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Huntington Couple Receive Honorary Degrees

Mary H. and J. Churchill Hodges, lifelong Huntington residents and long-standing supporters of Marshall University, received honorary doctoral degrees during Marshall's 2009 Winter Commencement Dec. 5..

Churchill Hodges received a Doctor of Science degree and Mary Hodges received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp said the Hodges are special friends of the university.

"Marshall University students have benefited for many years from the dedication, generosity and community leadership of Mary and Churchill Hodges," Kopp said. "Mention their first names and everyone at Marshall knows who you are talking about. They are a very special couple who have touched the lives and futures of many Marshall students over the years. Words cannot express how grateful we are to Mary and Churchill for the loyalty, benevolence and devotion they've shown to Marshall University."

Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation, said the Hodges were the first couple he met when he came to Marshall in 2007. That first impression, Area said, was a lasting one.

"Mary and Churchill are very significant donors to the university," he said. "They help out across the university – the library, fine arts, the College of Business, athletics ... they are everywhere. And they are always saying, 'How can we help more?' They epitomize what major donors can and should do for the university."

Don Van Horn, dean of Marshall's College of Fine Arts, said the Hodges have a long-standing commitment

to the College of Fine Arts and their generosity extends to programs throughout the university.

"The Hodges have spent their lives in Huntington making it a better community in which to live and helping position Marshall University as an institution ready to respond to the need of its students and faculty," Van Horn said. "Their collective vision for a better tomorrow guides their own lives and how they use their time and resources to benefit those around them."

Churchill Hodges is a two-time graduate of Marshall, earning an A.B. in chemistry in 1948 and a master's in geography in 1953. He also received a National Science Foundation Academic Year Institute Scholarship at The Ohio State University in 1957-58.

Mary Hodges started at Marshall in 1950 before leaving school in favor of a job. "Times were tough," she says today. "I couldn't finish and there were few scholarships. So, I went to work."

Both Churchill and Mary grew up in Huntington. He attended the Marshall Lab School before transferring to the Kentucky Military Institute (KMI) in the 10th grade, and she attended Cammack Junior High and graduated from Huntington High.

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University Cardiovascular Services Receives Accreditation as Nuclear Cardiology Lab

University Cardiovascular Services in Huntington has become the community's only nuclear cardiology laboratory to receive accreditation from the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Laboratories. The accreditation is valid through September 2012.

Nuclear cardiology testing helps in diagnosing and treating heart disease by allowing doctors to evaluate the heart's pumping function and blood flow.

The commission describes the accreditation as a "seal of approval" that it awards only after determining a facility complies with standards covering physician and technologist training and experience, procedures, equipment, safety and quality assurance processes.

University Cardiovascular Services is part of University Physicians & Surgeons, the faculty practice group of Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Attending physicians with the department are Drs. Silvestre Cansino, Mehiar El-Hamdani, Francis Le, Rameez Sayyed, Tina Sias, Ralph Stevens II, Mark Studeny (chairman), Ellen Thompson, Paulette Wehner and Everett Wray III. Nurse practitioners are Heather Carver, Traci Phillips and Beth White.



Churchill (left) and Mary Hodges participate in the December commencement at which they received honorary doctoral degrees.

Professors Emeritus Publish Books on Singer, World War I

A Marshall University professor emeritus with a lifelong interest in American popular music has co-authored the first full-length biography of Ruth Etting, a pioneering singer of the early 20th Century.

Dr. Charles O. Lloyd, who earned his doctorate in Classics from Indiana University and taught at Marshall for 35 years, co-wrote "Ruth Etting: America's Forgotten Sweetheart" with Chicago native Kenneth Irwin. Both authors will be featured at a book signing from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at Empire Books, 30 Pullman Square, Huntington.

Lloyd's interest in Etting began in the late '60s when he heard her voice on a Columbia re-release. He began to research the recording artist and visited her hometown to interview friends who had known her.

