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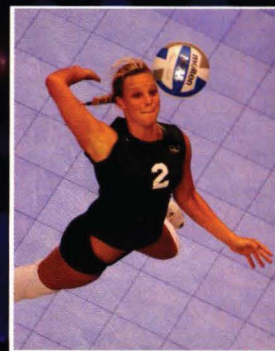
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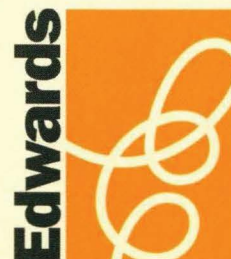
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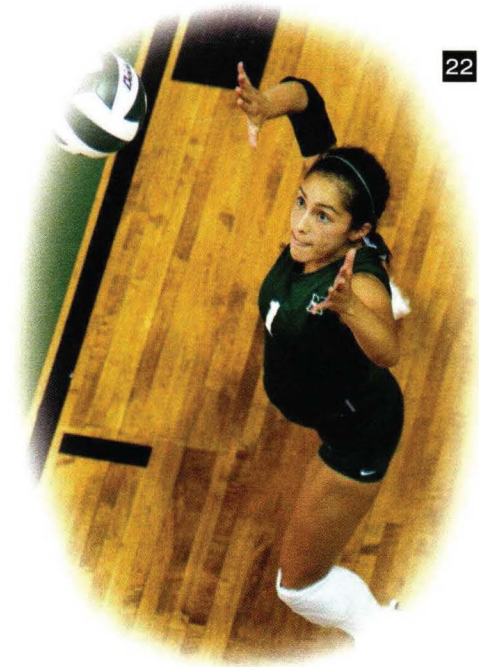
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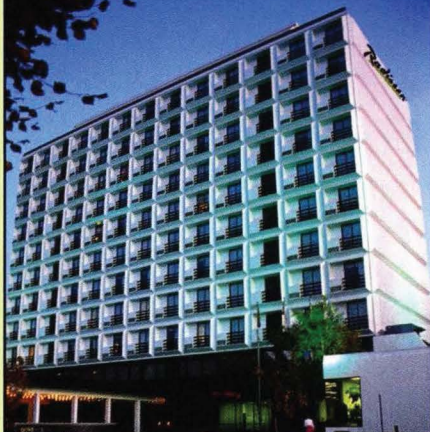


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Marshall alumni Dr. Lonnie Thompson and wife Dr. Ellen Mosley Thompson surrounded by 7,000 meters of tropical ice cores in their cold storage facility at Ohio State - the largest such archive in the world. Photography by Rick Lee.

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## TAKING THE TIME TO CARE marshall community giving back

Recently, with my “Litter Gitter” in one hand and a trash bag in the other, I spent the better part of a Saturday morning “walking” west on 4th Avenue from Hal Greer Boulevard to 7th Street, picking up trash along the way to help clean up the city of Huntington.

What made this nine-block venture so enjoyable was that I was accompanied by about 150 friendly and dedicated volunteers, most of whom were Marshall University students. Many college students normally are not willing to get up early on a Saturday morning, let alone to pick up debris.

This latest volunteer effort spurred me to think back to the amazing volunteer work our students have performed during this school year. Michael Misiti, our student body president, was quoted in one article as saying, “I’m very proud that we can rely on the students when help is needed.”

Last September, help was needed in a big way after Hurricane Katrina. Our caring students came through – in a huge way. And I, like Michael, am very proud of them.

The Student Government Association, Volunteer Services and other campus organizations, seeing the suffering after the storm, organized “Bring a Buck,” a campaign to collect money for the victims during the Marshall-Kansas State football game.

The goal was \$30,000. But the students’ efforts inspired Marshall alumni, members of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., board of

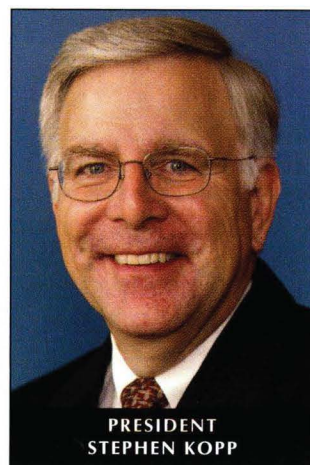
directors and others to give far more than one dollar each. Incredibly, the total collected exceeded \$520,000!

Just a few days before “Bring a Buck,” a blood drive sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Marshall Student Ambassadors brought in 182 units of blood – the most ever collected at Marshall over a two-day period.

Then there was Marshall University’s Day of Service, in which hundreds of students performed cleanup duty not only on campus, but in the community. Later in the fall, the Pickled Pepper Players, a group of seven Marshall theatre students, entertained hundreds of children during a 10-day, 2,400-mile “Gulf Coast Relief Tour.” The group gave 24 performances of children’s theatre plays. They gave up those 10 days to raise the spirits of children displaced by the hurricanes.

Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in the everyday rigors of administrative duty and lose track of why we are here. Our central purpose is about our students. Their success is the number one goal of everyone on campus, including our dedicated faculty.

The administration at Marshall is working hard to address various priorities that will better serve our students. Among the projects that offer the greatest potential to benefit the quality of student life are the new Student Health and Wellness Center, improvements to the Memorial Student Center, new course and degree offerings and the modernization of other facilities.



PRESIDENT  
STEPHEN KOPP

***Clearly, our students and faculty share a common bond – they care about others. For that, I can only say on behalf of Marshall University, “Thank you.”***

Our faculty members are working just as hard to meet the learning expectations we have set for our students. I noticed quickly after arriving at Marshall last July 1 that our faculty members routinely go above and beyond to help students who, for whatever reason, have not discovered their passion. They take a hands-on approach in their teaching, while working closely with and inspiring students to help them find their passion. For many students, their success is a direct result of our faculty’s many skills.

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WRITTEN BY DAVE WELLMAN AND PAT DICKSON

## Warner Bros. announces plans to make movie on MU plane crash



McG, director of the Marshall movie, leads basketball fans in a "We Are...Marshall" cheer.

The story of the 1970 Marshall University football team plane crash and the spirited recovery that followed not only at Marshall, but in the Huntington community, soon will be told worldwide.

Warner Bros. Pictures and Legendary Pictures announced in January

that filmmaker McG will direct and Matthew McConaughey will star in the Marshall University Football film entitled "We Are...Marshall," produced by Basil Iwanyk and McG.

Through the combined efforts of the West Virginia Governor's office, the West Virginia Film Office and Marshall University, a portion of the film will be shot in and around Huntington as well as on Marshall's campus. Warner Bros. said filming will begin this spring.

"This film is a great opportunity for West Virginia to receive international recognition for the tremendous community spirit and empathy that West Virginians show when faced with tragedy," West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin said.

McConaughey will star as Jack Lengyel, who coached the Young Thundering Herd football team for four years after the crash that killed 75 people, including 37 players, six coaches, two athletic department staff members, 25 supporters and five aircraft crew.

The Thunder Road/Wonderland Films production will be released worldwide by Warner Bros. Pictures. It is being co-financed by Legendary Pictures.

"We are very pleased that Warner Bros. and Legendary Pictures are taking this legacy of Marshall University and treating it with the respect and honor that it deserves," Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said. "Undoubtedly, this story will touch the lives of people across the nation."

McG is considered one of Hollywood's most sought-after filmmakers, with "Charlie's Angels" and its sequel among his films credits.

The executive producers of the Marshall University Football Project are Brent O'Connor, Thomas Tull, Jeanne Allgood and Scott Mednick. The screenplay is by Jamie Linden, based on a story by Cory Helms and Linden. Lynn Harris is the Warner Bros. Pictures executive overseeing the project for the studio. Dr. H. Keith Spears of Marshall University and Pam Haynes of the West Virginia Film Office also have been involved with this project since its development.

### Gift of \$50,000 to help further research at Marshall University

A gift of \$50,000 by Monica Hatfield has been made to The Marshall University Foundation, Inc. to further research being done by Marshall University professor Dr. Menashi Cohenford and other researchers. Hatfield currently is serving as chair of the Foundation board.

The gift will go toward the acquisition of a High Pressure Liquid Chromatography instrument and a Capillary Electrophoresis apparatus. The HPLC and CE instruments will be used to study advanced glycation endproducts and also in the analysis and separation of tumor associated markers, according to Cohenford, who is a professor of Integrated Science and Technology.

"Monica has a rich history of support from Marshall University," said Dr. Sarah Denman, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. "She is an example of how alums can give back to the institution in both service and financial support. We are fortunate to have people like Monica associated with Marshall University."

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### Marshall Board of Governors approves Engineering degree program

Marshall University's Board of Governors has unanimously approved the Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) degree program at Marshall.

The new four-year undergraduate program, which will be implemented this fall and will be the only such program in the state, will be housed in the College of Information Technology and Engineering's existing Division of Engineering and Computer Science. This is the first time in more than 30 years that such a degree program will be available to Marshall students.

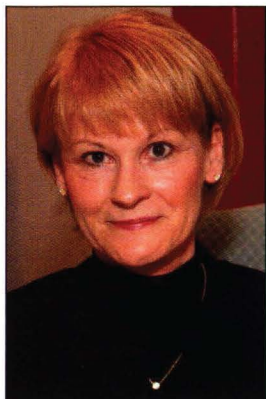
The primary objectives of the BSE degree are to build a strong foundation in mathematics, science and in core engineering courses; to allow students the opportunity to pursue an engineering area of emphasis; and to provide students a high degree of flexibility through elective courses.

"This is a very important step for Marshall University toward establishing a program that will open new areas of collaboration and economic development," Marshall President

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## Marshall University Forensic Science Program

### *Microbiologist accepts position on national science board*



**Dr. Pamela J. Staton**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Marshall University Forensic Science Program Associate Professor Pamela J. Staton, Ph.D., has been appointed to the science board of the Environmental Pathogens Information network, a U.S. Department of Agriculture National Facilitation Project that has been awarded support for the next three years.

EPINet created the science board to study how microbial pathogens enter and function in watersheds so the spread of microorganisms and their resulting diseases can be properly managed and prevented. The organization will provide a centralized scientific resource of information for state and local governments and aid in the development of a national research agenda and public policy.

Staton will be among experts on the board from across the country, including representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, state environmental officials, USDA national program staff, USDA-Agriculture Research Service research staff, land grant organizations, universities and consulting firms.

Staton is the primary investigator on a USDA research project to study the Ohio and New rivers in West Virginia. The project seeks to develop DNA-based techniques to track microbial pollution sources, commonly known as Bacterial Source Tracking. She joined the MU Forensic Science Program in 2003 as the university's first microbiologist to focus on terrorism. She received her Ph.D. from MU in Biomedical Sciences through the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

### Faculty featured in Celebration of Books

Marshall University's Celebration of Books, an ongoing program that features Marshall faculty who recently published books, took place three times in February in the Reading Room on the second floor of the Drinko Library on the Huntington campus.

"We want to give the community the opportunity to talk to these published writers to find out what motivates them, and what process they go through to get successfully published," Barbara Winters, Marshall's dean of libraries, said.

Here is a list of the faculty authors who appeared in February, in alphabetical order:

Dr. Janet Badia, associate professor of English; featured work: *Reading Women: Literary Figures and Cultural Icons from the Victorian Age to the Present* (2005).

Dr. Bob Barnett, chair and professor of health, physical education and recreation; featured work: *Biography of Adolph Keifer* (publication pending).

Dr. Kellie Bean, associate professor of English; featured work: *Post-Backlash Feminism: Women, Politics and the Media* (2006).

Jack Dickinson, bibliographer, Special Collections; featured work: *Civil War Paper Items from the Rosanna Blake Confederate Collection* (2005).

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### Marshall names Barry Sharpe executive director of John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence

Dr. Barry Sharpe, founding director of the Tusculum College Honors Program in Greeneville, Tenn., has been named executive director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence at Marshall University.

Sharpe succeeds Martha Woodward, who retired in 2004. Dr. Edwina Pendarvis, professor of gifted education in the College of Education and Human Services, and MU math professor Dr. Evelyn Pupplo-Cody have served as interim director since Woodward's retirement.

Sharpe assumes his duties at Marshall June 1. He described Marshall as having a "large, respected honors program with great potential for growth and development."

"While I was on campus, I was particularly impressed with the people I met – students, faculty and staff," Sharpe said. "I've worked at a large university and two small colleges. Marshall has the resources and opportunities associated with a larger university while still maintaining the feel of a smaller college. I am excited about being part of the Marshall community."

Sharpe graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1988, earning his B.A. in history and political science. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1995, and his J.D. from the University of Texas School of

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Cohenford says his research has been focused on three areas: the utilization of FT-IR spectroscopy to detect cervical cancer; the development and characterization of molecular probes to detect the human papillomavirus and delineating the role of nonenzymatic glycation reactions in the pathophysiology of diabetes and galactosemia, a rare genetic disorder of galactose metabolism.

"The key instrumentation made possible through this donation will be available for faculty research, capstone undergraduate projects, and graduate thesis work by investigators from multiple departments and sectors of the university," said Dr. Wayne Elmore, interim dean of Marshall's College of Science. "The instrumentation will be used immediately in several research projects and will enrich the experience of a new class in protein biotechnology that will make our students more marketable when they look for jobs. We deeply appreciate the generous gift."

"This donation is testament to Mrs. Hatfield's devotion to science and to her selfless support of the community," Cohenford said. "Without people like her, science would be a stream of ideas without the resources to bring them to fruition. I thank her sincerely."

