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Bowen gets Employee of Month award

Linda Bowen, assistant to the director of auxiliary services for conferences and facilities, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Bowen has worked for the university for seven years. She was nominated for the award by Mona Arnold, director of auxiliary services.

In making the nomination, Arnold said, “The lengthy title carries a lengthy list of responsibilities with it. Often under-recognized in its importance to the university, Ms. Bowen’s area is responsible for scheduling and coordinating all non-academic conferences and events at Marshall University.

“The major functions of the area include reserving meeting room space, coordinating university services for events and providing managerial support to assure conferences and events run smoothly. Seven days a week, often 16 hours a day, 17 rooms in the Memorial Student Center and 165 classrooms, auditoria and meeting rooms on campus are utilized by campus and community groups.

“Linda’s hard work and dedication have been instrumental in increasing our annual guest count from 2,400 in 1985 to well over 5,000 in 1992. Always recognizing that her area’s positive role enhances recruiting to the university through youth conferences, as well as establishing Marshall as a vital part of the community through regional meetings and conferences, Linda consistently spends long hours and goes to great lengths to assure all detailed arrangements are complete and the guests’ wishes are accommodated.

“Many times, guests attending a conference or meeting on campus are experiencing their first contact with Marshall University. Linda trains her staff with that fact foremost. In carrying out her responsibilities, her priority is to make each guest’s experience at Marshall University a positive one.”

Bowen 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.

Gilleys contribution to assist MU staff

Marshall University faculty, staff and students will benefit from a recent $5,000 gift donated by MU President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna.

“For the second consecutive year, the Gilleys have made a significant contribution to The Marshall University Foundation Inc.,” said Dr. Edward G. “Ned” Boehm Jr., Marshall vice president for institutional advancement.

“Their gift will be used to enhance teaching and to recognize and assist classified staff members.”

Half of the contribution is earmarked for The Charles H. Moffat Excellence in Teaching Fund that the Gilleys initiated last year to promote teaching excellence at Marshall. Named in honor of a long-time Marshall historian, the fund finances projects such as distinguished lecture ships on the art of teaching and seminars for teaching assistants and part-time faculty members.

“Dr. Gilley and his wife, Nanna, are most pleased that family and friends of Dr. Moffat made donations to the fund so the Gilleys’ initial gift has been matched 2 to 1 and the fund has reached $10,000,” Boehm said.

Another $1,600 of the Gilleys’ gift is designated for the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program for non-faculty employees. This program also was initiated by the Gilleys last year.

The remainder of the gift, $900, will support scholarships for classified staff members who want to take classes, up to $100 per person.

The Gilleys’ latest gift qualifies them as members of the Marshall Foundation’s prestigious John Marshall Society, comprised of individuals and couples who have made a significant contribution to the foundation.

Grants officer selected

Earle F. Vance, formerly assistant director of sponsored research at the University of South Florida in Tampa, has been named grants officer of the Marshall University Research Corporation, according to Frank P. Justice, executive director of the MU Institute for Regional Development and president of the MU Research Corporation.

A native of New York and graduate of the State (Continued on page 2)
Bailey and campus fraternity honored

Nell C. Bailey, special assistant to the president and associate professor of higher education at Marshall University, has been presented the first Alpha Xi Delta Distinguished Service Award recognizing a college or university administrator for support to the Greek community.

The award is considered one of the highest honors bestowed by the national fraternity.

Bailey, formerly vice president for student affairs at Marshall, was honored and initiated into the fraternity at the close of the Alpha Xi Delta Centennial Convention held recently in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Marshall’s Gamma Beta chapter of Alpha Xi Delta also received honors during the convention.

The MU group was one of eight out of 113 collegiate chapters throughout the country to receive the Xi Achievement Award for chapter excellence. The MU chapter also received the Order of the Quill Award for chapter management and the Best Newsletter Award for its Alumnae Newsletter.

Linda Gilkerson, a senior pre-med student from Kenova, was named the Kuechenmeister Scholar and presented a $1,000 scholarship.

Debbie Keffer, a Marshall graduate, was given an alumnae scholarship to complete her master’s degree. Sherri Nichols, adviser to Marshall’s Gamma Beta chapter, was presented the Alumnae Appreciation Award.

Approximately 1,100 delegates from throughout the United States attended the convention.

Bailey said Alpha Xi Delta is a force for the advancement of women’s education, leadership, scholarship and service to the community. Approximately 100,000 women since 1983 have been initiated into the organization on 182 college campuses.

The Alpha Xi Delta Foundation also announced that it would be presenting $200 scholarships to the member of each chapter with the highest grade point average and a $100 gift to the Foundation on Endowment Fund on each campus where the fraternity has a chapter.