"Ruth Etting was enormously popular throughout the 1930s and her story is yet untold," said Lloyd. "We examine her unique place in the history of American entertainment, specifically her trend-setting vocal style and her pioneering work in phonograph recordings and radio, as well as her enormous popularity throughout the 1930s."

In 2003, Lloyd met Irwin and began a collaboration that led to "Ruth Etting: America's Forgotten Sweetheart," a 360-page hardbound book now available from Scarecrow Press (www.scarecrowpress.com). Etting (1897-1978) was among the most important performers of her time with an influence that extended from Broadway to radio and film. Her successes include more than 60 popular recordings including a 1928 rendition of "Love Me or

Leave Me," which was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2005.

The book recounts Etting's early years as a radio performer who quickly attained national celebrity, her recording career as "Sweetheart of Columbia Records," and her innovative work in film. The authors detail Etting's unhappy marriage to her husband and manager, Martin (Moe "The Gimp") Snyder, her second marriage to pianist arranger Myrl Alderman, and her Colorado Springs retirement. The work also includes anecdotes, previously unavailable photos, and both a discography and filmography.

Lloyd has published articles on the ancient Greek polis, Euripides, Vergil, and the teaching of writing. In keeping with his passion for American popular music, he has played improvisational piano for public events for the past 25 years.

Irwin is a computer specialist who has spent more than 15 years researching the life and career of Ruth Etting. His writings include articles on Etting and the liner notes for the CD *Ruth Etting: Glorifier of American Song* (1997).

Dr. David R. Woodward, History professor emeritus, has published *World War I Almanac*, a volume in Facts On File's *Almanacs of American Wars* series.

Facts On File asked Woodward, an international authority on WWI, to undertake this detailed, day-by-day chronology of the events and people involved in the war. He examines all theaters in this global conflict, from the Middle East to the Balkans to German East Africa, paying particular attention to America's involvement in the war.

Unlike many accounts of WWI, the almanac does not end with the Armistice. Rather it continues through July of 1923 with the Treaty of Lausanne, the last peace treaty of the Great War. Also unlike other accounts, it sets the stage for the clash of nations beginning with the creation of Germany's Second Reich which destroyed the old European equilibrium in 1871.

The work includes maps, some 100 illustrations, a glossary, notes and an extensive bibliography so that it is useful and readable for the scholar and the armchair history enthusiast. The book has headings and dates that the reader can cross reference, making it possible to follow a particular topic whether it is the role of the U.S. military, intervention in Russia, the air war, the Italian front, the Paris Peace Conference, or some other aspect of the war and its immediate aftermath.

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Surplus Property Sale Begins Dec. 14

Marshall will hold a public surplus property sale December 14 and 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Art Warehouse building located at 201 21st Street in Huntington. Registration will be conducted and bid forms will be distributed during those times.

A variety of items, including household furniture, office furniture, office equipment, business machines, medical and scientific equipment, and vehicles are available. After the bids are tabulated the items will go to the highest bidder. Successful bidders will be required to pay for and pick up their purchases no later than 3:30 p.m., Friday, December 18.

For additional information, call Deborah Watson at ext. 66678 or email her at watsonsd@marshall.edu.

WMUL Podcast Wins Best of Show

WMUL-FM, Marshall's public radio station, received a first-place Podcast Best of Show award at the 88th Annual National College Media Convention/2009 Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) Annual College Competition ceremony. The ceremony took place last month in Austin, Texas.

The award-winning entry by WMUL-FM was a regular 30-minute edition of a sports program that airs Friday and Saturday during Marshall University football weekends. The winning entry was "Herd Roundup," broadcast the first time Friday, Oct. 23, 2009.

Dr. Chuck G. Bailey, professor of Radio-Television Production and Management in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and faculty manager of WMUL-FM, said the campus radio station competed with other media outlets with online Web sites from colleges and universities throughout the country whose staffs attended the 88th Annual National College Media Convention.

