quickly as they would like but people are pretty patient and they understand." His willingness to help out whenever he can has not gone unnoticed by the community. This month, after being told he was going to be covering a meeting of the Huntington Rotary Club which was giving away several Marshall items, he dutifully showed up more than an hour early to be sure his time was recorded when the Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Huntington Sports Committee, awarded a plaque of appreciation commemorating the work he has done for athletics over the years.

"I thought I was going to be shooting their giving away the Marshall stuff so I was really surprised and appreciative of the award," he says modestly.

His career started back in high school in Pocatello, Idaho, when he worked on the yearbook at Fairland High School and a friend who was doing darkroom work persuaded him to help out. After enrolling at Marshall, he honed his skills even further and chanced upon the opportunity when he was assigned to a journalism faculty member. After his graduation in 1976, he worked briefly for the Coal Valley News in Boone County.

"At a small newspaper like that you do a little bit of everything, not only did the photography, I did reporting, writing, editing, and on Mondays I emptied the trash," he says, laughing.

"Most people, when you explain that you need to take photos, they're pretty receptive. I've only had a few times when someone has said 'no!' when I've asked to take a photo and then I just move on to other things."

Marshall and photography are definitely intertwined in the Haye family. He met his wife Marilyn, when they were both MU students and she was a photography student who was so eye-catching, he would sit across some rooftops shooting pictures and then be at a dinner at the president's home or at a hotel that night. You don't get unnoticed by the community. This month, after being told he has had an article, "Economic Development and the Myth of Latine Faire: Germany and France in the Nineteenth Century" published in the Scandinavian Journal of Development Alternatives, which is published in Stockholm, Sweden. The article appears in the June and September 1999 issue of the Journal, pages 167-176.

Ms. Stephanie Smith, a purchasing agent for Marshall University, is the 1999 Procurement Officer of the Year, an annual award given by the State College and University Systems of West Virginia, according to William J. Shondel, director of Purchasing and Materials Management at MU.

Ms. Smith has worked at Marshall for 11 years. Her first position in the purchasing department was Clerk II, and from there she became a Purchasing Assistant I, then II, and finally a Purchasing Agent, one of only four at Marshall.

Shondel, who nominated her, said she is active in the national Association of Education Buyers which allows her to keep on the cutting edge of purchasing trends.

Ms. Smith has been a part of many contracts for Marshall, including a new housing complex, a new daycare center, the new Medical Center for the School of Medicine, the new jazz center, and the Student Center renovations and bookstore addition.

Dr. Allan Stern, Safety Technology Program Coordinator, attended the National Safety Council's annual Safety Congress held in New Orleans October 18-20. Dr. Stern made a paper presentation entitled "Preparation and Expectations of New OSHE Professionals," for the Educational Resource Division. He also represented the safety program at a recognition luncheon where Jerry Scannel, the NESC President, one of the founders of the National Science Foundation, led a discussion attended by about 40 people who gathered in the Dinako Library to discuss the technological challenges to teacher training and education in the future.

Nominations Sought For Honorary Degrees

The University Functions Committee is asking faculty, staff, and the general public for nominations of individuals to receive an honorary degree at commencement ceremonies in May 2000, according to Susan Jackson, assistant to the chair of the UFC committee. The committee is also soliciting suggestions for the commencement speaker.

The deadline for nominations for both is Monday, January 10. They should be sent to Jackson who can be reached by email at jacksons@Marshall.edu.

Nominations should include the name of the individual,

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grams, information sharing, evaluations, grant writing, all
kinds of things you would be doing to help folks help
themselves," Coombs says.

The center's definition of prevention is broad based in
the sense that it is intended to alleviate a wide range of
behaviors and conditions, including but not limited to,
"alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, crime and delin­
quency, violence, vandalism, mental health problems,
family conflict, parenting problems, stress and burnout,
child abuse, learning problems, school failure, school
dropouts, teenage pregnancy, depression, and suicide."