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University of New York at Plattsburgh, Vance has more than 15 years of experience in the development and administration of sponsored research.

Prior to accepting a position at the University of South Florida, he served as a grant administrator at the Ohio State University Research Foundation and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

Justice said Vance has been involved in all aspects of university research and administration. During Vance’s tenure at South Florida, grants awarded to the university raised from $18 million to more than $50 million.

“The grants officer will be a critical position as we strive to meet our goal of doubling external funding awarded to Marshall,” said Justice.

“The primary responsibility of the grants officer will be to assist faculty and staff in developing successful proposals and matching those proposals to available state, federal or private resources.

“We are looking forward to having Earle Vance leading this important segment of the Marshall University Research Corporation.”

The Marshall University Research Corporation pursues and develops public and private funding resources to support the various initiatives of the university. This year Marshall’s external research funding rose from $7 million to more than $12 million.

MU recyclers commended

Karen Kirtley of the Auxiliary Services Office would like to congratulate faculty, staff and students who are participating in the paper recycling program in Old Main.

She said paper recycling has more than doubled since the program began in April.

During the first month of the program, 1,650 pounds of paper were recycled; during the second month, 2,136 pounds of paper were recycled, and during the third month, 3,353 pounds of paper were recycled.

“You are to be commended on your tremendous efforts in recycling,” said Kirtley. “Your success will encourage others in the buildings where we are ready to begin the paper recycling program.”

Japanese class starting

Marshall University’s Department of Modern Languages will offer one section of Japanese 101 during the fall semester, according to Dr. Harold T. Murphy, chairman of the department.

The class will be held at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Smith Hall and additional work in the language laboratory will be required.

Yoko Imamura, a graduate student from Japan, will be the instructor for the course which carries three hours of credit.

Murphy said videos will be used to demonstrate the dialogues in a culturally correct context and students will act out core conversations. He said the written language will not be introduced initially but will be introduced later.

To obtain further details contact the Department of Modern Languages at Marshall University, 696-6730.

Library hours announced

Marshall University’s James E. Morrow Library will be closed Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The library will resume regular summer hours July 19.

Regular summer hours are: Monday through Thursday-7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday-7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday—5 to 10 p.m.
Women encouraged to enroll in CTC

Marshall University's Community and Technical College has launched a campaign to try to encourage women to study for and enter non-traditional careers, according to Dr. F. David Wilkin, dean of the college.

"Job barriers are being broken down every day and more and more women are being employed in fields that once were considered to be only for men," said Wilkin. "However, many women seem to cling to the traditional roles and therefore may be missing out on a more satisfying and rewarding career."

Wilkin said the Community and Technical College offers degree programs in electronics technology, automotive technology, engineering technology and aviation technology that would present excellent opportunities for women but very few women enroll in the technical programs.

Enrollment figures for the Community and Technical College show that women make up approximately 60 percent of the total campus enrollment. However, Wilkin said the majority of the women are enrolled in computer programs, secretarial programs or other programs such as the legal assistant program.

Women comprise only 6 percent of the enrollment in the technical programs. During the previous fall semester, two women were enrolled in the aviation program, seven women were enrolled in the engineering technology program and no women were enrolled in the electronics or automotive programs.

"There are career opportunities available for women in these fields that have traditionally been male-dominated," said Wilkin. "There are companies out there waiting to hire females in these positions but have trouble finding women with the right training. I think part of the problem is that women generally don't even think about careers in these fields. We want to show them that there are opportunities out there and they can be successful in these fields."

The electronics and automotive technology programs are offered in cooperation with the Cabell County Vocational Technical Center.

To obtain further details about technical degree programs contact the Marshall University Community and Technical College, 696-3646.

Activities fair planned

Marshall University's Office of Student Activities and Organizations will sponsor an activities fair on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

Annmarie Merritt, coordinator of student activities and organizations, said the purpose of the Academic, Student Organization, Student Affairs, Health and Volunteer Fair will be to introduce new students to all that Marshall has to offer.

Students, faculty and staff will be able to take advantage of several health services offered during the fair. Service agencies have been invited to participate and recruit student volunteers. Representatives from academic departments and various university offices are invited to participate to help acquaint students with prospective academic majors, programs and services available on campus.

Registration forms are being sent to deans, department chairs, student organizations, and Student Affairs staff members. Registration forms also are available in the Student Activities Office, Memorial Student Center Room 2W38. Completed forms are due in the Student Activities Office by Friday, Aug. 12. Late registration will be accepted through Sept. 3 if space is available.

To obtain further details contact the Student Activities Office, 696-6770.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. CHRISTOPHER L. DOLMETSCHE, professor of modern languages, has contributed a review of "Through the Leaves and Other Plays" by Franz Xaver Kroetz, translated and with an introduction by Roger Downey (New York: TCG Translations, 1992), to the June issue of CHOICE (Vol. 30, No. 10).

