Overmoyer selected Employee of Month

Carrie Overmoyer, office manager in the Campus Technology Office, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for September, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Overmoyer has worked for the university for seven years.
She was nominated for the award by Elinor Midkiff, telephone operator III in the Campus Technology Office.

In making the nomination, Midkiff said, “Carrie is an exceptionally good worker. She constantly works with the other person in mind. She takes time to listen to problems, cares for the individuals who need her help and responds in a personal and caring manner.

“She always has time to work with others. Carrie knows her job well. She is adept at bringing all the skill she possesses to the solution of an individual problem. She consistently works in a client-centered mode. She is able to handle all the complaints to her office in the same pleasant manner as the requests for service. She is self-motivated and assumes the responsibility for client satisfaction in the tasks she performs.

“Carrie understands the role of higher education. As a graduate of Marshall, she is able to bring her knowledge to bear on the role and function of Campus Technology and Marshall University. She is punctual and very responsible in discharging the duties of her job. She relates extremely well with other individuals whether student, staff, faculty or visitor. Each receives the same professional attention to their requests or complaints.”

Overmoyer 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.

Satellite class to be pilot for state program

Marshall University’s Adult and Extended Education Center will sponsor a “time collapsed” Sociology 200 course for persons who have limited time to take college classes, according to Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim dean for adult and extended education.

The course will be held on Thursdays from Oct. 21 through Dec. 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and on four Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Spears said the course also will serve as the pilot program for Governor Gaston Caperton’s “Bridging the Gap” series developed to deliver higher education courses via satellite to selected areas of West Virginia that have records of low college attendance.

The class will be a combination of live lectures, televised programs and group projects involving live interaction via satellite with students from throughout the state.

Students who register for the Marshall section of the course will be part of the live classroom originating in the university’s Instructional Television Services studio.

Dr. Kenneth P. Ambrose, professor and chairman of sociology/anthropology at Marshall, will be the instructor for the course. He said it will be an exciting class. “We will explore new cultures while learning more about our own mountain culture through television,” explained Ambrose.

Dr. Sue Day-Perroots, project director for “Bridging the Gap,” praised Marshall for taking the lead in course development for the program. “We are fortunate to have a professor of the caliber of Dr. Ambrose willing to be the first to develop a special access course,” said Day-Perroots. “His task will be difficult but it is gratifying to (Continued on page 2)

Recycling plan working

The commitment of university faculty and staff to recycle paper products has been affirmed by the fact that more than 15,000 pounds (7.5 tons) of paper and approximately 70,000 pounds (35 tons) of cardboard have been picked up for recycling, according to Karen Kirtley of the Marshall Auxiliary Services Office.

Kirtley said the amount recycled by Marshall faculty and staff represents the saving of at least 125 trees and hundreds of cubic feet of landfill space.

Present paper recycling locations at Marshall include Memorial Student Center, Old Main, Prichard Hall and the Science Building.

The recycling program will be expanded this month to include Smith Hall, Corbly Hall, the Fine and Performing Arts Center and Gullickson Hall.

Kirtley wants to remind Marshall faculty, staff and students to recycle and to sort. She said it is important to discard in the appropriate containers.
Retirement planning program offered

A series of preretirement planning seminars titled "Think of Your Future: Retirement--The Beginning of Something New" will be held at Marshall University starting Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Harris Hall Room 236.

Participants will be able to create their own preretirement programs to use in reviewing and revising their plans for the future, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education at Marshall. He said persons who plan to retire within the next 10 years will find the seminars helpful in preparing psychologically, physically and financially for retirement.

The series also will provide business organizations, unions, governmental agencies, membership organizations, religious and educational institutions the opportunity to help their employees or members receive effective retirement planning.

Robert M. Russell, retired vice president and trust officer of the Twentieth Street Bank, will coordinate the programs and serve as the group's retirement planning specialist.

