimum of two weeks is necessary for proper review of the research grant applications.

Virginia Plumley discussed problems with collecting and entering data for the Research and Creative Arts Bulletin. Committee members will submit suggestions regarding data content and format. It was suggested by several committee members that only external data be included.

Quinlan applications were considered for funding. After applications were ranked, a motion was made and seconded to fund the following list: M. Lindberg, \$500; L. Rigsbee, \$285; C. Monroe, \$120; R. Oberly, \$500; H. Driscoll, \$250; J. Leidy, \$250; M. Footo-Linz, \$500; J. Abramson, \$250.

It was again emphasized that a ranking of five for papers should not be given unless evidence of publication is included. Committee members discussed the possibility of reserving a portion of Quinlan funds for regional meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Writer to visit campus

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including the prestigious Nelson Algren Award from the Chicago Tribune and he was included in the PEN Syndicated Fiction Project.

Benedict's books have been published and reviewed internationally and his stories have appeared in many magazines. National Public Radio listeners will recognize his name as one of the network's commentators.

He has taught at Oberlin College and the Breadloaf Writers Conference and will be a visiting professor at West Virginia University this fall.

Copies of his books are available in the Marshall University Bookstore and will be available at the reading.

His presentations are part of Marshall's Birke Visiting Writers Series, sponsored by the Birke Fine Arts Symposium, the Marshall University College of Liberal Arts, the MU English Department and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Newsletter deadline announced

Items for the Marshall University Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday. Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to ensure publication.

Women's leadership conference planned

"Imagine the Possibilities," a women's student leadership conference for Marshall University students, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 5-7, at Cedar Lakes near Ripley.

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, interim associate dean of student activities, said faculty and staff women also are welcome to attend the conference, although the program has been designed primarily for women students who are not currently involved in leadership positions.

Topics for the weekend include community-building, self-awareness, interdependence and leadership assessment.

Papers sought for MU psychology conference

Marshall University's Department of Psychology and the MU chapter of Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society, will host the first annual Tri-State Psychology Conference on Saturday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Memorial Student Center.

All faculty members are invited to attend the conference and/or present research in psychology relevant to the concerns of the Tri-State area, according to James Darcy of Psi Chi.

The conference will feature presentations of research of particular interest to the region, panel discussions concerning graduate school and career options for psychology students and a poster session where students can present their research in a supportive atmosphere.

Darcy said he would like to encourage faculty to notify students they feel might be interested in attending the conference or participating in the poster session.

Persons interested in attending the conference must register before March 7.

To obtain registration forms or further details contact the Department of Psychology, Harris Hall Room 326, 696-6446.

Award nominees sought

The Marshall University Office of Women's Programs is seeking nominations for Women of Marshall awards, according to Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, interim associate dean for student activities.

The awards recognizing outstanding women who attend Marshall University will be presented during a special ceremony on March 31.

Awards are presented on the basis of community or university service, triumph over personal adversity, achievement/involvement related to academics and contribution to interracial and multicultural understanding and to gender equity.

Nomination forms or applications are available at the Office of Women's Programs, Prichard Hall Room 143. Nominations must be submitted by March 1 to the Women of Marshall Awards Selection Committee (c/o the Office of Women's Programs).

Adrien Worthy, executive director of the West Virginia Women's Commission, will make a presentation titled "Women of West Virginia and the Future of the State" on Friday at 7 p.m.

Former legislator and gubernatorial candidate Charlotte Pritt will make a presentation titled "The Challenge of Leadership" on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Other speakers will include Melinda Foster, a resident director at Marshall; Sandra Clements, coordinator of tutoring services; Ann Marie Merritt, coordinator of student activities; Nancy Van Valkenburg, a columnist for the Huntington Herald-Dispatch; Jennifer Ruehling of Marshall's Office of Women's Programs, and Cockrille.

There will be no charge for the conference. Persons interested in attending the program or faculty and staff members who would like to nominate a student for this leadership experience can contact the MU Women's Center at 696-3338 or 696-3111 or the MU Student Affairs Office, 696-6422.

The conference is being sponsored by the Marshall offices of Women's Programs, African American Students' Programs, Disabled Students' Programs and Student Activities.

Budget process examined

The university budgeting process in West Virginia will be the topic of MU Report on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 11:30 a.m. on WPBY-TV, Channel 33.

Dr. Charles W. Manning, chancellor of the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees, and Delegate Stephen L. Cook of Morgantown, chairman of the House Finance Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee, were interviewed for the program.

Professor Dwight Jensen, who serves as adviser for MU Report, said Manning discusses salary inequities between professors at Marshall and West Virginia universities and why he believes the salaries should be different with reporter Kim Wheeler of Princeton. Cook discusses the proposed pay raises for faculty and staff members with reporter Lee Biola of Atlanta, Ga..

Carol Elmore of Beckley is producing this week's edition of MU Report.