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### Marshall Board of Governors approves Engineering degree

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Stephen J. Kopp said. "The flexibility of this program will allow us to look at combining interdisciplinary majors that will help prepare students to be

adaptive and creative in their work. It opens up tremendous opportunities for our students, and it will attract a broader pool of students to the engineering profession."

The new engineering program largely is the result of state legislation passed in 2004. Senate Bill 448 included language inserted by Sen. Robert Plymale, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, which allowed Marshall to begin the process of expanding its engineering offerings. This legislation also was strongly supported by the entire Cabell-Wayne legislative delegation.

Dr. Sarah Denman, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said implementing the new four-year engineering program is extremely important to Marshall University.

"This degree complements our already strong science, technology and graduate engineering programs," Denman said. "The engineering degree has been the missing link. It will assist many disciplines, geography and visual arts to name just a couple, at this institution in their ability to grow."

Marshall has had an undergraduate degree program before, but it was discontinued in 1970 because of external factors and institutional priorities that existed at that time. Marshall did, however, retain the program's freshman and sophomore years.

Through this program, students completed the first two years of undergraduate engineering at Marshall and thereafter had to transfer to another institution to obtain the actual engineering degree. Many students took advantage of this program, transferring to West Virginia University, WVU Institute of Technology, or to other institutions in the state. Dr. Betsy

Dulin, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, said the new program fits in well with other established programs at the college.

"This is an important step in the continuing growth of our engineering and computer science undergraduate programs," Dulin said. "Our faculty members have been working very hard toward this goal for quite some time, and are to be commended for their dedication to these programs and to the students in the state and the region. Marshall's engineering alumni and regional professional communities also played key roles in planning and support of the new program."

Denman said anticipation of the new engineering program is high not only at Marshall, but in the community and the state as well.

"It's good to come full circle," she said. "Engineering was always a part of this institution and now it's back again."

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### Faculty featured in Celebration of Books

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Dr. Thomas Ellis, professor of psychology; featured work: *Cognition and Suicide: Theory, Research, and Therapy* (2006).

Dr. Victor Fet, associate professor of biology; featured work: *Biogeography and Ecology of Bulgaria* (2006).

Dr. Frank Gilliam, professor of biology; featured work: *The Herbaceous Layer in Forests of Eastern North America* (2003).

Dr. Josh Hagen, assistant professor of geography; featured work: *The Jewel of the German Past: Preservation, Tourism, Nationalism* (2006).

Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter, director of the humanities program, MU Graduate College; featured work: *The Chicago Guide to Collaborative Ethnography* (2005).

Dr. Suneel Maheshwari, assistant professor of accounting and legal environment.

Dr. Bobbi Nicholson, associate professor of leadership studies at MU Graduate College; featured work: *E-Portfolios for Educational Leaders* (2004).

Dr. Ashok Vaseashta, professor of physics and electronics; featured work: *Nanostructured and Advanced Materials for Applications in Sensor, Optoelectronic and Photovoltaic Technology* (2005).

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Law in 2002. He started at Tusculum as an assistant professor in 2002. Previously, he was an assistant professor from 1997 to 1999 at Northwestern College, and an instructor and assistant professor from 1993 to 1997 at Georgia Southern University.

In addition to teaching and serving as director of the honors program at Tusculum, Sharpe was chair of the program and policies committee from fall 2004 to spring 2005.

"I have been involved with honors education as a student, teacher and administrator," Sharpe said. "I am committed to honors education and believe that an honors program can play a vital role in support of the mission of a public university."

Sharpe, 39, is a native of Mount Pleasant, S.C.



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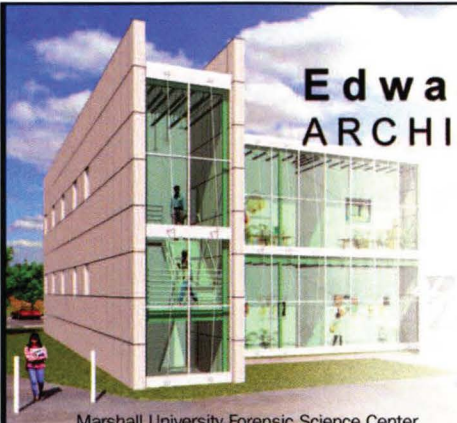
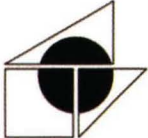
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Dr. Lonnie Thompson and field team members using a ladder to cross a crevasse on the way to drill ice cores on the Huascarán's ice field in Peru.

# ICE HUNTERS

Meet Dr. Lonnie Thompson and his wife Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson, two world-renowned Marshall alumni who traverse the far reaches of the earth as part of their pioneering research on global warming.

Article by Marla Brannan

**A**ugust 1, 1993. Nevado Huascarán, Andes Mountains, Peru. Twenty thousand feet above sea level. A storm the likes of which experienced mountaineers have never seen breaks across the peaks packing 80 mile an hour winds and lasting three days. A group of researchers, ice hunters, huddle in their tents through the nights, three nights out of 53 spent at this elevation.

On night two the nearly disastrous happens: the winds rip a tent's anchor lines clean off. The tent and everything in it – researcher, precious notes and equipment – slide down the mountain toward a 1,000 meter cliff until a comrade chases it down and secures it with an ice axe straight through the tent floor. But, two Italian mountaineers, experienced climbers, weren't so fortunate. The winds of this storm blew them off Huascarán's North Peak and they fell 2,000 meters to their deaths.

Mountaineering is, mildly put, a hard day's work – but Dr. Lonnie G. Thompson, a Distinguished University Professor at The Ohio State University and graduate of Marshall, loves it despite almost sliding off Huascarán in his tent. The dangers he has faced over the years are just part of the job.



“No scientist has taken bigger risks to track ancient weather patterns and help us understand the anomaly of current climate trends,” notes former Vice President Al Gore.

So why does he do it? *Because of the ice.*

Thompson is a glaciologist, a researcher who studies the world's glaciers. In this case, those glaciers, ice caps and ice fields are in the tropics where 50 percent of earth's surface area lies and 70 percent of the world's 6.5 billion people currently live. He has made 50 expeditions in 15 countries up mountains in these latitudes, at times utilizing as many as 92 porters and more than 40 yaks to haul six tons of equipment and supplies – *all in the pursuit of ice.*

The ice Thompson and his team retrieve comes from cores drilled at sites in places like the Andes of Peru, the Himalayas and Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. It is recovered using electro-mechanical and thermal drills powered by 60 individual solar panels.

The solar-powered drill was a product of necessity. “Often reaching our drill sites involves traveling for days on horseback, and then climbing the glacier sometimes includes negotiating crevasses using ladders. A conventional generator

cannot be transported in this environment,” says Thompson. So his team, based at OSU, decided to develop a new drill that would harness something already on the mountain: sunlight.

“The assembled panels produce four kilowatts of power to drive the drills. There is no noise and no pollution. The downside is you can only drill during the day.”

This is how Thompson explains the process: “Ice is removed from the drill and placed into plastic sleeves, then sealed and placed into tubes. The cores range from 1 to 1.6 meters (3.3 to 5.2 feet) in length and 11 centimeters (or 4 inches) in diameter. They are stored in chambers dug into the snow surface while drilling is taking place. The individual tubes are then sealed in insulated boxes, 6 tubes to a box, and moved by sled to the edge of the glacier. For instance, when we worked in the Himalayas, they were carried by yaks to the valley below where the vehicles were located. The trucks were then driven day and night across Tibet to the nearest large freezer in Lhasa. From there they were air cargoed to Beijing, where they cleared Chinese customs and were subsequently flown to Chicago. From Illinois, a refrigerated truck brought them to our lab in Columbus. The cores can be in transit for more than a month.”

The facilities at Ohio State are impressive: a Class 100 Clean Room with all the necessary instruments to measure the chemistry and dust in ice cores without introducing foreign elements; four mass spectrometers; a machine shop for developing the drills; and a  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  cold storage vault currently containing 7,000 meters of tropical ice core, the largest such archive in the world.

But what’s so important about ice, especially tropical ice, that a 58-year-old university

professor, with a Ph.D. in Geology, would risk life and limb just to study it in his lab? The answer: It holds the history of our planet’s climate, and in that history, keys to its future.

“I believe that tropical climate variability plays an important role in determining the climate of the rest of the earth,” declares Thompson. “I also believe that glaciers in the tropics are the ‘canaries in the coal mine’ for the earth’s climate system. The tropics are characterized by temperature uniformity, and in fact all tropical glaciers are retreating. Where we

have time lapse measurements, we can see that the rates of retreat are accelerating.”

In other words, Thompson considers research conducted on these ice cores as well as documentation of glacial retreat as proof: The earth is warming up. In fact, due to global warming he believes that in as little as 15 years the only place to see Kilimanjaro’s famous ice will be in his archive at OSU.

More incredible than his research, influence or even the rigors of mountain climbing with asthma, are the obstacles Thompson overcame to obtain even a high school education. Raised poor in Gassaway, West Virginia, his father hampered by an eighth grade education and a heart condition, Thompson worked four part-time jobs to help make ends meet. Still, his interest in weather and climate developed early. “I had a weather station in the loft of our barn, and I received daily weather maps from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from which I would make forecasts. I used to raise lunch money by making bets on what the next day’s weather would be.”

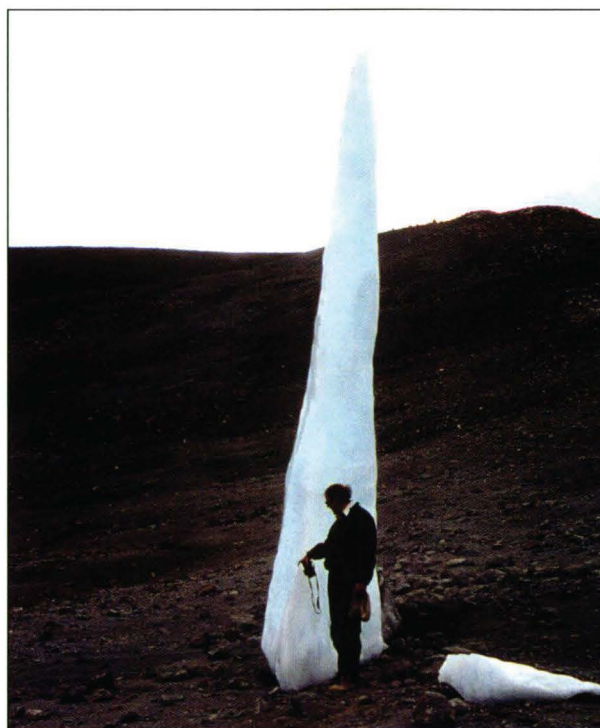
When Thompson’s father died of a heart attack during his son’s senior year in high school, his mother impressed her kids by earning a GED,

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– Dr. Lonnie Thompson



**Lonnie with one of the remaining remnants of the Eastern Ice Field on Kilimanjaro. Since 1912 Kilimanjaro has lost more than 80 percent of its ice cover.**



**(Above) The Ohio State field team making its way across a mountain ridge in northern Peru. (Below) Lonnie and long time Peruvian colleague, Benjamin Vicencio, after discovering a 5,000-year old plant uncovered in the retreating margin of the Quelccaya ice cap in southern Peru.**

thus instilling in them the idea that only through education could they make for themselves a brighter future. Her son began at Marshall as a physics major but ultimately chose to pursue a degree in geology.

“In my junior year I took an introductory geology class with Professor Jansen, who was the chair of the geology department at the time,” Lonnie explains. “I did well in his class and he asked me if I would like to work for him along with a few older classmates on a project making mineral sets for the State Parks of West Virginia. It was while working with him I became convinced that I wanted to become an earth scientist.”

He also met his wife at Marshall. Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson holds a Ph.D. in Geography (Climatology) from OSU, teaches at the university and conducts her research in Antarctica and Greenland off-season to her husband’s. In that way, one spouse was always available to parent daughter Regina when she still lived at home.

Mosley-Thompson grew up in the Charleston area and graduated from Nitro High School in 1966. An avid student of science and physics, she studied at Marshall where she became only the second woman in school history to graduate with a B.S. in physics.

Lonnie and Ellen began working together as graduate students where they built the Ice Core Paleoclimate Research

Group. Ellen has been to Antarctica eight times, seven as the field team leader, and to Greenland five times, each time as the field leader where she oversaw ice core drilling projects. All of her team members have been men.

“Frankly, I rarely think about the gender composition of my field teams,” she notes. “Lonnie and I consider the quality of the individual – their curiosity, motivation and enthusiasm – as the highest criteria when selecting our students. But over the last 15 years it has been very rewarding to see more young women going into the geosciences and joining research groups and taking faculty positions. Today, women are strongly represented in our group of graduate students.





(Above) Just another day at the office – Lonnie on a snowmobile traverse in West Antarctica in 1972.

“I have already accomplished more than I would have ever expected when I graduated from Marshall in 1970. However, there is yet more to do and ‘philosophical’ mountains to climb.”

Lonnie and Ellen are a formidable team, each operating under their own travel schedules but ultimately sharing their research and data to achieve a collective knowledge that is changing the way we view our world. Nearly 90 percent of their papers have been jointly authored.