The schedule includes the following:

-- Wednesday, Oct. 20, "Retirement Planning as a Challenge" at 6:30 p.m. and "Getting in Shape for Your Future" at 7:30 p.m.

-- Wednesday, Oct. 27, "Retirement Years: Goals and Roles" at 6:30 p.m. and "How Does Social Security Work?" at 7:30 p.m.

-- Wednesday, Nov. 3, "Charting Your Financial Future" at 6:30 p.m. and "Investment Strategies" at 7:30 p.m.

-- Wednesday, Nov. 10, "Legal Readiness for Retirement" at 6:30 p.m. and "Estate Planning" at 7:30 p.m.

Registration will be required. There will be a fee of $60 for couples and $40 for singles which will include all programs and a resource book titled "How to Plan Your Successful Retirement."

To register or obtain further details contact the Division of Continuing Education at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 696-3113.

Library Committee meets

(The following report on the Sept. 21 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Bonnie Douglas, secretary.)

The Library Committee met on Sept. 21 with Dr. J. Douglass presiding. Dr. B. Douglas was selected to serve as secretary for the first semester and Dr. R. Gerke will serve for the second semester.

The Signage Committee reported on the progress that has been made on developing maps for each section of the library.

In response to the request for two faculty members to serve on the Library Collections Committee, two names were suggested and an additional name was submitted as an alternate.

Josephine Fidler presented the library budget for 1993-94. She reported that with the projected increase in costs for serial publications, only $26,356 would be available for departmental allocations. Various methods are being investigated to obtain adequate funding for the departments.

The Library Committee sent a request to have a resolution presented to the Faculty Senate to encourage the university administration to stabilize the 1993-94 budget and have the budget planners address this issue in future library allocations.

Dr. McKown will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss progress on the development of solutions to the travel and safety concerns related to the move of the Health Science Library to the Cabell Huntington Hospital campus.
More MLK scholar awards to be given

Marshall University is expanding the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Award program this year to involve and reward more Tri-State area high school and college students, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall.

Last year, high school and Marshall University undergraduate students competed for one award; this year, high school and college students will compete in separate categories for multiple awards.

Awards will be presented to the high school students and Marshall undergraduates who write the best formal research papers about the life and times of King or his impact.

The annual award program, made possible through a grant from the Marshall University Office of Multicultural and International Programs, is chaired by Dr. F. David Wilkin, dean of Marshall’s Community and Technical College.

Awards are presented each year during the Tri-State’s observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday in January.

Cleckley said the planning committee, composed of faculty, staff, students and community members from the Greater Huntington area, developed the awards to raise awareness of multicultural issues and promote research, writing and understanding about the life and times of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Papers will be judged on the basis of scholarly research, use and understanding of the research and overall quality. Papers must conform to a specific recognized scholarly style and may be prepared specifically for the competition or as part of the student’s regular coursework.

The deadline for submitting entries this year will be Dec. 1.

Winning scholars will receive a cash award of $250. The names of the winning scholars will be displayed in Marshall’s James E. Morrow Library and the winning papers will be permanently housed in the library. Awards also will be presented for the second place papers.

Scholars will be invited to present their research papers to the Marshall community during the annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium.

Cleckley said she would like to encourage all Tri-State area students to participate in the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Award program.

To obtain further details contact Wilkin at Marshall University’s Community and Technical College, 696-3646.

Birke film scheduled

Marshall University’s Birke Art Gallery will present “Night on Earth” on Friday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

The film, an eccentric comedy by Jim Jarmusch, is composed of five different fragmented stories which take place in Los Angeles, New York, Paris, Rome and Helsinki. In each city, Jarmusch explores the commonplace but distinctly urban relationship between a taxi driver and his/her fare.

The program will be open to the public free of charge.

Pregame parties planned

Marshall University’s Alumni Association will sponsor pregame parties for the football games at North Carolina State University on Oct. 16 and the Citadel on Oct. 30.

