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Chancellor’s Performer in Residence JANE CURRY: March 29, 30 and 31

Jane Curry will perform three one-woman shows

In honor of Women’s National History Month

Jane Curry is UT Chancellor’s artist-in-residence. All three performances are free and open to the public.

Parking is available in the lot west of Alumni Hall, across the street, for the Thursday and Friday shows.

Marian Moffett Unsung Hero Award Recipients for 2006

Mary A. Robinson, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Chancellor (retired December 2005 after 25 years of service to UT) - NONEXEMPT STAFF

“Having had the pleasure of working with Dr. Moffett and Mary Robinson, we recognize the similarities between Marian and Mary in the ‘quiet, behind the scenes difference they make in the lives of those working with them.’ Mary takes great pride in a job well done and is extremely dignified in her work and life. The values of honesty, integrity and fairness are woven into the fabric of all aspects of her life.”

- Rhonda Green, Margie Russell and Janet Hails, former co-workers

Marian Moffett Unsung Hero Award

Melissa (Missy) Parker, Director of Advising Services, College of Arts and Sciences - EXEMPT STAFF

“...I find Missy to be an invaluable colleague in the College, someone who does her job with a measure of excellence that inspires those around her to a higher level of professionalism. Missy is a young woman, but she carries with her over twenty years of institutional memory. I know that in my job of implementing academic programs within the College I can trust her knowledge, as well as her integrity and her sense of what is just right. I have been at this University thirty years, and I seek her advice every single day.”

- Dr. Don Richard Cox, Associate Dean for Academic Programs

Bonnie H. Ownley, Associate Professor, Entomology and Plant Pathology, UTIA - FACULTY

“Bonnie is one of the rarest individuals on our campus - she not only maintains outstanding funded research and teaching programs, which many of us would be satisfied to have, but goes way beyond the ordinary and expected by accepting and completing activities that require time, energy commitments that often rise to heroic efforts. Bonnie is community minded and often sacrifices her own professional advance in order to serve the University community and improve the University infrastructure - something seldom seen in the ‘age of the individual’. She can truly be portrayed as a role model - she listens to and mentors students and faculty, she is the ideal scientist and she is an individual dedicated completely to the well being of the University of Tennessee.”

- Dr. R. N. Trigiano and Dr. Kimberly Gwinn, Plant Biotechnology & Plant Pathology and Natural Products & Plant Pathology

Special Speakers Coming in April 2006: Authors and Educators

Diane Glancy, native american author to read April 8, 7:00 PM - UT gallery downtown

Diane Glancy is Professor of English at Macalester College.

She will read from her novel STONE HEART: A NOVEL of SCAJAWEA. Glancy is a writer of English/German and Cherokee descent, she is the author of eight novels, four short-story collections, three books of nonfiction essays, and nine books of poetry, as well as other works.

More information about Diane Glancy may be found at: http://www.mcalester.edu/~glancy

bell hooks to speak April 5

Informal discussion, Black Cultural Center at 4:00 PM

Public lecture, UC Auditorium at 7:00 PM

with reception/book signing following

bell hooks, Distinguished Professor of English at City College in New York.

Topic: “Ending Domination: What’s Love Got to Do With It?”

More information about bell hooks may be found at: http://www.infed.org/thinkers/hooks.htm and http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0HST/is_2_4/ai_83553068
Angie Villette Warren, a native of Danielsonville, Connecticut, was one of the first four women to be admitted to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. Warren received both B.A. (1876) and M.A. (1879) degrees and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at Wesleyan.

Warren served on the faculty of Wellesley College in Massachusetts, and was the women’s principal at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. In 1883 she married Charles Perkins, who later joined the University of Tennessee faculty. Angie Warren Perkins was appointed “honorary dean” of UT’s new Woman’s Department in 1898. The title was later changed to “acting dean.” Perkins served, without pay, until mid-1900 when the first paid dean of women was appointed.

Perkins was active in a number of civic organizations, locally and on the state and national levels. She was president of Ossoli Circle (1896-1897, 1911-1912) and the Knoxville YWCA (1907-1909). In 1915 when Perkins was elected to the Knoxville Board of Education, she became the first woman in Knoxville, and possibly the first in the South, to hold such a position. She presided over the Board in 1918 and 1919. She was president of the Southern Association of College Women (1909-1910, 1911-1912, 1919-1921) and the Tennessee Federation of Women’s Clubs (1900-1904). Perkins was on the board of directors of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (1904-1908) and served as its corresponding secretary the last two years.

Perkins’s tragic death in January 1921 resulted from a traffic accident in which the family automobile collided with a streetcar on Clinch Avenue.

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The McNair Program -- Propels Students into Furthering Their Education

The McNair Program is one of seven programs under the umbrella known as TRIO. They are federally funded programs to help low-income and first generation students come to college and then retain them once they are on campus. TRIO stemmed out of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and has assisted students across the nation to overcome the barriers that can easily turn students away from a higher education.

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program was created to launch low-income, first generation students from underrepresented groups in graduate education for doctoral programs. The University of Tennessee was one of 14 programs that received money in 1990 to begin the McNair program. Each year 35 students are admitted. The total value exceeds $10,000, which includes a stipend, tuition and fees, housing, meals, books, and travel.

Dr. Ronald McFadden, Director of Educational Advancement Support at UT, states there are four primary goals for the McNair Program:

- to ensure receipt of the Bachelor’s Degree,
- to ensure enrollment into graduate school,
- to ensure attainment of the Ph.D., and
- to promote teaching at the collegiate level.

McFadden emphasized the fourth goal due to underrepresented persons in faculty roles.

Two opportunities for students include the Summer Research Institute and the McNair National Research Conference. Applications for the McNair Program will be available in November, and they are due March 1, 2007. For more information on the McNair Program or any of the other TRIO Programs on campus, contact the McNair Office at 974-7900.

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