Global warming is a phrase heard or read often in the American mainstream media, but there seems to be some confusion about what it is, and in some circles, a suspicion that it may not even exist. First of all, the debate among most scientists does not revolve around whether or not the planet is actually getting warmer; that’s easy enough to prove with simple measurements. Instead it revolves around humans. Has our increased usage of fossil fuels over the past century, which consequently

led to increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, made the planet warm up?

Thompson believes his research shows humanity is contributing to this warming trend, but also of great importance,

he believes humanity can do something about it. “All of us need to conserve natural resources, and we should be doing this whether or not global warming is a problem, which it is, simply because the supplies are running out. We need to develop alternative energy sources and more energy efficient products. In order to reduce fuel consumption and human-induced greenhouse gases, we must move to hybrid technologies for cars and mass-transit like fuel-cell powered trains and buses, especially in places like China and India with their developing mega-economies.”

His wife and partner agrees. “It is essential for the continued well being of humanity, and indeed many other life forms on the earth, that we begin to attend to the quality of our environment by considering how we use resources. I feel strongly that the time for action is now

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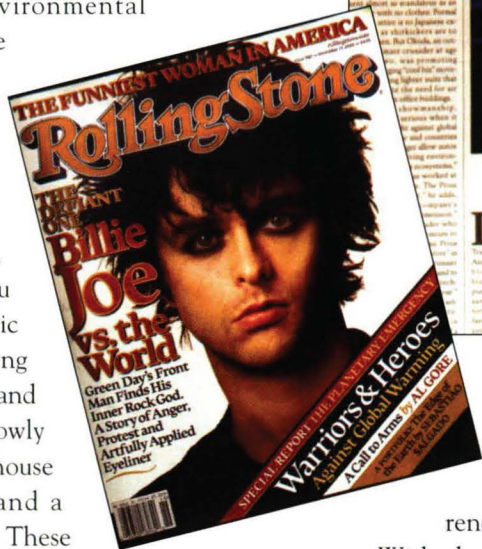
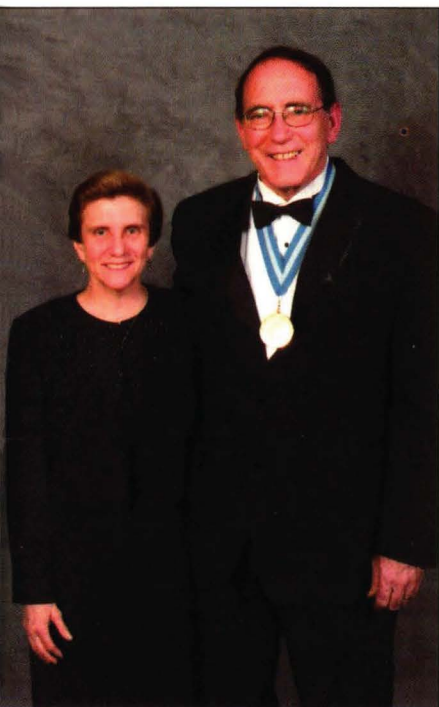
and to delay action will only result in larger changes with greater potential to affect the economic, social and political future for generations. The course of action must be based on a societal commitment to sustain the earth's life support systems for future generations."

The Thompsons assert that individuals can do many small things to reduce the environmental pressure that they exert on the planet. Starting with simple steps such as reducing personal consumption, eating more vegetables and less meat, replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, turning off the lights when you leave an empty room, using public transportation when feasible, using natural vegetation in your yard and avoid application of pesticides, slowly acclimatize to a slightly cooler house (say 2 degrees C) in winter and a slightly warmer house in summer. These are all baby steps but if 296 million Americans were to all take such steps, nations would have a real chance to reduce their dependence on fossil fuels and increase the length of time before the "end of the oil and gas era" so that we can bring alternative sources into wide scale use.

As for any skeptics who assert that global warming is simply a natural part of the earth's climate cycle, Thompson says, "Name someone who has ever really studied climate or collected data. I bet you can't. Glaciers have no political agenda. They don't care if you're a Democrat or a Republican. Science is about what is, not what we believe or hope. And it shows that global warming is wiping out invaluable geological archives right before our eyes."

Lonnie and Ellen Thompson shine as two of

**(Left) Lonnie and Ellen at an awards reception where Lonnie received the 2005 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, an award regarded by some in the field as the equivalent to the Nobel Prize, for the lifelong accomplishments of his ice core group. In 2002, both Lonnie and Ellen were awarded the Common Wealth Award for Distinguished Service for Science and Invention.**



**Lonnie and his decades of scientific research on global warming were featured in the Nov. 17, 2005 issue of Rolling Stone magazine.**

Marshall University's most successful and renowned graduates.

With the assistance of his wife and partner, Thompson was named one of America's Best in Science and Medicine by *Time* magazine and CNN in 2001. He was given the John Marshall Medal, the Vega Medal from the Swedish Society for Anthropology and Geography, and the Dr. A.H. Heineken Prize for Environmental Science from the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences—all in 2002.

In addition to numerous other awards, Thompson also won the 2005 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, a prize some regard as comparable to a Nobel Peace Prize and formerly awarded to such household names as C. Everett Koop and Jane Goodall. He has sat on nearly a dozen committees and editorial boards with important acronyms like NOAA and heady locations like Cambridge, England. He's published more than 165 scholarly articles or papers and been awarded 53 grants, both governmental and private, to fund his expeditions.

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Ellen has also been the recipient of the John C. Marshall Award (2002), for distinguished scholarship; election as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (2003); induction into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame by Gov. Bob Taft (2003); and the University Distinguished Scholar Award (2003) from Ohio State.

Despite these professional kudos, the Thompsons sum up their personal philosophy in ten simple words: "Leave any place a little better than you found it." □

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An article on the five teachers who received the most nominations from you, our alumni, will be featured in the Autumn 2006 edition of *Marshall Magazine*.



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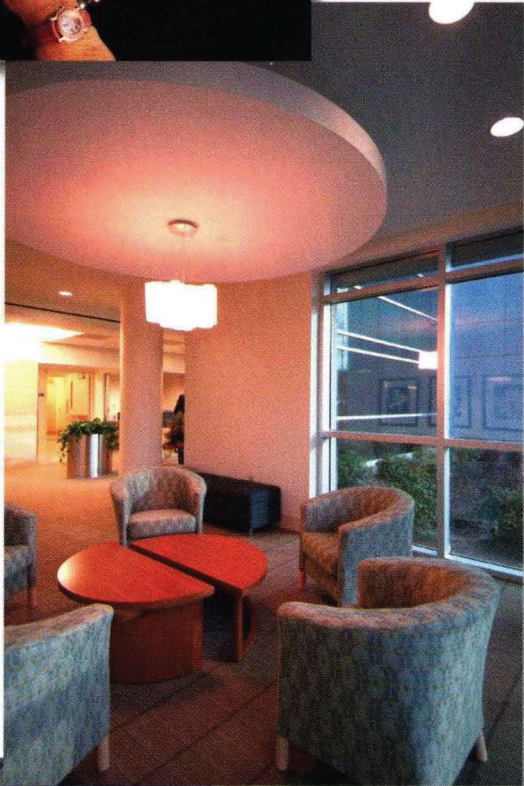
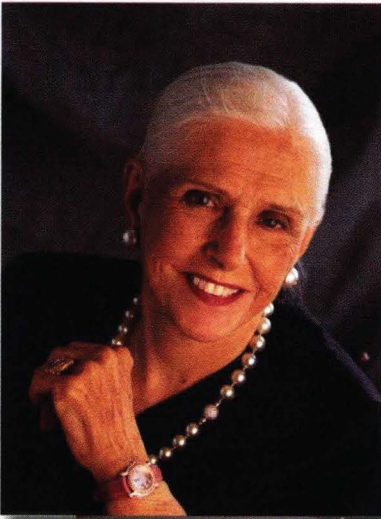
Article by Kathy Carney

# Edwards Comprehe

*A unique collaboration between Marshall and Cabell Huntington Hospital results in a \$24 million state-of-the-art center that offers new hope to those battling cancer.*

# nsive Cancer Center

Philanthropist Joan C. Edwards



“We see this as just the beginning to something really huge for this whole area. Wherever cancer care goes, we’re going to be right there with it.”

– Brent Marsteller  
President & CEO  
Cabell Huntington Hospital

Hope. Sometimes that’s all a cancer patient wants. Treatment, medication and research can produce hope for a cancer-free life, but often it lies elsewhere and means traveling miles away from home. But Cabell Huntington Hospital and Marshall University have taken a bold step to change all that and to bring hope home to the Tri-State.

“You can get the best cancer treatment on the planet here,” emphasizes Dr. Charles McKown, dean of Marshall’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He’s talking about the new Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center adjoining Cabell Huntington Hospital. It’s a \$24 million joint effort between the university, the hospital and the Edwards Foundation that packs in nearly every available diagnostic and treatment tool for cancer care.

“The cancer center, under one roof, permits multiple experts to work collaboratively to prevent, diagnose, stage, treat and rehabilitate. To have all those people working elbow to elbow will permit us to take advantage of the newest technology and the best treatments when caring for the cancer patient,” McKown says.

The ultra-modern cancer center is three stories high and divided into treatment-specific areas. Separate clinics address the different needs of adults and children fighting cancer.

At the request of Mrs. Joan C. Edwards, who along with her husband, the late James F. Edwards, generously funded the entire construction project, the center also includes 20,000 square feet of shell space for an entire floor dedicated to translational research.



**The Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center houses a permanent Discovery ST PET/CT system, which integrates Positron Emission Tomography (PET) with a multi-slice Computed Tomography (CT) scanner. This system allows doctors to pinpoint the location of cancer in the body.**

“I see research and care as integrated efforts, more so in cancer care than in any other area,” says Doug Lawson, executive director for the cancer center and senior vice president and chief operating officer for Cabell Huntington Hospital. “It’s an integration of research and clinical care that allows us to take the most appropriate and best care of patients.”

“I think the key to our success in fighting cancer will be our ability to conduct research,” notes Brent Marsteller, president and CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital. “Not just basic research but taking a particular drug or treatment and elevating it to a commercial level.”

That research will be associated with advanced clinical trials, highly supervised studies that evaluate new medicines and treatments. Eligible patients may have the option to participate in these trials and share in the development of new treatment protocols.

“The initial emphasis is going to be on clinical research and clinical trials,” explains Lawson.

These clinical trials are referred to as either phase I, II or III. Phase III studies typically include hundreds of people and have been ongoing at Marshall and Cabell-Huntington Hospital for some time. These studies examine the results of patients using a new treatment and compare them with the results of people taking a standard treatment. Phase II studies are similar, but confined to a much smaller group. Phase I trials involve testing new treatments, different methods for administering them and different dosages. Phase I studies

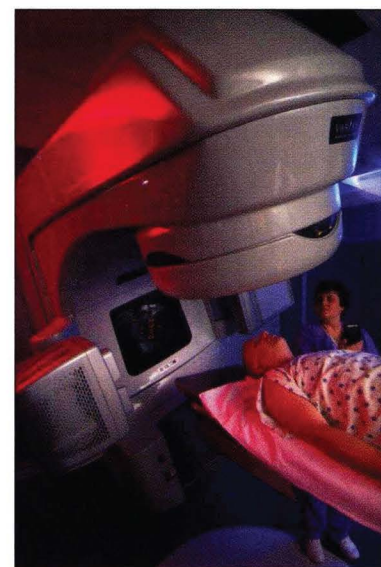
usually include only a small number of patients who have not been helped by other treatments.

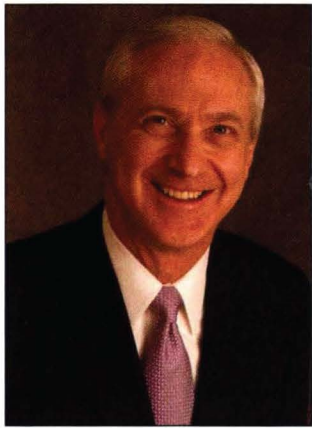
“Right now we have a relatively modest base of phase III protocols,” Lawson says. “Our goal is to leverage those resources incrementally over the next five to seven years, progressively elevate the number of phase III trials that we’re doing and begin developing phase II and phase I clinical trial capabilities.”

“Only academic, comprehensive cancer centers are set up to meet the strict guidelines of level I and level II clinical trials,” says Marsteller. “These clinical trials will give our patients more options.”

The center’s association with Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine gives it a unique advantage. It’s a marriage that leaders say will get better and better over time for the community and the university.

“It keeps everybody on the cutting edge of what’s going on. It’s constant teaching and learning,” Marsteller says. “Marshall teaches new residents, new fellows and students, so





**Brent Marsteller, President & CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital.**

they've got to keep on the cutting edge of what's going on in the world of medicine. They know what's new and what's great, and pass that on to you and me."

According to McKown, the School of Medicine will expand its faculty within the next three years by adding 25-30 new physicians. That will be a key issue with the center.

Leaders say as more doctors are recruited to Huntington, the care improves. And as the care

improves, more doctors are recruited to the city.

No one involved, though, sees the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center as a facility just for Huntington. One of its primary goals is to serve the region, to draw people in from all directions.

"A regional cancer center can offer the specialized services," Marsteller says. "We have a pediatric oncologist who's trained at Duke and he does a wonderful job along with the rest of the team. But you need a larger draw to support pediatric oncology."

"In this region, the cancer center will supplant trips to Arthur James, the cancer center in Columbus, or trips to Durham and Duke," McKown adds.