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Profile: Kemp Winfree

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Kemp Winfree

On his first day of work back in August 1975, at what was then the College of Graduate Studies, Kemp Winfree found that one of his first duties would be to take part that week in a staff retreat being held at Hawks Nest State Park. A latecomer to the staff and to the retreat and facing a shortage of available rooms, he was assigned to share a room with a fellow staff member. Unfortunately, that staff member was suffering from a virulent case of poison ivy and was treating it by staying submerged in a tub full of an oatmeal-like substance.

"He spent two days in the tub and I had to find another bathroom to shower in," Winfree recalls wryly.

Barely back from the retreat, he was thrust as a mediator into a contentious disagreement between the president and the Faculty Wives Club over an upcoming tea event. "And I don't even like tea," he says. Then less than two weeks into his tenure as Executive Director of the College of Graduate Studies Foundation, the president who had just hired him abruptly resigned and left immediately to take another job.

Not an especially auspicious beginning for some perhaps, but for Winfree it more or less set the tone for the 34 years that were to follow. He's handled changes, multiple crises, sweeping shifts in direction and personnel, several institutional name changes and even the moving of an entire college, all with a cool wit and unflappable aplomb. He's seen the college, which was in its infancy when he signed on, grow and flourish and finally become an integral part of Marshall University.

Now as retirement beckons, he can look back on a work history that began when as a youngster he passed newspapers on the west side of Charleston where he was born and brought up. At 15 he was working at the now-defunct Evans Supermarket and after graduation from Stonewall Jackson High School he attended Morris Harvey College—now the University of Charleston. There he experienced a life-changing and life-enriching moment—he met his future bride, Becky. After graduation the pair headed for Morgantown "with a U-Haul trailer and \$75 in our pockets," he says. A small grant and Becky's salary from a WVU library job enabled him to complete a master's degree in the university's Rehabilitation Counseling program.

The couple returned to Charleston, where Winfree became the personnel/rehabilitation director for Goodwill Industries and Becky began her career as a high school English teacher. He has fond memories of his time at Goodwill and praise for the organization. "It was a great experience, a great cause and I worked with really good people," he says. A three-year stint at the Appalachian Education Lab followed, then he took a leap of faith to follow a cherished dream to attend seminary over the next two years. He was the Executive Director of the Virginia Mental Health Foundation in Richmond, Va. when an opportunity to return to his hometown area arose, as the graduate college was looking for an executive director for its newly formed foundation. The timing was perfect, he remembers. "I knew it was time to come back to the comfort and security of the hills."

Born out of legislation passed in 1972 the graduate college was a brand-new, state-supported institution dedicated exclusively to providing master's degrees primarily to working adults. Its beginnings were not without misgivings on some legislators' parts, but the college and the small ardent staff it recruited worked feverishly to fulfill its mission and prove its worth. But key to the young institution's survival during some rocky political times was the appointment of strong and dynamic

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Hicks Creates Endowment for Faculty Award

Retired Marshall University professor Dr. Dorothy E. "Dot" Hicks has made a gift to create a faculty award endowment in Marshall's College of Education and Human Services (COEHS).

The fund will support the renamed Dr. Dorothy "Dot" Hicks Annual Award for Teaching Excellence. Current, full time, tenured faculty in the COEHS are eligible to apply for this yearly recognition and \$500 award stipend.

The award originally was established in 2006 by Dr. Rosalyn Templeton, dean of the College of Education and Human Services. Templeton also established awards in the areas of research and service.

Hicks retired as a faculty member from the Division of Exercise Science Sports and Recreation, formerly Health, Physical Education and Recreation (now the School of Kinesiology), after 30 years of service (1969-1999). Her academic service included being a professor of education and coordinator of clinical supervision of teachers.