The party at North Carolina State will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Radisson Governors Inn in Raleigh. The party at the Citadel will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Cafe 99 in Charleston, S.C.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Alumni Office, 696-3134.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

CELESTE WINTERS NUNLEY, director of the Marshall Artists Series, addressed members of the Northeast Performing Arts Conference on Sept. 27 in Hyannis, Mass. Her topic, "Booking: A Balancing Act," discussed how to book talent, work with committees and create a series which balances artistic quality and commercial sales. The conference was attended by arts presenters from the New England and Mid-Atlantic regions of the National Endowment for the Arts. A travel grant was awarded by the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation.

Dr. ROBERT D. OLSON, professor of communication disorders, is a member of the West Virginia Department of Education's Communication Disorders Task Force which met Sept. 16-17 at North Bend State Park to revise professional guidelines for public school practices with speech, language and hearing handicapped school children.

Dr. HOWARD G. ADKINS and Dr. MACK GILLENWATER, professors of geography, have been informed by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History that the Mullens, W.Va., Historic District will be added to the National Register of Historic Places. ADKINS and GILLENWATER performed the necessary research leading to the nomination during the spring of 1993. By being placed on the National Register, the Historic District will become eligible for federal funds to develop potential historical and tourism sites under the auspices of the National Park Service.

Dr. DONALD J. CANNON, professor of pathology, has been elected to the Nominating Committee of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry, a 10,000-member society for professionals in clinical laboratory medicine.

Dr. AKHTAR LODGHER and Dr. HISHAM AL-HADDAD, assistant professors in the Department of Computer Science/Software Development, attended the annual TRI-Ada '93 Conference held Sept. 18-23 at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle. AL-HADDAD attended a tutorial on Object-Oriented Programming using Ada 9X (Object-Oriented Ada). LODGHER presented a tutorial on teaching Ada in the first and second computer science courses (CS1 and CS2). TRI-Ada is the largest international conference and exposition devoted to the business of Ada and the current trends in software engineering and Ada technology. The travel was funded by a current contract from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

DOLORES JOHNSON, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "Discourse Analysis of 19th Century Huntington Papers about African Americans" on Sept. 24 at the sixth annual West Virginia Black History Conference held at Marshall.

JOHN VAN KIRK, assistant professor of English, had a book review published in the fall issue of the Hudson Review. He also had a short piece published in the latest issue of Paragraph.

Fellowships available

Presidential Faculty Fellowships are available for researchers in an NSF-supported field who were awarded their doctorate after Jan. 2, 1986, and who began teaching at Marshall University in a tenure-track position after Jan. 1, 1990, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the MU Graduate School.

These competitive awards carry a stipend of up to $100,000 per year for five years.

Applications for 1994 must reach the Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, no later than Nov. 1.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, 696-6606.

MU surplus to be sold

The fall sale of surplus university equipment and supplies will be held the week of Oct. 18, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management.

All material will be on display for faculty, staff, students and the general public Oct. 18-19 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Sorrell Maintenance Building at 20th Street and Third Avenue.

All items are "as is-where is" with no guarantee as to condition.

Written bids will be accepted from interested individuals until 8 a.m. on Oct. 20 when the bids will be sorted and tabulated in the Purchasing Office.

Individuals with the highest bids will be contacted by telephone and expected to pay for and pick up their purchases by 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

Authors will be honored

A reception will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge for Marshall University authors who will be autographing copies of their books.

Scheduled to attend are: Dr. David Woodward ("Trial by Friendship," University Press of Kentucky); Dr. John Gibson ("Performance vs. Results," State University of New York at Albany Press), and Dr. D.J. Cannon (co-author of "Professional Practice in Toxicology: Case Studies," co-author of "Professional Practice in Toxicology: A Review" and editor of "Seizure Disorders and Antiepileptic Drugs").

The book launching party is being sponsored by the Marshall University Bookstore and the Graduate School. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Excused absences...