"It should be a rare exception that somebody would have to leave this community for treatment," Lawson agrees. "Over the next five years, our goal is to have the treatment equivalent to centers such as Duke, Pittsburgh Medical Center and the major medical facilities in this part of the country. Within five years I think we'll be challenged to expand our facilities."

"In our expanded geographic region, for people tragically challenged by malignant illness, the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center promises a heretofore unavailable broad spectrum of cancer care options, resulting in a higher likelihood of successful treatment, a greater probability of cure and absolutely the best opportunity for sustaining a normal quality of life subsequent to intervention," McKown summarizes.

"We see this as just the beginning to something really huge for this whole area," says Marsteller. "Wherever cancer care goes, we're going to be right there with it. We're going to be on the cutting edge of cancer care, treatment and research. Who knows what research is going to find? Maybe we're going to get into vaccines. Maybe we're going to get more into environmental causes and cures. I don't know where it's going, but we're going to be right there with it." □

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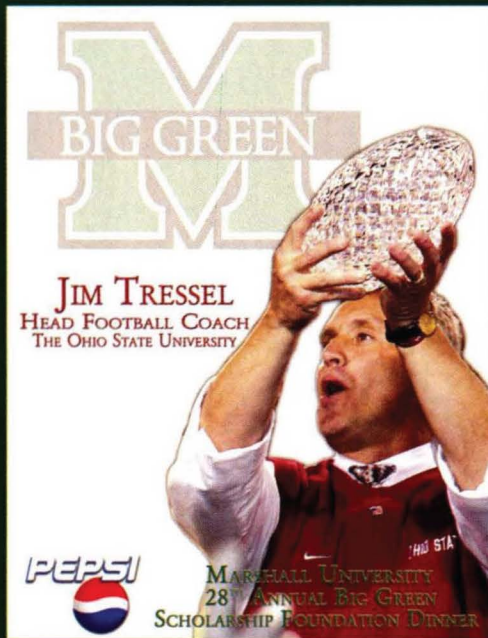
**(Top)** The Joan C. Edwards Children's Cancer Clinic is affiliated with the Children's Oncology Group, enabling it to offer children the same cancer treatment protocols available anywhere in the country. **(Middle)** The Varian 21Ex Linear Accelerator within the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center provides highly targeted Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT) services with a respiratory gating function that helps to preserve healthy tissue. **(Bottom)** The James F. Edwards Adult Cancer Clinic provides medical, surgical and gynecologic oncology services, with spacious exam rooms, a beautiful chemotherapy area and access to groundbreaking clinical trials.

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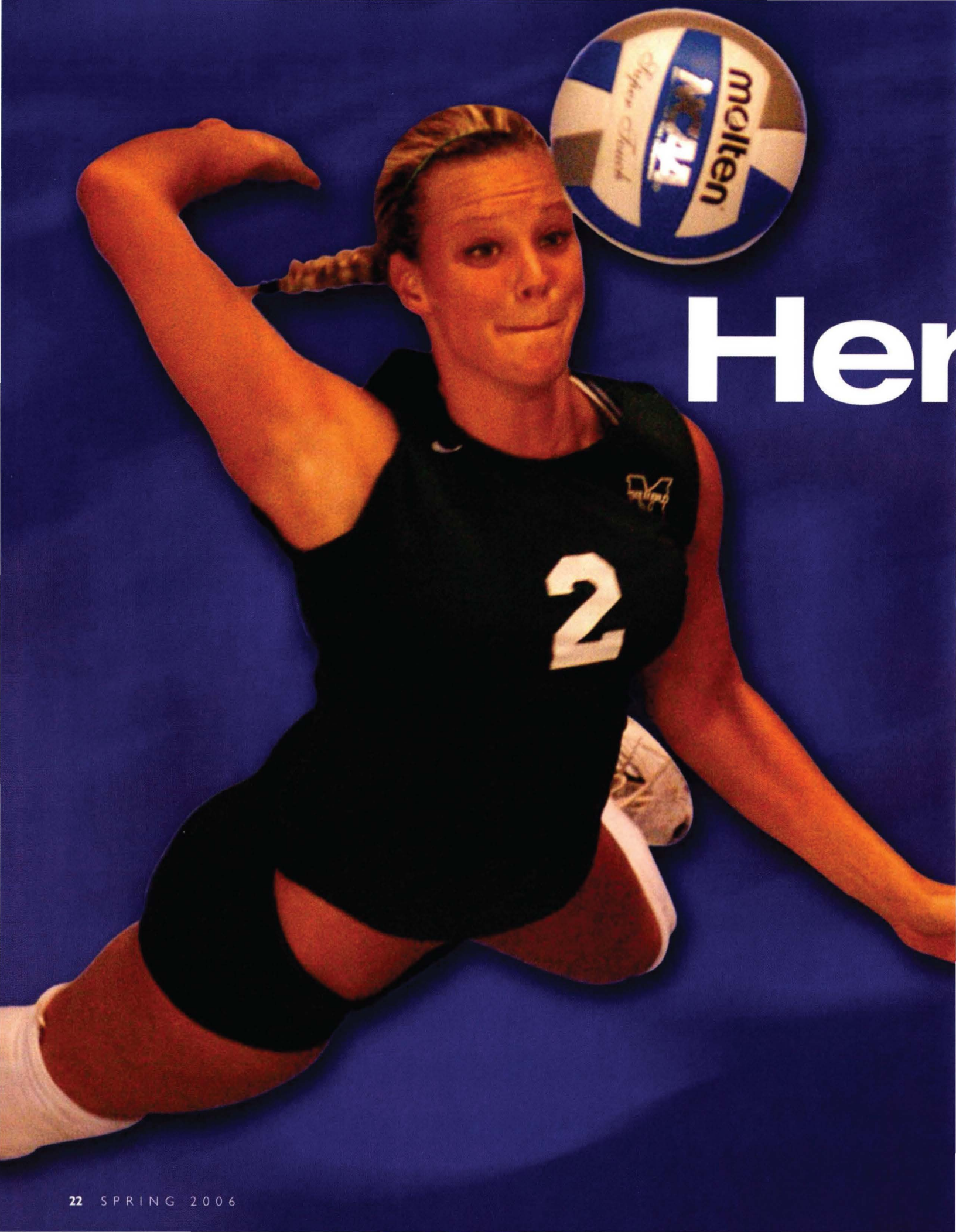
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# Marshall Volleyball leaps to the top

**Article by Tim Stephens**

**Photos by Matt Riley**

The success of Marshall's volleyball team is reminiscent of the path taken by another highly successful Thundering Herd squad from nearly a decade ago.

Marshall blew through new league Conference USA with ease last season, winning its first volleyball league championship since 1996, and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995. The Herd, led by sophomore All-American Kelly-Anne Billingly, finished with a 26-6 record, including a 15-1 conference mark.

Marshall's success in its new league reminded many of the Herd football team's 1997 dominance of the Mid-American Conference. Marshall, also led by a sophomore All-American named Randy Moss, won a conference title in its first season in the league and advanced to the postseason, losing a close game to Mississippi in the Motor City Bowl.



Members of the 2005 Thundering Herd volleyball team that captured the Conference USA title and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Like that football team, MU's volleyball squad lost in the postseason, falling to Ohio State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. Also like that football team, the volleyball team has a wealth of talent returning in search of another conference championship.

"After last season, we set our goal to win a championship and try to get to the NCAA Tournament," said Billingly, a two-time honorable mention All-American. "We had a complete team effort that helped us reach that goal. Everyone gave everything to get where we are."

Billingly was the star. The 6-foot-3 outside hitter from Trincity, Trinidad, was the Conference USA "Player of the Year" and the "Most Valuable Player" of the Conference USA Tournament. An All-Midwest Region pick and the national player of the week Oct. 31, Billingly ranked fifth nationally in kills per game, with 5.58. Billingly had 552 kills for the season and a .344 hitting percentage. Her 1,246 kills

rank second in school history. Billingly and her teammates came up big in winning the Conference USA title. The Herd defeated Houston, 3-2, in Houston, at Rice University, to capture Marshall's first volleyball tournament championship

since it won the Southern Conference title in 1995. MU lost to Georgia in the first round of the NCAA Tournament that year.

"I'm so proud of this team," Marshall coach Mitch Jacobs said. "To see these girls win is awesome. They are champions because they played like champions."

Championship teams perform best when the most is on the line. The Herd trailed Houston in the fifth and deciding game of the Conference

USA Tournament championship match before rallying to win. That was a testament to a young team that boasts just three seniors and one junior.

"After we got down in game five, something happened and we just clicked," Jacobs said.

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**– Kelly-Anne Billingly  
All-American**

Jacobs knows something about winning. Four years ago, he took over a Marshall team coming off a 6-21 record and led the Herd to its first of four consecutive 20-win seasons. In 2003 and 2004, Marshall reached the Mid-American Conference finals before losing. Those defeats primed the Herd for victory in 2005.

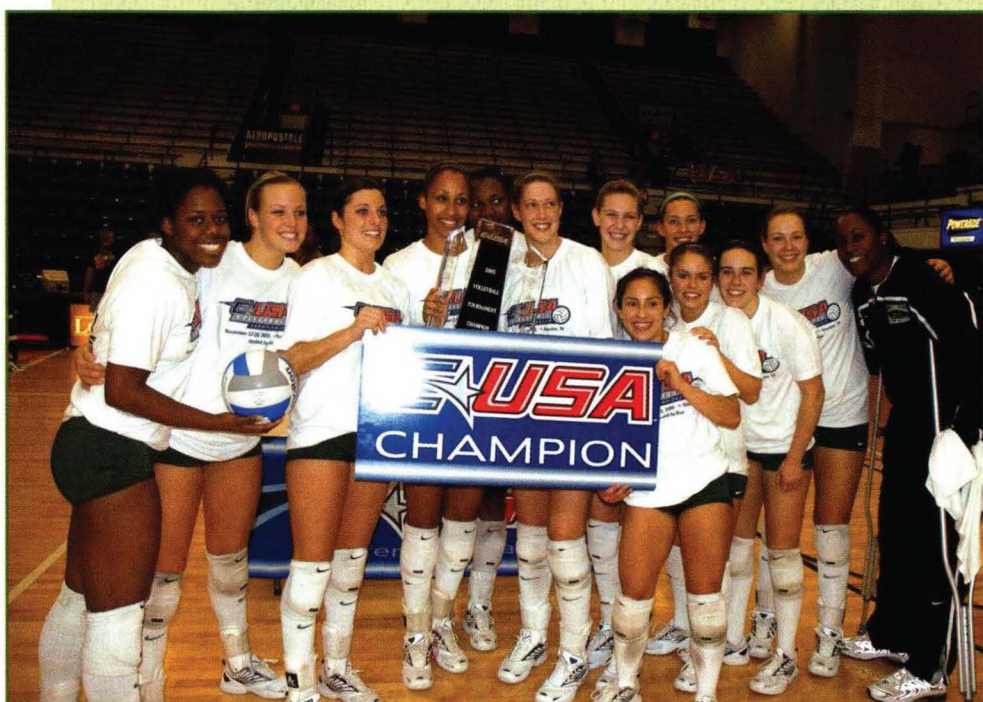
"It felt so good to win a championship and not be on the other side," said Katie Stein, a senior from Sussex, Wisconsin. "This team deserved to win a championship."

Jacobs knew he had a team capable of winning a title. Moving from the MAC to Conference USA, though, left the lingering fear of the unknown. Marshall handled it well, following the lead of its highly successful coach.

Jacobs came to Marshall from Fairfield University, where he led the Stags to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. Jacobs guided Fairfield to three Top-10 rankings in the Mideast, three Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament titles and two MAAC regular-season championships. Jacobs had a stellar 75-24 record at Fairfield, including a 16-1 conference mark and 6-0 league tournament record.

Jacobs was named Conference USA and Midwest Region coach of the year this season and is one of eight finalists for the national coach of the year award. Despite his impressive record and lofty honors, Jacobs modestly credits his players for his success.

"The keys for us this season were hustle, playing together and believing," Jacobs said. "They did all of that. I'm so proud of them."



**(Top Right) Stephanie Cahill (#2) celebrates with a teammate after a winning point. (Middle Right) Members of the Thundering Herd Volleyball Team celebrate their Conference USA championship. (Bottom Right) Maggie Arias (left) and Taylor Tanner (right) both battle for a dig at the Conference USA Tournament in Houston, Texas.**



Billingly received most of the attention from the media, but Marshall received significant contributions from its entire roster. Stein finished sixth nationally in assists, averaging 13.77 per game. She also averaged .55 service aces per game. Stein holds Marshall's career records in both categories and was named All-CUSA and All-Midwest Region. She is third all-time at Marshall in digs.

Nickie Sanlin posted a C-USA leading .365 hitting percentage. The senior from Fairview Heights, Ill., was a second-team C-USA selection and an honorable-mention All-Midwest Region pick. Sanlin was second on the

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**– Coach Mitch Jacobs**

team in blocks and set a school single-game record for hitting percentage when she had 12 kills in 14 swings (.857) against Seton Hall.

Stein said Marshall's volleyball program has a bright future and she will miss playing for the Herd.

“Making the NCAA Tournament was a dream of ours,” Stein said. “I’m glad we did that. Ending our careers, though, is bittersweet. I’d have liked to have gone further in the NCAA Tournament, but I couldn’t ask for a better season to end on.” □

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# Volleyball 101



**Ace:** A serve that results directly in a point, usually when the ball hits the floor untouched on the receiving team's side of the court.

