Music to Marks’ ears: Her students win

The recipe for an outstanding musician: Take a gifted child with a sense of rhythm, absolute pitch, outstanding coordination and a brilliant mind. Add discipline, a tough teacher and a determined parent. Let simmer over years of practice. For best results tap the musical abilities early and encourage the child to want to work.

The recipe is not from Betty Crocker or Julia Child, but rather from Virginia Marks, a University of Toledo professor of music who seems to have a knack for developing outstanding pianists.

All three winners in this year’s Toledo Symphony Young Artist Competition study under Marks, a professor of performance studies and coordinator of the keyboard faculty. Nancy Wu of Lima and Amanda Park of Tiffin, both seventh graders, tied for first place honors and will appear next season as soloists with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra at Young People’s Concerts in Toledo and Sandusky. Ryan Goodwin of Sylvania received an honorable mention.

Wu and Park, who are believed to be the youngest musicians to ever win the competition, and Goodwin are all enrolled in the University’s Creative Arts Program. The program is designed to give youngsters age three through 18 an opportunity for greater exposure to dance, art and music.

The list of students taught by Marks who have been successful in competitions is extensive. They have won at the district and state levels in competitions sponsored by the Ohio Music Teachers Association, as well as other competitions.

Kimi Kawashima, who has a degree in music from Temple University and a master’s from American University, has taught piano since she was 5 1/2 years old and was exposed to music at a very young age herself. She said she was a “gifted kid” who started seriously studying the piano at the ripe age of four. “Seriousness” in this case meant three to four hours of practice every day. Marks said she never attended a full day of school because mornings were spent in the classroom while afternoons were spent practicing the piano.

Kimi Kawashima (left) practices her music under the expert eye of Virginia Marks, musical arts major. Many of Marks’ students go on to place high in various piano competitions. Kawashima recently won the Northwest District elementary division of the Buckeye Competition sponsored by the Ohio Teachers Association.

She made her debut at age 10 as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra and at age 12 performed as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic. Since then Marks has given concerts throughout the United States and the world.

Housing deposits rise sharply

Minority recruitment efforts pay off

During the past academic year, the admissions office, the president, students and alumni have been working toward a common goal: to increase minority enrollment at the University. Now, months later, they are beginning to see the fruits of their labor.

John Martin, director of admissions, said the number of black and Hispanic applicants to the freshman class who have paid the $100 housing deposit for the 1988-89 academic year has risen substantially compared to last year. Currently, 170 black and 43 Hispanic applicants have made the housing deposits compared to the 78 black and 19 Hispanic deposits that were made at the same time last year.

The 1987-88 freshman class had a total of 108 black and 22 Hispanic students who were enrolled as first-time freshmen. Clarence Terry, director of minority recruitment, said although he knew the increased recruitment efforts would likely improve the enrollment numbers, the increase has been more than he expected.

New freshmen have until July 8 to pay the $100 housing deposit, and Terry said the deposit is usually a good indication the students are serious about attending the University. “We can expect about 10 percent of the people who made deposits not to enroll here this fall,” Terry said. “Even with that drop off, our numbers have substantially increased.”

He said several new recruiting methods have made the difference. “The efforts out of the president’s office were a key to the success,” Terry said.

President Otscamp visited high schools with large minority student bodies in cities such as Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland. He talked to students and answered questions about Bowling Green.

The admissions office also implemented the Minority Host Program this year where members of some of the black sororities called minority applicants and invited them to visit the campus for the weekend. “Almost all of those students who visited have made their housing deposits,” Terry said. “Next year we are going to try the same recruiting effort with some of the black fraternities.

In another effort, University students were hired to make follow-up calls to minority applicants and answer any questions they might have about completing forms and handling paperwork. Terry said the phone calls were well received because the high school students asked many questions and seemed more comfortable talking to people close to their age.

The Teamsters filed a petition to represent staff

The Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Union, Local No. 20 in Toledo has filed a petition with the State Employee Relations Board seeking to become the bargaining representative for the University’s skilled/craft employees.

The bargaining unit the Teamsters want to represent includes about 75 classified employees who are carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, building maintenance workers and heating plant boiler operators, stationary engineers and equipment operators.

The University has asked SERB to enlarge the proposed bargaining unit to include all classified staff employees.

