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more than 150 years after its first kiln-fired brick was set, it is still serving the community as a genuine historical preservation without the musty museum gloom of a past petrified under glass and varnish. The Greek revival style-mansion was owned by a series of Laidley, Quarrier, and Summers families, before finally passing to Lucy Quarrier, as she was fondly known, who donated the estate in 1979 to the MUGC Foundation, then known as the West Virginia COGS Foundation.

A lively, spirited woman who was active until shortly before her death, Miss Lucy was determined to share her heritage with future generations. Because it had always been a family home it was her specific request that the house and the two acres it sits on not become a museum but rather be used by people. She loved having guests come to see the house and she delighted in giving personal guided tours, complete with her own lively reminiscences of life in the grand old house. The Graduate College Foundation Board agreed to preserve the mansion as a historical landmark, but in keeping with her wishes, also made it a functioning part of academic and community activities. In addition to the social events held there over the years it has been used a residence for visiting scholars and as a meeting place for groups of academicians.

And echoes of the life as it must have lived in the home can be found in the careful touches that Wideman brings to the house, particularly during the holiday season. As much as possible she tries to re-create the seasonal feeling by using materials roughly approximating the kinds of things that 19th century households would have had available to them. "They had to use what they had on hand or what they could get, natural materials, and some simple things like peppermint sticks which not only were special treats but made colorful tree decorations," she says. It actually takes a lot of work and time to make the seemingly simple ornaments and decorations that can be found in every room of the house.

Aquatic Classes Scheduled for Spring

The Recreational Sports and Fitness Activities department will hold its adult aquatic exercise class in the Spring 2000 semester on the following dates and times: Aqua Aerobics: session 1, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.; session 2, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; session 3, Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 6 p.m.

A swim fitness class is scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. These classes will run from January 19 to February 19. The cost is $35 for three classes per week and $30 for two classes per week. Marshall employees receive a $5.00 discount. To receive a registration form, call ext. 3668 and leave a message.

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Charlene Wideman makes many of the holiday decorations herself at the Glenwood Estate. Here she is working on the wreath for the front door, based on an example from colonial Williamsburg.

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Angels On Their Way to Marshall

Marshall's new president-elect, Dr. Dan Angel, and his wife, Patricia, were on hand for the momentous MAC championship game. Now they're looking forward to attending the Motor City Bowl game on December 27. And then it's back to Huntington on January 1 where he will start his duties as president of Marshall University.

Dr. Dan Angel has been appointed president of Marshall University effective January 1, 2000. He is shown here at the press conference announcing his appointment on December 3.

Angel, currently president of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, was chosen from a field of three final candidates. His selection was announced Dec. 3. University System Chancellor Charles W. Manning said he was impressed with Angel's background and experience. "Dr. Angel has the proven skills to continue the rapid development of Marshall University," Manning said, "and the ability to use Marshall's talent and energy for the further development of West Virginia.

"I'm truly looking forward to becoming Marshall University's president," said Angel. "It's a dynamic institution with outstanding academic programs and facilities, I like the size—about 16,000 students—and the statewide commitment to graduate education. I'm particularly impressed with the John Deaver Drinko Library and the advanced technology it represents. I'm pleased with the outstanding community support I found in southern West Virginia, and with the energized, attractive and compact campus. The medical school and the community college are wonderful assets. Marshall has great prospects and I look forward to helping shape its future."

Angel became president of Stephen F. Austin State University, with a student enrollment of 12,000, in 1992. Prior to that he served as president of Austin (Texas) Community College for seven years and as president of Imperial Valley College from

LuAnn South Named November Employee of the Month

LuAnn South, administrative secretary senior in communication studies, has been selected as Employee of the Month for November by Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

South lives in South Point, Ohio, and has been an employee of the university since 1986. She was nominated by Bertram W. Gross, chair of communication studies, and by communication studies faculty members Camilla Bramer, Toshiki Kuchi, and Edward Woods.

South was lauded by all for her diligent work with students, which has at times included cooking meals for those who had temporarily run out of funds. Her warm personality and her dedication to her job and to departmental faculty members also drew high praise.

In his nomination Gross said, "She goes out of her way to provide support to faculty who need help with materials for their classes. She is equally supportive of the many part-time faculty and graduate teaching assistants, for whom she is an invaluable re-

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MU Receives Grant for MLK Day of Service

Marshall University received a $5,018 grant from the Corporation for National Service to help celebrate the 2000 Martin Luther King Day of Service, according to Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs at Marshall University.

"This award means we are recognized for working in the areas of social justice and equality—the ideals Martin Luther King represented," Cleckley said.