**Assist:** Passing or setting the ball to a teammate who attacks the ball for a kill.

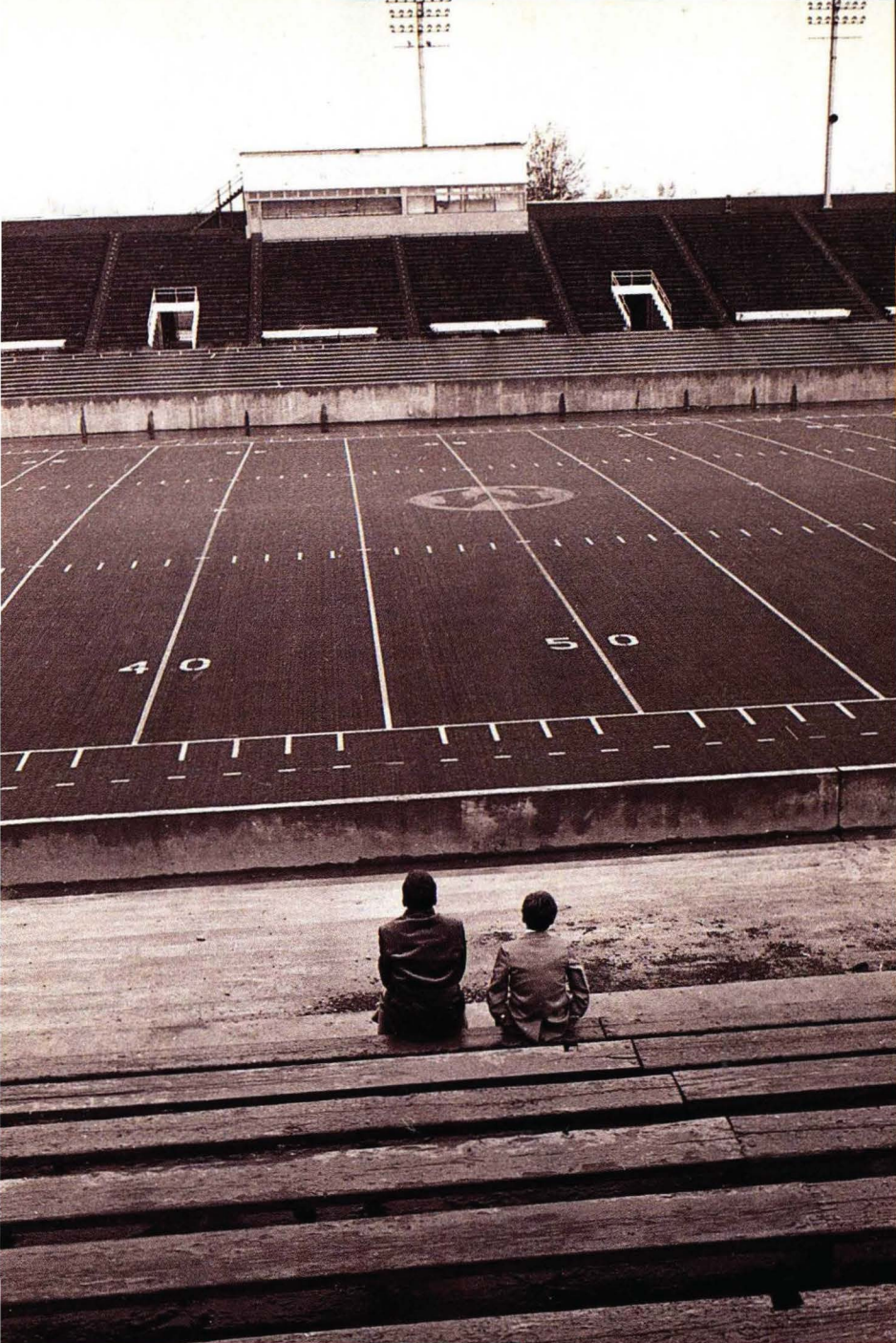
**Block:** A defensive play by one or more front row players meant to intercept a spiked ball. The combination of one, two or three players jumping in front of the opposing spiker and contacting the spiked ball with the hands.

**Dig:** Passing a spiked or rapidly hit ball. Slang for the art of retrieving an attacked ball close to the floor.

**Kill:** An attack that results directly in a point or sideout. A spike that cannot be returned.

**Swing:** To move from one sideline to another, usually in approaching to attack.





Images from Marshall's storied football program: A Nov. 15, 1970 headline in *The Herald-Advertiser* records the aftermath of the worst tragedy in the history of American sport. Head Football Coach Mark Snyder and Student Body President Michael Misiti take part in ceremonies commemorating the 35th anniversary of the plane crash. In 1999, a bronze sculpture honoring the 1970 Thundering Herd football team was unveiled at Marshall University Stadium. Head Coach Mark Snyder addresses the crowd at the memorial service for the 35th anniversary of the plane crash. Marshall University's stadium today is a symbol of how far the program has come since the dark November days of 1970. An unidentified man and his son spend a moment in silence at Fairfield Stadium the day after the plane crash.



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Thirty-five years after the plane crash,  
a community pauses to remember.

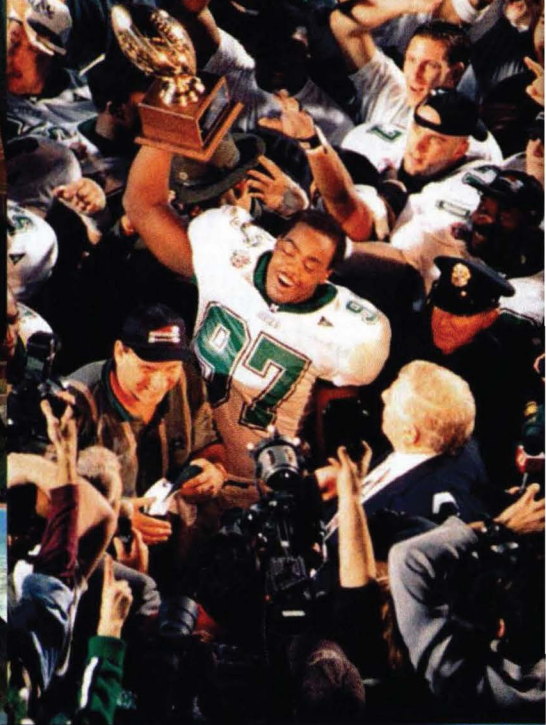
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rick haye & chris spencer*

It's almost inconceivable that it's been 35 years since the Marshall University plane crash. Thirty-five years is half a lifetime. You have to be over 40 to remember that rainy night when 75 people left us way too early. Yet each year on November 14th, those who remember the crash, and those who don't, gather at the Memorial Student Center to reflect on the worst tragedy in American sport. It's become a humbling tradition, and also a subtle, yet jolting reminder that you should never forget where you came from.

Those 75 couldn't have known that Marshall almost never played football again after that night. It took a

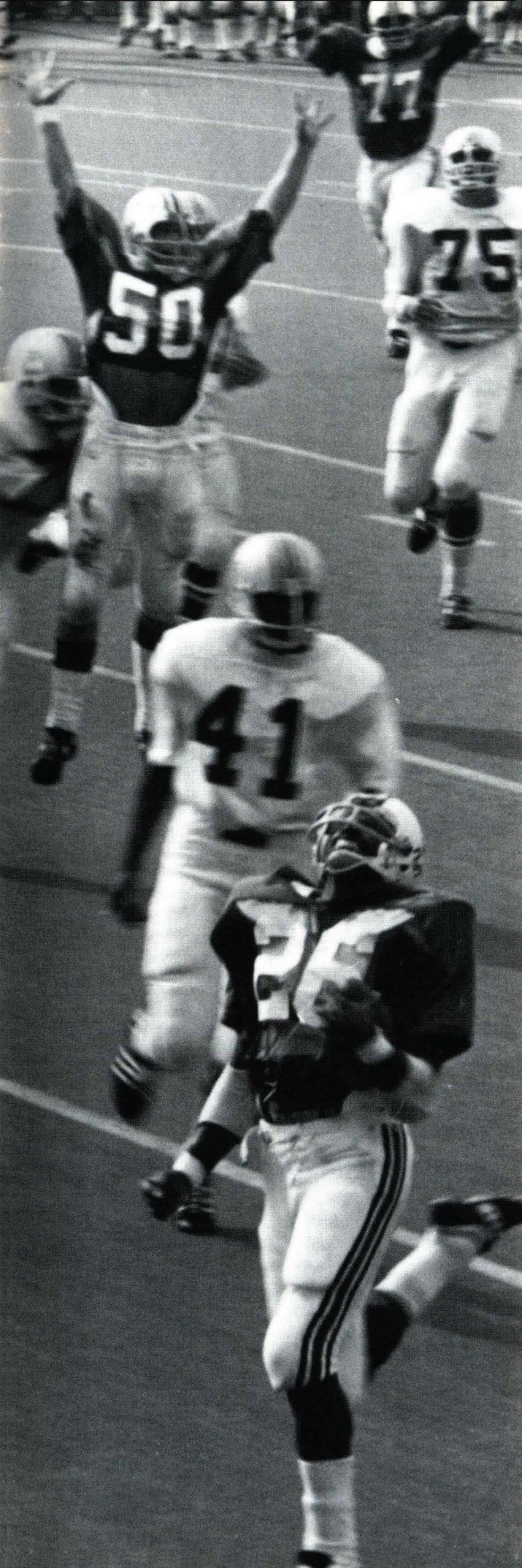






Members of the Huntington and Marshall community gather around the Memorial Fountain as part of ceremonies marking the 35th anniversary of the plane crash. The football program rose from the ashes and found incredible success in the 1990s with three Heisman Trophy candidates, five MAC Conference championships, national bowl game appearances and a Top 10 ranking in 1999. The legendary photograph by Chris Spencer that captured The Young Thundering Herd's last second win over Xavier – the program's first victory after the plane crash. Members of the 1970 Marshall University Thundering Herd football team. Hundreds of people gather at the Memorial Student Center to pay their respects to the 75 players, coaches and community members lost on Nov. 14, 1970.





resilient group of players and a school president to keep a program alive, even if they were all swimming against the tide. Dr. Donald Dedmon made it a priority that Marshall take the field again. Just prior to the 1971 season, Marshall coach Jack Lengyel received the ultimate locker room pep talk in the form of a telegram from President Richard Nixon. It read, in part, "Whatever the season brings, you have already won your greatest victory by putting the 1971 Varsity squad on the field."

The Young Thundering Herd wasn't content to just make it onto the field. Indeed, that win over Xavier on September 25, 1971 must outrank all others at Marshall. Shouldn't that Reggie Oliver to Terry Gardner touchdown pass while time was running out be a metaphor in life? That when you think you've got no shot, that miracles don't happen on football fields, that not a soul in the world is giving you a chance, you've always got hope.

And from a program surviving on its last heartbeat came a most inspirational story. Seemingly out of the ashes, a team that couldn't win for losing suddenly couldn't stop winning, and wouldn't accept defeat. There were national championships, undefeated seasons, Heisman Trophy finalists and nationally-televised bowl game conquests.

Now, fast forward to 2006. Hollywood is prepared to shout from the rooftops to the world, the story of Marshall football. Usually the movie business is all about make believe. But this time, a talented group of directors and producers and writers thinks this story stands on its own and should echo far and wide.

After all, it's the ultimate comeback story that doesn't need to be embellished. A story that tells itself, even 35 years later. □

# Hurricane Katri




# na Relief

BY JESSICA FARNER

The Marshall University community rallied to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina as alumni, students, faculty and staff joined forces to collect money, cleaning supplies, personal care items, books and toys for those devastated by the storm.

Marshall's Student Government Association, collaborating with Volunteer Services and other campus organizations, sponsored "Bring a Buck" Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, preceding the Marshall vs. Kansas State football game at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. "Bring a Buck" was intended to collect money for those living in areas overwhelmed by the hurricane.

Students and members of the American Red Cross were stationed throughout the stadium to collect donations from students and fans attending the



*"I never would have imagined we could raise more than \$500,000, but I believe the reason people chose to donate through us was that they were somewhat inspired by what we were endeavoring to do. This was the biggest home game to date on our campus, but instead of tailgating before the game, we were out raising money for our fellow Americans."*

*— Michael Misiti, Marshall Student Body President*

game. Student body president Michael Misiti asked each person to donate a minimum of \$1 to the relief effort.

"While the thoughts and prayers of the entire Marshall community continue to go out to those affected by this tragedy, it was important to show them our support by making a monetary donation," Misiti said.

Misiti established a pre-game goal of \$30,000; however, West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin, Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp and Misiti announced late in the game that the total collected from the stadium-record crowd of 36,914 was approximately \$521,000. All proceeds were given to the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund.

Gov. Manchin was so impressed with the amount of the money raised that he promised to challenge the country's other 49 governors to persuade student government associations at universities in their states to sponsor a "Bring a Buck" event similar to Marshall's.

"Clearly the urgency of the situation along the Gulf Coast was obvious to the fans at the stadium, including those cheering for Kansas State," Misiti said. "I never would have imagined we could raise more than \$500,000, but I believe the reason people chose to donate through us was that they were somewhat inspired by what we were endeavoring to do. This was the biggest home game to date on our campus, but instead of tailgating before the game, we were out raising money for our fellow Americans.

"Our accomplishment says a lot about the compassion and the resolve of the student body and those living in and around Huntington. Words cannot describe how proud I was of our student body and how proud I am to be a part of this campus and community."