While at Marshall she also coached women's golf, tennis, badminton and volleyball. Hicks also served as chairperson of the women's physical education department. She helped develop the women's intercollegiate athletic program and served as an associate athletic director. She also was faculty representative for the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and for the Southern Conference, of which Marshall University is a former member.

Hicks also has received the alumni association's honorary alumnus award, the university's Distinguished Service Award and the COEHS Distinguished Education and Human Service Award. She is a member of the Marshall University Athletic Hall of Fame

Before coming to Marshall, Hicks taught at DuPont High School, Central Middle School, and East Tennessee State University. She holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Peabody College and a Doctor of Education from the University of Tennessee, and has done other advanced work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Hicks is recognized as a benefactor to Marshall University as a member of the President's Circle, the John Marshall Society and the Heritage Society. She established the Dorothy Hicks Physical Education Scholarship, the Dorothy Hicks Athletic Graduate Scholarship and the Dorothy Hicks Lady Herd Athlete of the Year Award.

"Dr. Hicks is definitely a role model for the College, Marshall University, and its faculty," Templeton said. "Her teaching expertise, commitment to students, and generous giving of her time to help individuals succeed shows that she is truly deserving of the award for teacher excellence to be named in her honor."

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Woodward, who gives credit to the staff at the Drinko and Morrow libraries for their assistance on this project, taught in the MU History Department from 1970 until his retirement in 2006. The book is his eighth on subjects pertaining to the political, diplomatic and military history of World War I. He is currently working on several articles for *The Encyclopedia of War* which will be published by Blackwell Publishing, Ltd.

Kemp Winfree

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advisory and foundation boards whose members were passionate about the college and its mission.

"We couldn't have had better advisory and foundation boards," Winfree says. "Angus Peyton and Herbert Jones were two people who fought for us and who were very active from the beginning ... Time and time again through the years, when some people wanted to either close the college or prematurely combine us with other institutions, they stepped up and fought for us and put an enormous amount of energy and resources into ensuring our success. They were incredibly generous to the staff as well."

By far the biggest gift the Foundation ever received was the donation of Glenwood, a historic estate located on Charleston's west side. Built in 1852 on a then-vast estate, the house was home to some of the city's leading families. In 1979, principally through Angus Peyton's efforts, Lucy Quarrier, the last owner, donated the house and its grounds to the Foundation so that it could be preserved for future generations. Filled with many of its original furnishings and with meticulously kept gardens and grounds, the estate proved to be a popular setting for elegant weddings, meetings and other various gatherings. A few years ago it was decided to retire the home from commercial use to protect it from undue wear and tear. When the graduate college foundation disbanded in 2008, the estate passed to the Historic Glenwood Foundation, a separate entity created to oversee and ensure the preservation of the historic home. Winfree is happy to report that there are plans to re-open the estate on a limited basis sometime next spring to accommodate scheduled tours and history buffs.

As the years passed, Winfree took on other duties and added additional titles. He became Vice President in 1992 and, after the merger with Marshall in 1997, was named Vice President for Regional Operations, with the broader responsibility of overseeing centers in Bluefield, Beckley and Point Pleasant. By far the biggest challenge he faced during his tenure was the moving, in June of 1995, of the entire college 10 miles down the interstate, going from converted dorm space at Institute to new, specially built quarters in South Charleston. For months he was intricately involved in all the meticulous planning and logistics the move required. The move took five days and it is among his proudest achievements. It is a tribute to his acumen that the college remained open and functioning during the entire move of 150 people and all of their equipment.

"South Charleston has been so supportive of us," he remarks. "We couldn't ask for a better place to be. The city has been happy to have a college here and we've been good citizens."

Along the way he took advantage of the college's rich educational opportunities to earn an executive MBA. (Son Morgan is a Marshall alumnus as well, with two degrees including an MBA.) And for several years Winfree taught management classes for both the business and engineering schools.