The Best Buy Company became a national sponsor of the Martin Luther King Day of Service, which enabled the Corporation for National Service to help more organizations fund their activities. This year basketball star Grant Hill will work with the corporation to help promote their message, "A Day ON! Not A Day OFF!"

Cleckley said there are many programs Marshall University has implemented and been a part of to educate the public and students. The Mentor Literacy Program, Investment in Youth Program, encouraging non-violence, increasing self-awareness and community awareness are all programs and activities that gained the other funding for the grant.

Cleckley said that further information about Marshall’s activities will be available soon. For more information, contact her at 466-7720.

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1978-81, and Citrus College, from 1981-84, both California institutions.

He attended Taft College in California and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from Wayne State University in Michigan. He has a Ph.D. in communications from Indiana’s Purdue University.

The president-elect began his career in 1965 as an assistant professor at the University of Delaware, moving to Albion College in Michigan in 1969 where he taught and coached the debate team. He served as special assistant to the president in Washington, D.C., to U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin of Michigan in 1969, and then became director of adult and continuing education on the main campus and the College of Continuing Education.

From 1973 to 1978 he served in the Michigan legislature as a representative from the state’s 49th district.

He is married to the former Patricia Alice Schuster and they have two children, Scott and Shelby.

Faculty Senate Agenda Announced

The Faculty Senate will meet December 16 at 4 p.m. in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The agenda will include approval of minutes from 11/18/99; announcement of the Interim Provost’s report of the Interim University President, ACF report, NCHEMS report (Chancellor Manning), five committee recommendations dealing with the following: 1) that the Faculty Senate support legislation that permits faculty with 12-month appointments to donate their unused sick leave time to other faculty and staff who need it; 2) the "Pop-Tax Law"; 3) the Faculty Senate support the development of quality student housing at the former Medical School site; 4) the Faculty Senate approve the relocation of the Safety Technology program from the College of Education & Human Services to the College of Information Technology and Engineering; and 5) the Faculty Senate support six hours per year during each Spring Semester for a faculty member to serve as lobbyist to represent faculty during the legislative session; standing committee reports from the following committees: Physical Facilities & Planning; Research, Graduate, Student Conduct & Welfare, and University Functions; request to speak to the senate, and agenda requests for future meetings.

Annual Holiday Party Dec. 17

President and Mrs. A. Michael Perry are inviting all Marshall University employees, retirees and their families to the annual MU holiday party on Friday, December 17, in the Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

A reception is planned from 6-8:30 p.m. with a light buffet to follow from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Santa will be on hand for children to have free photos made with him.

Faculty and Staff Achievements

William C. Butler, II, Graduate Assistant in the CTC Center and David E. Geesner, Coordinator EMT/Paramedic Program, MU EMS and Adjunct Faculty in CTC Paramedic Science Program, had two articles published in JEMS - Journal of Emergency Medical Services. The articles, "Crowd Venues, Avoid an EMS Quagmire by Preparing for Mass Gatherings," and "How to Develop a Mass Gathering EMS Plan," were published in the November, 1999 issue.

Profile: Charlene Wideman

Charlene Wideman
A series on interesting Marshall University people.

Deck the Halls may just be a merry holiday tune to most of us but to Charlene Wideman, it’s an annual call to action.

Because for Wideman, the long-time curator of Glenwood, the historic dwelling on the west side of Charleston owned by the Marshall University Graduate College Foundation, decorating its antique filled rooms each December is a labor of love...even if she does spend the early part of December up to her elbows in pine cones, seasonal greeneries plucked from the Glenwood grounds, assorted fruit, lots of colorful craft materials, and enough ribbon to make a cape for the Statue of Liberty. And then there is that towering 12-foot spruce in the parlor which spills out over the room while the multiple sets of miniature white lights which will be carefully placed.

Wideman, who oversees the day-to-day operation of the estate, decks the large airy rooms of the imposing antebellum mansion each year with lavish seasonal finery. And it’s a tribute to her imagination and creativity that each year she comes up with fresh ideas, hand-crafting the decorations and using as many natural materials as possible from the estate itself.

The result is a house that glows with holiday warmth in which parties, weddings, receptions, tours, dinners and luncheons can take place because it is available not only for university functions but can be rented by the public for appropriate events with stringent guidelines for its use. And Wideman, who attends all events at the estate, often acts as a docent, giving visitors a detailed history of the home which dates back to 1852.

It is quite a history. As one of the few of its kind, Glenwood stands as a tribute to the five families it sheltered, largely because of efforts of the MUGC Foundation to keep it vigorously active. And now, (continued on page 4)