Kopp agreed. "The amount collected by our

similar fundraising efforts during a time of terrible tragedy. I am exceedingly proud of our students and everyone who gave of their time and money."

According to Kopp, the students' effort inspired Marshall alumni, members of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc. and others to donate far more than \$1 per person.

"They decided this was the right thing to do, and they wanted to do it as representatives of Marshall."

Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, said the time students donated to the relief effort impressed him most.

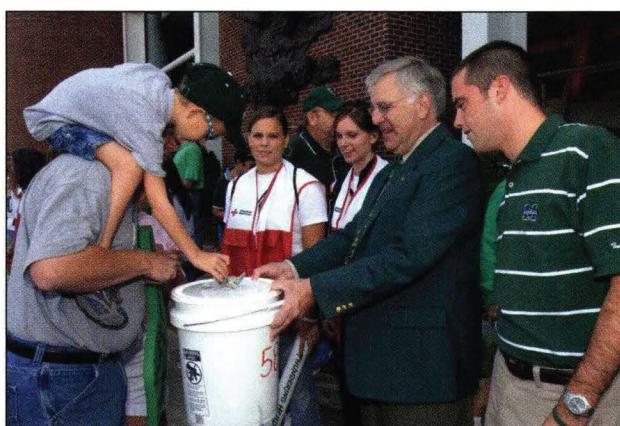
"There was an indisputable outpouring of financial support, but what was more refreshing to me was the startling number of students who showed up early on a Saturday morning to help. Initially, we weren't sure how to utilize so many people. I am proud of the students at Marshall University because of their sincere efforts to help others during a time of great need."

The significant contribution led Misiti to challenge other higher education institutions throughout the country to match Marshall's total. "Here we are, a small university in West Virginia, one of the poorest states in the nation, and we were able to raise more than a half-million dollars in one day. Just imagine the amount of assistance we would have been able to provide if each college and university in the country had attempted to match our total."

In addition to SGA and Volunteer Services, other Marshall organizations participating in the "Bring a Buck" campaign were: Alpha Tau Omega; Athletics, Staff and Recreational Sports; the Biology Club; Campus Crusade for Christ; Circle K; Delta Sigma Theta; Gamma Beta Phi; Honors 101; Marshall Student Ambassadors; and Pre-AMSA (American Medical Student Association).

The Marshall University Community and Technical College and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine also organized a relief effort to collect and distribute supplies to Hurricane Katrina evacuees living at Camp Dawson in Preston County, W.Va. Students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community, collected one and a half tons of supplies, including books and toys for children, school supplies, baby necessities, cleaning products and personal care items. Transportation of the supplies to Camp Dawson was provided free of charge by Tri-State Express. □

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**MU President Stephen Kopp (center) and Student Body President Michael Misiti (right) receive a donation from a young Herd fan.**



**Fans at the Marshall vs. Kansas State game donated \$521,000 to the Hurricane Relief Fund.**

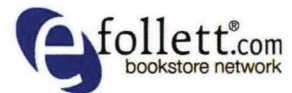
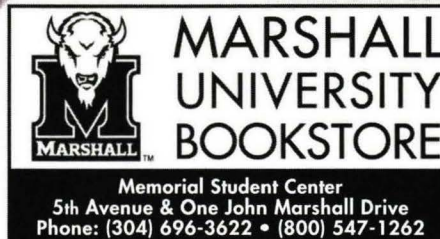
campus organizations represented great leadership, compassion and caring on the part of our students. It was our hope that the significant contribution would inspire other students at higher education institutions across the nation to conduct

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MEET BRENNA SLAVENS, STAR OF AMERICA ONLINE'S

# PROJECT: FRESHMAN

Article by Sandy Savage

Marshall University freshman Brenna Slavens is one of six college students from across the United States that was featured on America Online's Project: Freshman, a new online reality show that chronicles each of the students' first semester at college. All six students were given a hand-held digital video camera to shoot footage of their real-life experiences and film confessionals of their thoughts and feelings.

Slavens, a small-town girl from Jackson, Ohio, says she saw a pop-up advertisement on AOL Red, a customized Internet service for teens, and was instantly interested.

"I was just checking my e-mail before work one day over the summer when an advertisement popped up on my computer that caught my attention," explains Brenna. "It said, 'Are you going to be a college freshman? Do you want to make money? Do you want to be on a television show?'"

Since her answer was "yes" to all the questions, she clicked on the ad to learn more about Project: Freshman,

filled out an application and sent a picture. Producers called her that same day and asked her to send a video. Borrowing a video camera from a friend, she sent the producers a tape showing the cornfields behind her house, the country surroundings of her home in

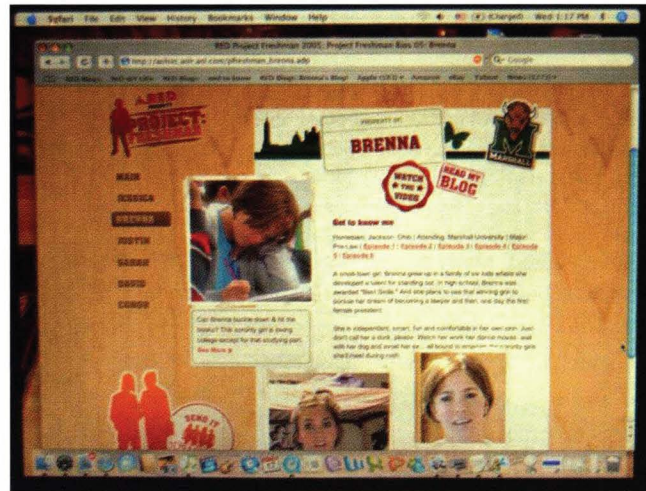
Jackson and even introduced them to her car. Brenna was selected from approximately 3,000 college freshmen to star on AOL's Project: Freshman. She says that coming from a small town and going to a smaller school is what made her stand out to the producers.

The other five freshmen are "Justin" from Dallas Baptist, "Jessica" from the University of Florida, "Sarah" from the University of Wisconsin, "David" from the University of Missouri

and "Conor" from the University of Notre Dame.

Carrying a video camera around campus has given Brenna a campus celebrity experience.

"People would see the camera and ask what I was doing," says Brenna. "I'd say I was doing a reality show called



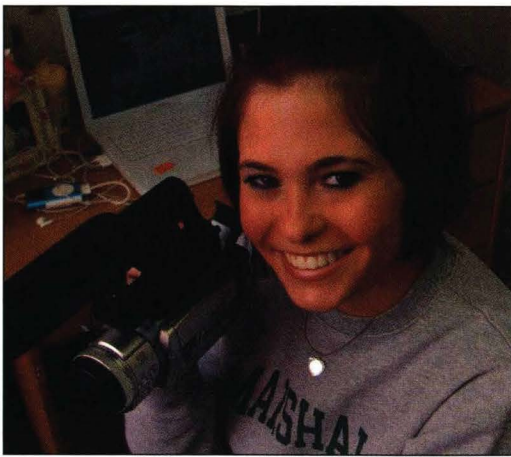
(Above) Brenna Slavens' "Project: Freshman" homepage at AOL.  
(Opposite Page) Brenna poses with her camera in her dorm room.



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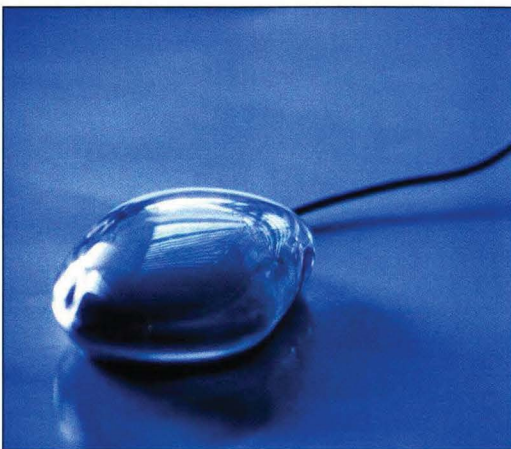
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*– Brenna Slavens  
Marshall student*



Project: Freshman. At the beginning of the semester there were a few weeks delay before it started airing so I think people thought I was making it up. Finally, they started asking if I was the girl from ‘the Internet thing.’”

Brenna filmed 10-30 hours of video per week and sent it to Project: Freshman producers, who then edited it to about a five-minute episode. Those nine episodes included Marshall events such as the first home football game, the homecoming parade and the 1970 plane crash memorial service.

Also included are Brenna’s feelings of loneliness and homesickness, being nervous about attending her first classes and having exams, as well as illness, conflicts with old friends and ex-boyfriends, making new friends and having new experiences.

A big part of Brenna’s first semester at Marshall was her decision to rush Alpha Xi Delta. She made the decision to rush the sorority before coming to Marshall.

“I had researched on the Internet the different sororities to choose from here at Marshall and saw that Alpha Xi works with Choose Children, and I think giving back to the community is really important,” Brenna says. “And when I attended open bid, they were genuinely happy and excited for the new girls to be there.”

The Alpha Xi Delta girls have become Brenna’s new family at Marshall.

“It’s really awesome. My best friend is my big sis. All the girls are really cool; they’re fun and outgoing like me. Having more friends makes me feel more at home.”

Brenna says she’s just the person you see on the screen and feels she was accurately portrayed, but there are some things that she didn’t want to be part of the show.

“I didn’t really want to show all aspects of my personal life,” Brenna said. “I went on a date with a guy and the producers wanted me to take my

camera, but I didn’t really want to show that part of my life.”

She says she chose Marshall because it is close enough to her hometown that she can visit whenever she wants, yet far enough away that she can do her own thing.

Before coming to Marshall, she researched some clubs she was interested in joining. In addition to Alpha Xi Delta, she’s interested in Young Democrats, Circle K and student government.

Brenna is majoring in communications and is also interested in broadcast journalism, but eventually wants to go to law school.

“My dad is a lawyer, my sister is a lawyer, my uncle is a lawyer, my grandfather is a lawyer. So it’s kind of in my blood and it’s what I’ve always wanted to do. I like to stand up for what I think is right.”

Now that filming has finished, Brenna admits that she misses taking the camera everywhere and filming her experiences. But she feels she got a good grasp of college life and the transition from high school and portrayed it through Project: Freshman.

Brenna says she is not sure how the show will affect her future.

“I don’t think it’s all sunk in yet. But we’ll see where my life takes me and see if this experience will benefit me down the road.”

The Jackson, Ohio freshman is Marshall’s newest star. With her winning smile and outgoing personality, Brenna Slavens brightens the screen in every episode bringing her first semester experiences at Marshall University to millions of online readers around the country.

To watch Brenna’s first semester at Marshall, go to [http://aolsvc.aolr.aol.com/pfreshman\\_brenna.adp](http://aolsvc.aolr.aol.com/pfreshman_brenna.adp). □

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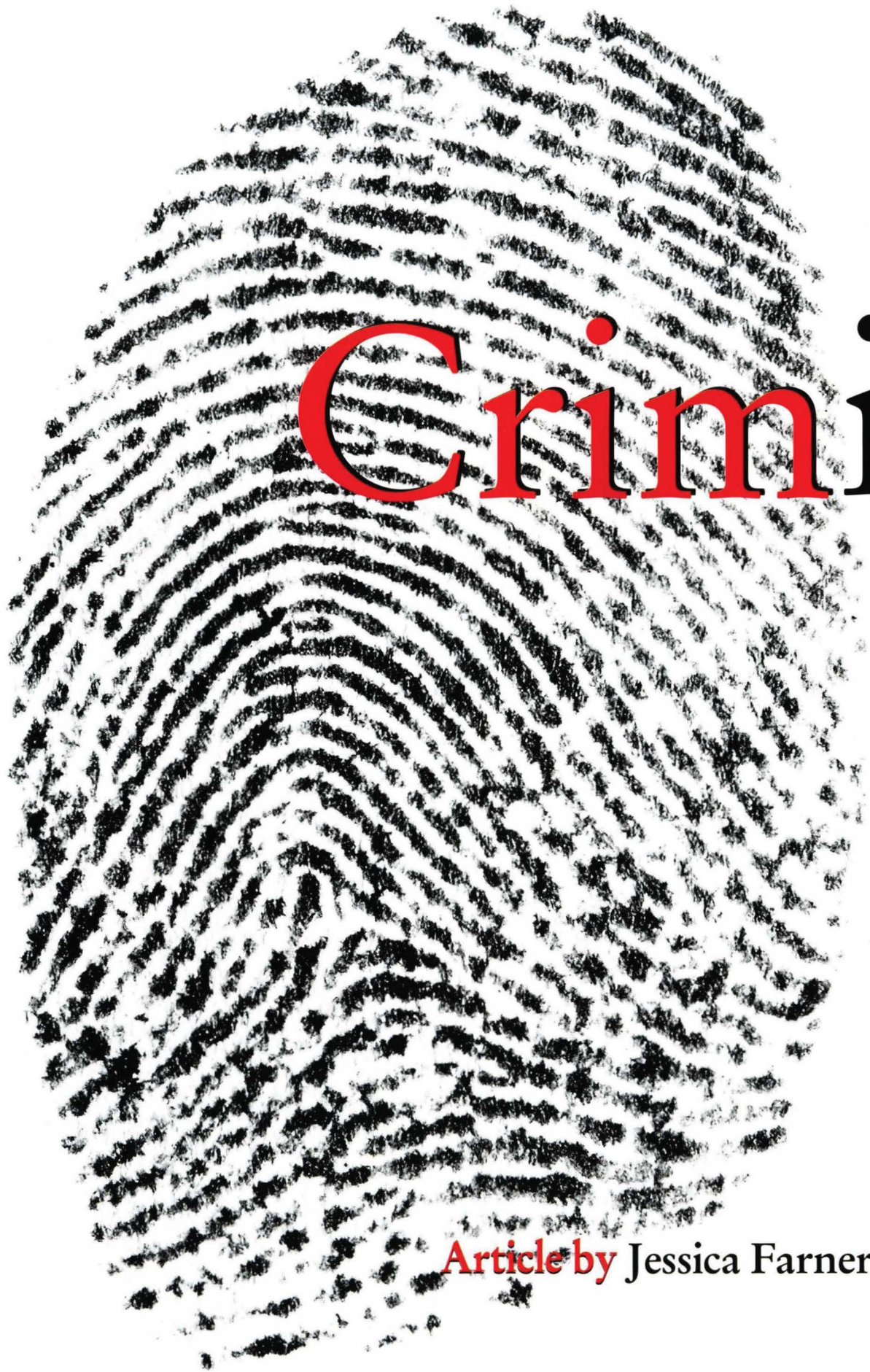
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Article by Jessica Farner

*With more than 20 years of experience, Marshall's Criminal Justice program is one of the best in the state at serving the needs of a burgeoning field.*

# al Justice

The Criminal Justice Department was established at Marshall University in 1974 to educate students seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees. While other state colleges and universities are developing comparable programs, Marshall historically has offered the only graduate program in the state, providing a liberal arts education through classroom instruction, internship experiences and community partnerships.