He emphasizes that the center does not provide direct
services to the public but rather provides resources,
technical assistance, and support to the individuals,
agencies and organizations that do. They might, for
instance, do evaluations of quarterly reports for one
agency and do surveying for another. They became in­
volved last summer with the West Virginia Teen Institute,
a teen leadership program that incorporated prevention
related activities. After attending a summer camp, center
grad assistants are following up with a study of the teens.
The WVPRC was established as a partnership involv­
ing several public agencies as well as private ones. State
groups under the public umbrella include the Department
of Health and Human Resources, Department of Military
Affairs and Public Safety, Department of Education, the
University System of West Virginia, which includes
Marshall University, and the Department of Education
and the Arts. Private groups participating are the Coalition
Against Domestic Violence, State Health Education
Council, Wellness Council of West Virginia, the West
Virginia Certification Board for Addiction and Prevention
Professionals, and Partners in Health Network.

The rapid growth is keeping the staff and students
extremely busy and that's very good, Coombs says.

"We've hit on a particular need," he notes. "We got
very busy, very quickly. It's an idea whose time has come.
There are a lot of resources in state government that we
haven't accessed yet. And higher education is helping
solve some problems in the state."

University of Charleston, or send by e-mail to
Send story ideas to Pat Dickson, Editor, We
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from Charleston, Campus, or by e-mail to

Dr. Wayne Coombs (left) and the staff of the West Virginia Prevention
Resource Center are currently based in the administration building on
the South Charleston campus, but expect to move to larger quarters in
the near future.

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the reasons why this person should be considered for an
honorary degree, and phone number, address, or other
information where the individual can be reached.

According to an announcement from the committee,
nominations should include the following qualifications: persons
who have made significant contributions to Marshall Univer­
sity, monetary or otherwise; persons who can be expected to
make significant contributions to Marshall, usually monetary
in nature; persons sufficiently outstanding that they clearly
deserve such recognition; persons already outstanding for
whom such recognition might mean little, but where confer­
ing such a degree might be of benefit to the University; and
persons who can be expected to attend the commencement
ceremony in order to receive the degree.

Suggestions for a commencement speaker should include the
name, title, and affiliation(s) of the individual; a brief
biography; reasons for considering the individual as a speaker;
and phone number, address or other means of contacting the individual

Profile: Rick Haye
A series on interesting Marshall University people.

He's a one-man campus photographer who has clam­
bered over rooftops, explored the depths of
basements, shot pictures out of an airplane window and been to
virtually every nook and cranny of the campus.

A familiar figure
to both staff and students, Rick Haye has been
plying his trade as the official Marshall photogra­
pher for the past 21 years. And his graceful photos
have helped record the history of the University, its
parade of presidents, the students and staff, the
festive events as well as the more somber occasions.

Actually, he says most people assume he has a
whole staff of photographers working for him. He
doesn't. He goes it alone, cramming as many photo
requests as he can into a very hectic schedule. and
he usually does all the darkroom work himself,
with occasional help from talented student assis­
tants. In the course of a day he may photograph an
awards ceremony, a visiting dignitary, a dinner or
reception, a campus scene, take some student or
staff headshots for various publications or cover an
athletic event. He takes the photos that appear in
University brochures, programs, and a wide variety of
promotional materials. His eye-catching photo of the
Drisko Library with Old Main reflected in its
glass façade has already been used as a cover or
focal point for several publications.

And Haye says he's grateful that he has help from
time to time from competent student assistants
who have an interest in photography and an
aptitude for it, such as his current assistant, Brett
Hall. In fact, he is proud that two of his former
assistants have gone on to become chief photogra­
phers at large state newspapers: Melissa Moore for
The Huntington Herald-Dispatch, and Chip Ellis for
The Charleston Daily Mail.

But his enthusiasm for his job has not dimin­
ished over the years.

"I like my job. It gets busy sometimes, requests
come from all directions, everyone needing things
done immediately. I try my best to do what I can for
people, to get it to them in a timely manner as much
as possible. Sometimes I can't get things done as
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