JOAN MEAD, professor of English, delivered a paper titled "Discordancy in Longfellow's Sea Poems" as part of the sessions on American Literature of the Sea at the American Culture Association's annual conference held April 8-10 in New Orleans.

Dr. CAM BRAMMER and Dr. WILLIAM DENMAN of the Department of Communication Studies were invited to participate in the roundtable discussions, "Our Goals for the 21st Century," during the 25th anniversary celebration of the School of Interpersonal Communication at Ohio University held April 30. Both professors earned their doctoral degrees from the school.

BETSY NORDEEN, assistant professor of English, recently served as a consultant in the development of an interdisciplinary major in Appalachian Studies at the University of Tennessee.

MICHELE SCHIAVONE, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "Who Is My Mother? Mothers, Daughters, and Loss of Tradition in Louise Erdrich’s ‘Love Medicine’" at the annual meeting of the National League for Nursing. The board is responsible for the National League for Nursing. The board is responsible for the National League for Nursing. The board is responsible for the National League for Nursing.

ART STRINGER, associate professor of English, had five poems and an introductory sketch in the premiere issue of Kestrel: A Journal of Literature and Art in the New World. He participated in "The Craft of the Word--A Writers’ Conference" held at West Virginia Wesleyan College where he spoke on a panel titled "Contemporary Poetry: The New (?) Formalism" and read from his work. STRINGER was a featured writer at the Kestrel Writers Conference held recently at Fairmont State College where he participated in a panel titled "The Writer and the Community." He also read from his work at The Waldomore, a restored antebellum home in Clarksburg, and conducted a poetry workshop for local writers. He attended the Associated Writing Programs Convention held at Norfolk, Va.

Dr. JUDITH SORTET, professor/director of the BSN Program in the School of Nursing, recently was elected as a nurse educator member to the Board of Review of the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs for the National League for Nursing. The board is responsible for determining the accreditation status of nursing programs. SORTET has served as an accreditation site visitor and evaluator since 1988.

EDMUND TAFT, associate professor of English, is a member of the International Committee for "The World Shakespeare Bibliography" published by Shakespeare Quarterly. TAFT has been named to the editorial board of a new newsletter titled Shakespeare and the Classroom published by Ohio Northern University. TAFT and JOAN GILLILAND, professor of English, attended the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America held recently in Atlanta.

DEBRA TEACHMAN, assistant professor of English, attended the Midwest Victorian Studies Association annual meeting and conference held recently in Chicago.

Dr. JAMES E. DOUGLASS, professor of chemistry, attended the 33rd National Organic Chemistry Symposium held June 14-17 at Montana State University.

LINDA P. ROWE, assistant director of residence services, presented a program titled "Ask Not What Your Faculty Can Do For You... An Agenda for Student Affairs" at the annual conference of Region II of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators held June 14-16 at Lake Harmony, Pa. The program focused on developing partnerships between academic and student affairs. This is the first year institutions in West Virginia have been included in NASPA's Region II which includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

Dr. MICHAEL R. MOORE, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, presented a paper titled "Evidence That Progesterone Receptor Binds to the Upstream Flanking Region of the Human C-myc Gene" at the annual meeting of The Endocrine Society held last month in Las Vegas. RENEE N. GENTRY, laboratory technician, was co-author.

Dr. KAREN LI SIMPKINS, associate professor of sociology/anthropology, presented an overview of Appalachian cultural heritage to the staff of the Federal Correctional Institution in Ashland, Ky., June 25. She made the presentation as part of the institution's affirmative action program.

Dr. FRANK S. GILLIAM, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, and Dr. Mark R. Roberts of the Department of Forest Resources at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, Canada, developed a symposium titled "Impacts of Forest Management on Plant Diversity: Patterns and Mechanisms in Forest Ecosystems" for the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America which will be held July 31-Aug. 4 at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. GILLIAM will introduce the symposium which will be held Aug. 1 and participate in presentations on "Species Composition and Patterns of Diversity in Herbaceous Layer and Woody Overstory of Young vs. Mature Mid Appalit Mountain Hardwood Forests" and "Mechanisms of Diversity in Forested Ecosystems and Implications for Forest Management."

Office designation changed

The Conference and Facilities Office has been redesignated the Office of Facilities Scheduling, Director of Auxiliary Services Mona Arnold has announced.

The change was made in order to provide better support of the university and particularly the new Center for Adult and Extended Education, Arnold said.

The Office of Facilities Scheduling, located in Memorial Student Center 1W31, will be responsible for scheduling all non-academic meetings and events in campus facilities. Any questions should be directed to the Office of Facilities Scheduling, 696-3125.