"We have fulfilled a real mission in West Virginia by preparing and providing thousands of management-level professionals," said Dr. Margaret Phipps Brown, professor and department chair. Also an assistant prosecuting attorney in Cabell County, Brown joined the department as a part-time instructor in 1981 and accepted a full-time position the following year.

According to Brown, enrollment peaked during the mid-1980s with approximately 600 students; however, enrollment subsequently was limited to enhance the department's professor-to-student ratio. Numbers are rising again, as the department boasts approximately 400 undergraduate students and 27 graduate students.

Brown said the mission of the department is to offer undergraduate coursework with a goal of providing a thorough understanding of the criminal justice system and its

interrelation with society. A foundation curriculum is offered to assist students planning to enter graduate school, law school, research, government service or social services.

The social services sector encompasses five classifications: community and institutional corrections, law enforcement, legal studies, private business and industrial security and victim services. According to Brown, victim services is a relatively new area of specialization.

"There is a demand in the field of criminal justice for professionals who are trained to meet the needs of victims, especially those associated with violent crimes."

An example of one of the programs graduates is Marc Amos, a grade-three police officer currently serving the city of New Orleans, who earned his bachelor's degree from Marshall's Criminal Justice Department in 1996. Before Hurricane Katrina ravaged the city Aug. 29, 2005, Amos worked as a homicide detective, a narcotics

detective and a SWAT team member. He also investigated aggravated batteries and shootings. Following the storm, many of the officers, including Amos, were reassigned to street patrols.

"I stayed in the city throughout the storm, and we held onto our station – District One," Amos said. "The other stations were abandoned.



**Students in the Criminal Justice program are educated in forensic applications and technological applications.**

"Katrina was a horrible experience. The elements did not bother me, but the media failed to capture the worst of the storm's aftermath – the feral environment. By day four, we were gathered in pockets around the Superdome hoping to catch the people who were shooting at others simply because they could. We finally got to those who needed assistance, and we tried to help as many people as we could. As residents began to evacuate, the city became eerily calm and desolate."

According to Amos, approximately 80 percent of the city's 1,600 officers lost everything; many lived within city limits because of a residency requirement. "My wife and I were extremely lucky. We live in a second-floor apartment, so we experienced no water damage. The roof was ripped from the apartment, but we lost very few belongings."

Prior to the hurricane, Amos and his partner were advising the FBI regarding gang activity in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth wards of New Orleans. However, Amos named a narcotics raid as the most momentous case of his career. "We searched a vehicle during a routine traffic stop in East New Orleans and found 14 kilograms of cocaine. Customs became involved and traced the drop to a ship anchored in our port.

"There were 263 kilograms of cocaine attached to the bottom of the ship valued at more than \$8 million," Amos said. "We worked through the night, and searches resulted in 16 arrests. But, as significant as the raid was, it was tied to just one shipment."

Amos said his job is often thankless. "You cannot become a police officer for slaps on the back or because you want to be a hero. It has the potential to be a very rewarding profession, but you have to possess the right mindset."

Brown agreed. "There was a period of time following 'The Silence of the Lambs' when everyone wanted to be a forensic psychologist, and now, shows like 'CSI' are emphasizing forensics. But, these are not wide-open fields.

"Most of our students choose to major in criminal justice because they would like to help others. It is not something you go into for the money, but there are many opportunities to make a difference."

The graduate program is designed to prepare pre-service students for criminal justice careers and to enhance the knowledge and skills of individuals who have already begun their careers in the fields of corrections, law enforcement or legal studies. The program also will prepare students for

further graduate or professional education. In addition to Brown, the department includes four full-time faculty members: Dr. Dhruba J. Bora, Dr. Samuel L. Dameron, Dr. Kimberly A. DeTardo-Bora and Dr. Walter Stroupe.

"A unique contribution of the department is the development of students' intellectual abilities, critical thinking skills and problem-solving skills as they are exposed to the practical realities of how social, economic and political contexts influence the roles of professionals and also the operation of the criminal justice system," Brown said. "We also are committed to research and educating students in forensic applications and technological integration.

"A degree often is not required in the criminal justice arena; it is an extra step. But, we continue to provide a quality education for our students, and we boast excellent job placement following the completion of a degree. Our students are very employable; if a department or organization has hired one Marshall graduate, the odds are great that they will hire another."

Criminal justice majors also may opt to minor in Integrated Science and Technology, enriching their curriculum with courses in DNA and computer forensics.

"Forensics has become an increasingly popular field, and the 'instant gratification' of computers has changed the classification of crime," Brown said. "We are trying to remain out in front by familiarizing our students with new computer programs and methods for combating these types of offenses."

According to Brown, department members share an aspiration of continued growth.

"We would like to develop a Ph.D. program, but its implementation would require a large investment by the university. A program of this kind is becoming increasingly necessary, as the continued demand for criminal justice professionals creates a need for trained teachers."

Brown said her professional experiences provide anecdotal information related to particular cases. "My experience enables me to operate on both sides of the fence – academic and professional. I also have an opportunity to gauge needs and wants in terms of the education of future professionals, and consequently, we are able to adapt our curriculum accordingly." □



**Criminal Justice majors may also study Integrated Science and Technology, including courses in DNA and computer forensics. Television programs like "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and movies like "Silence of the Lambs" have made this field increasingly popular with college students in the past several years.**

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*a message from*

**Sharon Porter**

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*Class of 1975*



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Hello alumni and friends,

Your alumni board has been very busy with strategic plans and continued work on our new alumni center. This center will meet so many of the needs of our Marshall community and the city of Huntington. Please look at the plans and note that a roof top facility will be available for parties and weddings, conference and meeting rooms for executives and Marshall clubs, plus a large hall for banquets. Our hope is this center sends the message that alumni are important to Marshall and is used by all.

If you have considered a gift for the center and have been waiting to see when it will happen, well, it's now! So, please give to this endeavor, and give generously. Make your gift to the Marshall Foundation, earmarked for the Erickson Alumni Center Project. This facility is so needed by us, the board and the university, so we need to finish "the Dream."

You can help us do this; please don't wait any longer to give. We want to finish this and have it paid for. Once construction starts, our architect estimates 16 to 18 months for completion. By then we should have a center like none around us.

As always, thank you for your support of Marshall and its many programs. I can be reached at my e-mail [sharonp71@aol.com](mailto:sharonp71@aol.com) or through the alumni office.

Sincerely,

Sharon Porter  
MUAA President



Please join us on April 21 and 22 to celebrate Alumni Weekend 2006. Our theme this year is *Memories are Made of This*, so come share those memories and make new ones with friends old and new.

We will be focusing on class reunions, an evening at the theatre and the 69th Annual Awards Banquet.

We are pleased to announce that this year's activities will be sponsored by MBNA and SODEXHO. We value these partnerships and, with their support, the Alumni Association is able to provide more value for all that participate.

More details about Alumni Weekend can be found on the MUAA web site at [www.marshall.edu/alumni/](http://www.marshall.edu/alumni/).

## Memories Are Made of This...

# Alumni Weekend 2006

Friday & Saturday, April 21 and 22

The events are as follows...

### Friday

The first official event of Alumni Weekend is a **Champagne Reception** from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Following the reception at 8 p.m. is the play, **The Tragedy of Julius Caesar** by **William Shakespeare**, performed by Marshall's Department of Theatre. The cost of the reception and the play is \$20 per person. This includes Coffee with the Director from 7 to 8 p.m. If you wish to attend the reception only, the cost is \$10.

### Saturday

An estate planning program will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. In **Charitable Aspects of Estate Planning**, you can learn how to integrate philanthropic intentions with your overall tax, estate and financial plans. This interactive discussion will be presented by Mandilyn (Mandy) J. Hart, CTFA, director of gift planning for The Marshall University Foundation, Inc. A continental breakfast will be served starting at 8:30, in the John Marshall Dining Room, MSC, with remarks to begin at 9. The event is sponsored by the Heritage Society and is free for all participants. For more information, please call Mandy Hart at (304) 696-6708.

The **Class Luncheon** will honor the 50th reunion class (1956), the 60th reunion class (1946) and the 10th reunion class (1996). They will be joined by the Grand Class – those who graduated before 1956. The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room. The cost is \$20 per person. Lunch is complimentary for members of the reunion classes.

The **Spring Green and White Football Game** will be at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium at 4 p.m. For tickets call (304) 696-HERD or (800) THE-HERD. Tickets are \$5.

The **President's Social** will be at the Memorial Student Center Plaza from 6 to 6:45 p.m. **The 69th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet**, honoring our distinguished alumni and friends, will begin at 7 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple.

### Sunday

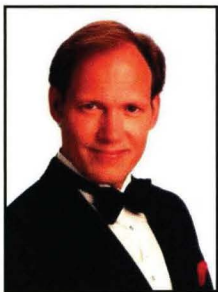
The **Scholarship Honor Reception**, which annually recognizes and honors our scholarship donors and recipients, is scheduled for 4 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center. For more information, please call (304) 696-6214.





## MU Alumni Association 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award winners

Nine alumni and students will be honored at the Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 22. The **River Cities Club** will receive the Alumni Club of the Year award. The **Distinguished Alumni Award** will be presented to tenor **J. Mark McVey** and professional football player **Troy Brown**. This award is given to Marshall alumni for outstanding national achievements in their particular fields of endeavor.



Mark McVey

**McVey**, a native of Huntington, is best known for his theatre work, making his Broadway debut as Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*, after having won the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Actor while in Washington, D.C., with the show. He was the first American to perform that role in London's West End. Other Broadway credits include Captain Walker in *The Who's Tommy*, Tommy

Tune's *The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public* and *The Show Goes On*, with Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. National tours and regional works include *Carousel*, *My Fair Lady*, *South Pacific*, *Seven Brides* and *Showboat*.

He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1997 and has performed with numerous symphonies across the world including Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, New York, The National Symphony, Montreal and numerous others.

McVey also performs solo and with his wife Christy Tarr-McVey, and has been featured in industrial shows all over the country, including *The Adventure of the Sea*, one of the RCC's super cruise liners.

Mark and his wife, Christy, are the parents of two young daughters, Grace Holly and Kylie Elizabeth.

**Brown**, a wide receiver for the New England Patriots of the National Football League, was a major scoring threat in I-AA football during his final two seasons with Marshall (1991-92). He averaged a touchdown every eight times he touched the ball, tied the NCAA record for the most touchdowns on kick returns in a single season and became the NCAA's all-time leader in kickoff return average. Brown finished his senior season with 101 receptions for 1,654 yards and 16 touchdowns, added 158 yards and two rushing touchdowns, returning 20 punts for a 10-yard average and 27 kickoffs for a 23.3-yard average. Brown had a breakout year in 2001 and was a key figure in the team's Super Bowl XXXVI victory. He also made some important contributions when the team won Super Bowl XXXVIII two years later. Brown was drafted by the Pats out of Marshall University and made his debut in 1993. Brown signed a new contract with the Patriots in 2005.

He and his wife, Kimberly, have two sons, Sir'mon and SaanJay.

The **Community Achievement Award** will be presented to **Dr. Barbara Priddy Guyer**. This award is given to alumni for success in their fields of endeavor and personal contributions to their respective communities.



Dr. Barbara Guyer

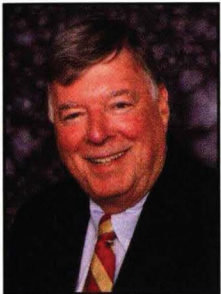
**Guyer** retired as director of the Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) in August 2005. As director emeritus, she continues to be an integral part of the program, especially with Medical H.E.L.P., fundraising and representing H.E.L.P. at conferences.

She received her bachelor of science degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, a master's degree from The Ohio State University, a master's degree from the College of Graduate Studies of Marshall University and a doctorate from the University of Virginia.

