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We Are...Marshall!

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SPECIAL EDITION: EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

James Morris-Smith Named Employee of the Year

James Morris-Smith, Director of Theatre Facilities, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Year, according to Jim Stephens, Chairman of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.

Morris-Smith, who has been employed at Marshall for 17 years, was the June Employee of the Month. He was nominated by Sarah N. Denman, Roberta Ferguson, and Martha C. Woodward.

In their nominations they cited his creativity, affability, organizational skills, his critical eye for detail, his tireless efforts on behalf of the university, and the enthusiasm and knowledge he brings to every job he undertakes as reasons to honor him.

Denman wrote, "James Morris-Smith works tirelessly to make Marshall University always 'look good.' He makes impossible jobs happen and makes them look easy. He makes every event seem important and makes the job easier for all involved. His love of Marshall is evident in all he does and his good humor makes difficult things go smoothly."

And, she adds, "One of the joys of working with James is his 'wicked wit' No matter how stressed we all are, he always makes us laugh and focus."

He was responsible for giving this year's commencement, with its largest graduating class ever, a new look, according to Ferguson. "From the center aisle carpet to the elegantly decorated stage, James personally attended to every detail. His efforts resulted in a memorable event for our graduates and their guests. Future graduates also will benefit from his work."

Marshall University Employee of the Year Winners

James Morris-Smith	2003
Peggy Egnatoff	2002
Stephanie Smith	2001
Feon Smith	2000
Lisa Williamson	1999
Frances Cantrell	1998
Judy Russell	1997
Doris Wellman	1996
Opal Byrd	1995
Zanna Crager	1994
Shirley Dyer	1993

June, 2003



*James Morris-Smith
Director of Theatre Facilities
Nominated by: Sarah Denman,
Roberta Ferguson, and Martha C. Woodward*

She says he is generous in sharing his professional knowledge and expertise with theatre students, helping them explore all aspects of their craft.

Not only does he spend countless hours coordinating special events and productions outside his job responsibilities, but "his artistic ability is matched by his incredible sense of humor. Regardless of the magnitude of the job, James entertains co-workers with his amazing wit. There is never a dull moment in the company of James Morris-Smith. James makes our jobs easier and a lot more fun," she says.

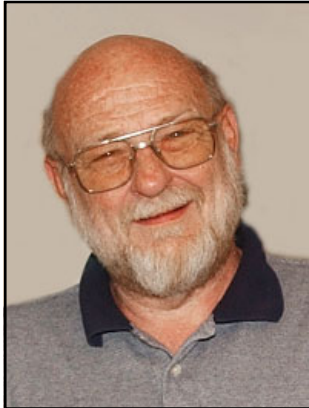
Ferguson adds, "He spends countless hours coordinating special events and productions outside his job responsibilities. Marshall University is most fortunate to have an extraordinary talent who shares his time and expertise so willingly."

Woodward has high praise for Morris-Smith after working with him on the Yeager Symposium, Honors

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Employees of the Month for 2002-2003

July, 2002



*Jerry Schroyer
Caretaker
Erickson Alumni Center
Nominated by: Alumni Development Staff*

August, 2002



*Russell "Rusty" Dobbins
Assistant Supervisor of Building Services
Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine
Nominated by: Linda Holmes*

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Convocation and Governor's Honors Academy as well as other projects, all requiring a good deal of time and work. "James must set up and coordinate facilities for all the performance activities as well as furnishing people to be there to see that everything works. He brings it all off with flair and aplomb."

Woodward pays tribute to Morris-Smith for his "brilliant set design for theatre productions and beautiful arrangements for Commencement plus other campus and public events ... such as giving many hours to the community by working on such events as the Cabell Huntington Hospital festival of Trees."

She concludes, "As anyone who knows James can tell you, working with him is a pleasure not only because of his organization, attention to detail and brilliant design flair but because he is sensitive, generous and funny. Not many universities can claim such a gift as James."

The announcement of Morris-Smith's selection as Employee of the Year was made by President Dan Angel at a reception July 17 honoring the twelve monthly winners. He received a plaque, a gift certificate from the Marshall University Bookstore and a check for \$300.

September, 2002



*James "Ricky" Hazel
Sports Information Director
Nominated by: Randy Burnside, Andrea Smith,
Andrew Boggs, and Sandra Hutchinson*

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October, 2002



*Clarence Martin
Building Service Worker
Physical Plant
Nominated by: Barbara Tubbs*

November, 2002



*Cammy Holley
Administrative Secretary Senior
College of Information Tech. and Engineering
Nominated by: James Carico, Elizabeth Hanrahan
James W. Hooper, Bill Pierson, Jonathan Thompson*

December, 2002



*Carol Henson
Administrative Secretary
Safety Technology
Nominated by: Allan Stern*

January, 2003



*Calvin Rowlings
Campus Service Worker II
Nominated by: Russell Dorton, Michael Farley, Chris
Kennedy, Lahoma Weekley, and Charles Young*

Employees of the Month for 2002-2003

February, 2003



*Karen Midkiff
Receptionist
WV Autism Training Center
Nominated by: Cheryl Beaver and Wanda Wells*

March, 2003



*Jeri Clagg
Academic Advisor, Regents BA Degree
Nominated by: Daniel Holbrook, Roberta
Ferguson, and Donovan Combs*

April, 2003



*Denise Lawhon
Records Officer
Graduate College
Nominated by: Leonard Deutsch*

May, 2003



*Teresa Bolt
Business Manager
University Information Technology
Nominated by: Jan Fox*

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of August 1, 2003. Deadline is July 25. Send story ideas to Pat Dickson, Editor, *We Are...Marshall!*, 312Administration Building, South Charleston Campus, or send by e-mail to pdickson@marshall.edu.