In addition to ruling on the appropriate bargaining unit, SERB will also determine whether at least 30 percent of the employees in the proposed bargaining unit want representation. If the Board determines that a question of representation exists, then it will conduct an election for all employees in the approved bargaining unit. At issue in an election is whether the employees in the bargaining unit want to be represented by the Teamsters.
The following faculty/staff positions are available:

**Chemistry:** Assistant professor. Contact M.A.J. Rodgers, Center for Photochemical Sciences (2-2034). Deadline: Nov. 1 or until position is filled. Also, assistant professor—chemistry. Contact Doug Neckers (2-2031). Deadline: July 18.

**English:** Internstructor (terminal year non-renewable appointment). Contact Lester E. Barfett. (2-2576). Deadline: July 13.

**Home Economics:** Instructor, two positions (both temporary). Deadline: July 8. Also, instructor (temporary). Deadline: July 15. For all positions, contact Deanna J. Radkoff (2-2262).

**School of Mass Communication:** Director (re-opened). Contact Ray Laakameter (2-9349). Deadline: Oct. 1 or until position is filled. Also, assistant professor—communication. Contact Ernest Ezed Jr. (2-2437). Deadline: July 11.

The following administrative positions are available:

**Intercollegiate Athletics:** Assistant basketball coach. Contact Search and Screening Committee (2-2401). Deadline: July 11.

**Minority Affairs:** Director of special programs. Contact Anammie Heldt (2-2558). Deadline: July 8.

**Plant Operations and Maintenance:** Mechanical engineering technician. Contact Anammie Heldt (2-2558). Deadline: July 15.

**Population and Society Resource Center:** Microcomputer specialist. Contact Jerry W. Wicks (2-8648). Deadline: July 20.

**Student Health Services:** Medical office assistant. Contact Anammie Heldt (2-2558). Deadline: July 8.

The grounds crew is keeping busy moving sprinklers and transporting some water by tank to help preserve the University’s 52 million worth of trees and shrubbery. The water comes from two sulphur wells located on campus.

Two wells keeping campus green

Two University sulphur wells are being used to water the majority of grass, trees, shrubs and flowers throughout the campus grounds. However, Randy Gallier, grounds coordinator, said some city water will be used to fill small tanks to water some of the University’s newly planted trees. Otherwise, the University is abiding by the city’s request to voluntarily stop all non-essential uses of city water.

Up until last week when city officials made the request, Gallier said the University had observed “Waterless Wednesday,” a previous request from the city that Bowling Green residents and businesses forego any excessive water use on Wednesday.

But the largest portions of the campus are being relieved from the drought by the two wells. Gallier said both wells are approximately 200 feet deep and currently show no signs of drying out. One is located at the southwest corner of Jerome Library and is able to water an area from Founders Quadrangle to the east Rodgers Quadrangle area.

The second well is located near the Student Recreation Center and is used to fill the pond. Sprinkler systems are drawn off the pond to water around the center.

Gallier said another well is needed in the inner campus area between University Hall and the Administration Building. “We talk about coming years ago about putting one in around that area but the cost was just too expensive,” he said.

Up until last week, the University had been using city water for that area and behind the union. Last year the University’s Governing board planted dozens of new trees in the inner campus and Gallier said it has been necessary to keep them watered.

“We lost several over the winter and I’m predicting we will lose more this summer. We’ve already lost quite a few shrubs from the drought,” he said. “We’ve got over $2 million worth of trees on the campus and it will take about a year to really notice what hasn’t survived.”

Now that they can’t use city water, Gallier said his crew will have to draw off the pond and use tanks to take water around the campus where the wells do not reach.

“Att this point, our wells are doing okay but if this dry spell goes too much longer we’ll have to cut down the watering,” Gallier said. “It’s so dry now that you could let water by six inches deep on the ground and by evening not even be able to tell it’s been watered.”

Members of the grounds crew have posted signs in areas that are being watered that say “irrigation from University wells.” “We don’t want people to think we’re using up all the city’s water,” Gallier said. “With this dry spell, watering is a sensitive issue.”

Minorities from the front page

Terry also credited the housing and bursars office with helping with the recruitment efforts. "A lot of people have helped with this. I think that's why it's been so successful," he said.

Admissions recruiters and the president also have talked with some of the University’s minority alumni and have asked their help in recruiting one minority student each for the next year.

"It's optimistic that we're going to see another increase in numbers next year at this time," Terry said.

Martin also said he was pleased with the results of a year's worth of recruiting efforts. "We really didn't have any goal in mind when we started, but we were hoping to increase minority applications by 10 percent and we've more than surpassed that expectation," he said.