The merger of the graduate college with Marshall in 1997 was another momentous milestone in his long career. He's quick to enumerate the advantages he's seen as a result. "It was time for a merger. We're part of a bigger institution now with more support base, more resources and greater visibility. I think we would have had a difficult time surviving long-term if we hadn't merged."

Winfree doesn't expect—or particularly want—his retirement to be leisurely. "Becky will see to that," he says with a smile. He fully expects there will be a long list of chores from his wife, who retired five years ago after 29 years of teaching in Kanawha County high schools. He'll continue to stay active with the Historic Glenwood Foundation and he would like to become involved with a couple of groups doing humanitarian work around the area. The couple plans to travel. There's son Jason and his family in California, and Morgan's children in this area to shuttle around to various activities. The Winfrees also want to explore some historical sites in the eastern U.S they've never had time to visit. And best of all, they're wrapping up a house renovation project that's now in its twelfth month and which saw them move out for three months. But he's kept his sense of humor even after that ordeal. "It just seemed like such a good idea at the time!"

"It's time to halt, kick back and do something else," he says reflectively. "If you have to work, this is as good as it gets, as good a place to work as you'll find. I've always prided myself on hiring good people, the right people for the jobs. But it's time to go when you're hiring people who were born after you started working here. But the bottom line is, at the end of the day you know you've done something you can be proud of."

Mary and Churchill Hodges

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Churchill spent 35 years as an educator in Cabell County, teaching biology at Huntington East High School for five years before attending Ohio State for a year. He then began serving as Cabell County's first Supervisor of Science and Mathematics. Most of his career in Cabell County Schools was spent as Supervisor of Science and Director of Purchasing. He also coached tennis at Marshall from 1949 through 1953.

Churchill attended many athletic and theatre events at Marshall, even as a child. He recalls Marshall students living in his home often took him with them to events on campus.

"That made me love Marshall, even as a little boy," he said. "I developed a love for Marshall from the people that stayed with us."

One of his classmates in the first grade at the Marshall Lab School was Charlie Kautz, a lifelong friend who was Marshall's athletic director in 1970 and died in the Marshall plane crash on Nov. 14 of that year. Rick Tolley, head coach of the 1970 squad and one of the 75 plane crash victims, and his wife, Mary Jane, were next-door neighbors of Mary at the time of the crash. The Hodges endowed scholarships in honor of Rick Tolley and Charlie Kautz.

Mary worked for AAA Travel Services for 21 years, serving as director of domestic travel for many of those years. She has been active with the Huntington Museum of Art, the United Way of Huntington, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Meriwether Society. She was president of the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in West Virginia.

Mary is a member of the Marshall Library Associates and the newly formed College of Fine Arts Dean's Council.

Churchill is past president of the Huntington Museum of Art and the Huntington YMCA. He also serves on the board of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., and the Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation. He received the Drinko Distinguished Service Award in 2004.

Mary and Churchill have traveled worldwide, visiting every continent. Through all of their activities, they have continued to support Marshall University in a major way.

"It's part of us," Churchill said. "It's an important part of our social life. We're fortunate to be in a university town; we appreciate all the things it offers us."

"We're lucky to have Marshall University in Huntington. It really has flourished," May said. "We like the sports and the plays and the scholarships are special because they weren't available to me."

The Hodges' generosity has supported many areas, including athletic and academic scholarships, the J. Churchill Hodges Summer Science Scholars, Marshall Libraries, the Geography Department GIS Laboratory, the President's Home and the Erickson Alumni Center. Their contributions to science were honored with the naming of the Mary H. and J. Churchill Hodges Biotechnology Capstone Research Laboratory in the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center.

The Hodges also enjoy supporting the Marching Thunder. Churchill was the drum major at Kentucky Military Institute, where he spent three years before graduating. KMI campuses were located near Louisville, Ky., and in Venice, Fla.

"It's nice that we can give to things that we are particularly interested in," Churchill said.