The half-hour program, on Channel 6 of the Century Cable system, also features news and sports from the Marshall campus.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy upon the death of my mother, Irene Rollyson.

Your thoughtfulness and kind deeds were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Eva T aylor
Payroll Division

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. DAVID R. WOODWARD, professor of history, has published a chapter titled "The Military Role of the United States in World War I" in a book titled "The American Military Tradition: From Colonial Times to the Present" (1993), edited by John M. Carroll and Colin F. Baxter.

R. DANIEL MARTIN, assistant professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, gave a presentation on "Knee Injuries and Braces" at the West Virginia State Medical Association's annual Scientific Conference held recently in Charleston.

Business Fair scheduled

Approximately 30 business organizations are expected to participate in Marshall University's 16th annual Business Fair on Wednesday, March 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The fair will give students and graduates a chance to meet with employers and discuss the job market and potential opportunities with various businesses, according to Patricia Gallagher, recruiting coordinator in the Placement Services Center at Marshall.

Participating employers include the FBI, Kent Management Group, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Lever Brothers, Presteria Center, WOWK-TV and others.

A list of participating businesses is available at the Placement Services Center.

Persons interested in participating in the Business Fair should contact the Marshall University Placement Services Center, 696-2371. Preregistration is not required.

Excused absences...

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

Feb. 12-14--Jason Philyaw, Jeff Waugh, Dave Maier.

Feb. 12-17--Jay Wright.

Feb. 18-19--Joey Anderson, Thomas Barker, Michael Bumgardner, Chris Colavita, Terry Cyfers, Philip Haynie, Minter Jackson, David Miller, Warren Miller, Patrick Moore, Francis Orlando, Matthew Wear, Brent Lytton, Steve New, Robert Bell, John Carter.

Feb. 19--Michael Ross, Eddie Roach, Jesse Hingson, Rebekah White, Kara Burchett, Elizabeth Gross, Allan Clarkson, Greg Howard, Ashley Lockwood.

Feb. 25-27--Jason Philyaw, Dave McWhorter, Jim Treacy.

March 4-8--Jason Philyaw, Dave McWhorter, Dave Maier, Jim Treacy, Jeff Waugh, Brad Williamson.

March 11-13--Jason Philyaw, Pete Collman, Jim Treacy, Dave McWhorter.

April 2--Mark DiIorio, Charles Bissell, Stephanie Lyn Pauley, Cliff Haddox, Charles Cameron Smith.

April 15-20--Brad Williamson, Chuck Miller.

Dr. W. BLAKER BOLLING, professor of management, attended a four-day workshop held recently in Houston, Texas. The workshop, sponsored by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, was on strategic planning for accreditation.

Dr. WILLIAM A. WALLACE, professor of counseling and rehabilitation in the Human Development and Technology Division in the College of Education, has had a textbook titled "Theories of Personality: A Basic Issues Approach" published by Allyn and Bacon Inc. of Boston. Allyn and Bacon also published Wallace's first book, "Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy." His latest book is designed for upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in counseling and psychology and is available for the summer and fall terms. The book covers the work of 15 representative personologists. It is structured on 11 basic theoretical issues that serve as a set of common elements of inquiry and organization. WALLACE said that while all personality textbooks present psychopathology, his book also presents the theorists' views of the healthy personality. WALLACE and co-author Dr. DONALD L. HALL, associate professor of counseling and rehabilitation, currently are working on a book tentatively titled "Psychological Consultation: Perspectives and Applications."

FM-88 going to games

Marshall University's public radio station, WMUL-FM (88.1 MHz), will broadcast all games of the Southern Conference men's and women's championship basketball tournaments, according to Chuck G. Bailey, WMUL-FM faculty manager.

The men's tournament will be held March 4-7 in Asheville, N.C. The women's tournament will be held March 11-13 in Johnson City, Tenn. Marshall's radio station will broadcast live all nine games of the men's tournament and all six games of the women's tournament.

WMUL-FM will be the only outlet, radio or television, to provide complete coverage of both tournaments.

Bailey said the station is seeking donations from area businesses to underwrite broadcast expenses. He said donations can be sent to The Marshall University Foundation on behalf of WMUL-FM.

Jason Philyaw, WMUL-FM sports director, said the FM-88 sports team finds these yearly trips very beneficial. "We have always had a great deal of support from everyone," Philyaw said. "Hard work from the WMUL-FM staff and donations from area businesses make these trips very successful. Everyone on the sports staff looks forward to these trips because it helps us climb the broadcasting ladder."

Bailey said WMUL-FM staff members make several trips throughout the year. He said the pressure on the student broadcasters to perform is greater at the tournaments.

"Our primary goal is to give Marshall University student broadcasters valuable experience and also provide loyal listeners and fans quality broadcasts of sporting events and other activities," said Bailey.