Guyer taught grades two through six and later, remedial reading in a women's prison. She was principal of several schools including two learning disabilities centers which she organized in Richmond, Va. She began the H.E.L.P. Program at Marshall in 1975 after she tested a particularly bright young man who had failed in college four times. H.E.L.P. has grown to 200 students with 10 full-time and 50 part-time employees.

She is married to Dr. Kenneth Guyer, associate professor in the School of Medicine. They have two daughters, Greta Virginia Guyer, M.D., an endocrinologist in Charleston, and Jennifer Guyer Heiner, J.D., an attorney in Atlanta.

The **Distinguished Service to Marshall Award** will be presented to businessman **James E. Gibson** and past Alumni Association President **Jeffrey Porter**.



James E. Gibson

**Gibson**, a 1962 graduate, is a retired businessman living in Sarasota, Fla. He has provided significant financial support to Marshall by establishing the Verna K. and James E. Gibson Endowment for Yeager Scholars and was a major donor in the (H.E.L.P.) Program building fund. Gibson also has been active in the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, the Society of Yeager Scholars and the Marshall University Foundation, Inc. He and his wife, Verna, joined the Pathway of Prominence in 2003 and one of the new Marshall University dormitories is named Gibson Hall. The Gibsons were vice chairs of the Campaign for National Prominence and major benefactors to the new Erickson Alumni Center.

The Gibsons faithfully attend Marshall athletic, academic, and alumni events and other university functions and are major supporters of Marshall athletics. Jim is a founding member of the Thunder Club and he and Verna are the only Lifetime Members. Jim is very involved in the Lewis College of Business with the Entrepreneur and Mentoring Program. He also is a great supporter of Hospice of Huntington and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington and Sarasota. Coincidentally, the day he was told he would be honored with the Marshall University Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award, he also was notified he was chosen as the Man of the Year by Sarasota Boys and Girls Club.

The couple has two children, Kelly Winbigler and Elizabeth Allen.

**Porter** is the owner of Porter & Associates, CPA, a Huntington firm where he has practiced accounting for the



Jeffrey A. Porter

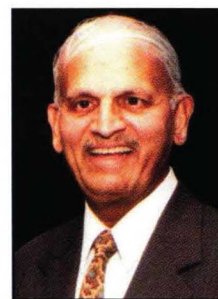
past 27 years. He graduated from Marshall magna cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in 1977 and currently is pursuing a Master of Taxation through the University of Tulsa. He was a member of the Alumni Association board of directors from 1995 to 2005 and served as president of the board from 2000 to 2003. His accomplishments as president include the design, approval and fundraising for a new alumni center; the implementation of an Online Community for alumni; the creation of the Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award; and starting a Young Alumni Program.

Porter has been active in his profession, serving on a national level with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and chair of the National Conference on Federal Taxes. He has served in a variety of appointed positions, including chair of the West Virginia Lottery Commission. Porter, along with his family, has been active in the mission fields in several countries as well as post-Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. He serves as chair of the West Virginia Volunteers-in-Mission Advisory Board.

Porter and his wife, Sharon, who is the current president of the Alumni Association, have two children, Deidre, a youth minister in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Jay, a sophomore at The Ohio State University.

The Distinguished Service to Marshall Award is given for loyal and unselfish service to Marshall, and is not limited to Marshall alumni.

The **Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award** will be presented to **Dr. Ramchandra Akkihal**, professor of finance and economics in the College of Business.



Dr. Ramchandra Akkihal

**Akkihal**, a native of India, has been with Marshall since 1968 as a professor and researcher. He was director for the MBA program for 13 years, and currently serves as director of the Bhavan (India) MBA program for the Lewis College of Business (LCOB), the first Marshall degree offered overseas. He is chair of the governing board and director of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Dharwad (India). In 2000 he received the LCOB Distinguished Service Award; in 2001, the Graduate Advisor of the Year award; in 2004, the Marshall University Distinguished Service Award; and in 2004-2005,

the LCOB Graduate Faculty of the Year Award. He also helped establish Marshall overseas international programs in England and Spain.

Akkihal is founding president of the Tri-State India Association which provides financial support for higher education library resources and scholarships at Marshall. He also has initiated a number of events on campus that attracted hundreds of people from campus and the community to experience the culture of India, including internationally known Indian artists and musicians.

He and his wife, Aparna (Class of 1971) have two sons, Anup, an engineering graduate student at MIT, and Amit, a student at Columbia University.

The Hunter Award was created by the MUAA for the purpose of recognizing outstanding achievements and providing incentives for continued service from faculty to the community, the university and students in their respective fields. Award nominees are evaluated on their professional service to the community and their service to the university and its students.



Mallory Evans

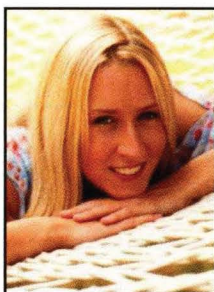
Chapmanville is a member of the cheer-leading squad. A broadcast journalism major, she is a reporter for WMUL-FM, Marshall's radio station. She is also a mentor for Energy Express, a summer reading program for children.

This scholarship was established in 1998 by the MUAA board of directors, in honor of Nancy Pelphrey, Herd Village coordinator. Funds from the scholarship come from proceeds from Herd Village.

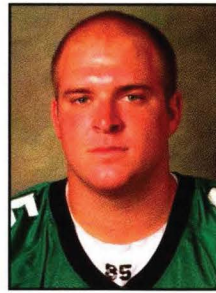
Two **Nancy Pelphrey Herd Village Scholarships** will be awarded to deserving students.

**Mallory Evans** of Ona is a member of the marching band. A dietetics major, she is a member of Gamma Beta Phi, the student dietetics association, and is an active member in Campus Flood and the Winfield Community Church.

**Mary Cathleen Moxley** of



Mary Cathleen Moxley



Jeff Mullins

for the Paul Draddy Award; and the Special Teams Player of the Week in the MAC Conference. He also was chosen as student-athlete representative for NCAA University Self-Study. Mullins has volunteered for a number of civic groups, including Upward Bound, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the United Way.

The Cam Henderson Scholarship was established by the Alumni Association in the name of legendary football and basketball coach Cam Henderson. It is given yearly to the student athlete who best exemplifies the spirit of scholarship while participating in athletics.

The **River Cities Club** was chosen as the Alumni Association Club of the Year. Led by President Brandon "Brandy" Roisman, this energetic group is dedicated to promoting Marshall in the Tri-State area by holding annual post-Homecoming game parties and membership drives. Proceeds from parties go to the River Cities Alumni Club Scholarship designated for a child or grandchild of a Marshall alumus who is a resident of the River Cities area (Cabell, Wayne or Lincoln Counties, W.Va.; Lawrence County, Ohio; or Boyd County, Ky.). The club also hosted a focus group for Marshall President Stephen Kopp's Strategic Planning process, and soon hopes to raise funds for a naming opportunity for the new Erickson Alumni Center.

Two new awards, the **MUAA Board Member of the Year** and the **Young Alumni Award**, will be presented for the first time this year. The winners will be announced during the awards ceremony.

The Board Member of the Year must be successful in promoting the association's vision statement among students, alumni and friends; promote the association's core values; and work to move the association to the next level by bringing in new ideas.

The criteria for the Young Alumni Award are that the person must be 35 years old or younger; an active member of the Alumni Association; show outstanding achievement in his or her field of endeavor; have a personal commitment to his or her community; and demonstrate service to Marshall University and its students.

The **Cam Henderson Scholarship Award** will go to Gallipolis, Ohio, graduate student **James "Jeff" Mullins**. Jeff graduated magna cum laude from Marshall with a degree in biology.

He was a member of the Thundering Herd football team where he was the team captain. Mullins also was a two-time CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) academic all-district selection; a semifinalist



# Alumni Weekend

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			\$75 per couple	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Champagne Reception</b> • 6 - 7 p.m. • Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre, Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center • Heavy hors d'oeuvres • The Tragedy of Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare, performed by the MU Department of Theater • 8 p.m. • <b>Note:</b> Cost for Reception only is \$10 per person		Reception & play \$20.00	
			Reception only \$10.00	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Charitable Aspects of Estate Planning Breakfast</b> • 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. • Mandilyn J. Hart, CTFA • John Marshall Dining Room, MSC • Phone (304) 696-6708 for reservations		Complimentary	
	<b>Class Luncheon</b> to honor the 10th Reunion Class (1996), the 50th Reunion Class (1956), the 60th Reunion Class (1946) and the Grand Class — those who graduated before 1956 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Shawkey Dining Room, MSC • Tickets are complimentary for members of the reunion classes.		\$20.00	
	<b>Annual Green and White Spring Football Game</b> • 4 p.m. • Joan C. Edwards Stadium • For tickets call (304) 696-HERD or (800) THE-HERD • Tickets are \$5.			
	<b>President's Social</b> • 6 - 6:45 p.m. • MSC Plaza		Complimentary	
	<b>Alumni Awards Banquet</b> honoring Distinguished Alumni and Friends • 7 p.m. • Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center		\$40 per person \$75 per couple	
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(1) Marco congratulates Homecoming Queen Alyson Doyle. Left to right, Grand Marshal Maj. Gen. (ret.) David W. Stallings, Alyson, MUAA President Sharon Porter and Menis Ketchum, chair, MU Board of Governors. (2) Marshall students cheer on that 20-19 win over the University of Alabama-Birmingham. (3) MU President Stephen Kopp greets Maj. Gen. (ret.) David W. Stallings, Homecoming Parade grand marshal. (4) Left to right during halftime: Lt. Col. Joe Samek, professor of military science in Marshall's ROTC program; Grand Marshal Maj. Gen. Stallings; Menis Ketchum, chair, MU Board of Governors; Sharon Porter, MUAA president; Michael Misiti, student body president, and Nikki Brown, student body vice president. (5) Marshall's oldest living alumna, Emma Lena Harshbarger, 107 years young, chats with Mrs. West Virginia America 2005, Jaclyn Johnson, during the Homecoming Parade.

# Brenda Williams

## BA'72, MA'83

As a child growing up in Sophia in Raleigh County, Brenda Smith Williams always wanted to be a teacher, just like her next door neighbor. Brenda's academic career was geared toward that profession, beginning with earning a degree in comprehensive business education from Marshall, then going on to earn two master's degrees, one in educational administration from West Virginia Graduate College in 1982 and another in vocational education from Marshall in 1983.

Brenda's first teaching assignment was in her native Raleigh County. The field of education was of so much interest to her she decided to join the West Virginia State Department of Education in the area of business education and became the executive director in the Office of Technology. Here she became involved with software implementation for different levels of education in the state, from basic skills K-6 to federal educational technical programs.

Her latest accomplishment and challenge is the implementation of the new SAS inSchool Program, award-winning educational software that is a part of the Curriculum Pathways and supports the No Child Left Behind program.

"We had heard about SAS because we deal with instructional software," said Brenda. "SAS leads the way by finding donors for programs. In this case, SAS contacted Selby Wellman, former senior vice president of Cisco Systems Inc. and a major supporter of Marshall University. When Selby expressed interest, he and SAS representatives contacted our office."

SAS provides interactive lesson plans, activities for students and ways to integrate technology into the classroom. Any teacher at any school in the state is invited to use the online digital content, which focuses quite a bit on the areas which are the most difficult to teach. "The SAS Curriculum Pathways deliver interactive, 21st century learning



through quality lessons engaging high-order learning skills," explained Brenda.

"Selby was very thorough in making his decision to support the program," added Brenda. "He wanted to make sure the software program was both appropriate and would make a difference. We also wanted to make sure it fit the state's Content Standards and Objectives. Once this was all worked out and we knew this was what we needed, we moved ahead with training through the expertise of SAS, Mark Moore and Donna Landon, staff development trainers."

The program began during the 2004-05 school year in grades 8 through 12. The next step will include the first two years of college. Marshall University participated last year and now the program has been expanded to other colleges.

"Mr. Wellman has been such a wonderful business partner," said Brenda. "He really 'gets it.' He understands how our economy in West Virginia will depend on the quality of education."

"Professionally, I owe a great deal of my success to several of my Marshall professors," said Brenda. "Nellie Maude Dailey was my advisor for teacher education and her teachings have withstood the test of time from my student teaching to the present. I have also admired Dr. Robert Alexander. They both were very knowledgeable in their content and knew how to deliver the message for student comprehension."

For her success and interest in providing these state-of-the-art programs, Brenda was one of "Ten Educators of the Decade" in instructional technology as named by *Electronic Learning Magazine*. She also earned the national 2003-04 SETDA (State Educational Technology Directors Association) Leadership Award, the first award given by her peers.

Brenda is quick to point out that these and other instructional technology program accolades are due to the work of the Office and Technology staff and educators at the county and classroom levels.

In addition to her professional duties, she enjoys participating in church and listening to Southern gospel music. Her husband, Clacy, is a member of the Gospel Harmony Boys of Huntington. Their son, Chip, is an attorney in Beckley and her daughter, Myla, is in real estate in New York City.

# Tom Bailey, BA'84

*Novelist, Professor of English at Susquehanna University*

Failing the first grade, being diagnosed with a reading disorder and getting a 1.9 grade point average the first semester of freshman year at Marshall is not usually a measure of great success. However, for Barbourville native Tom Bailey, the struggle with dyslexia and the process of learning to read led to a career he never could have imagined early in life.

Tom entered Marshall University with the goal of becoming a physical therapist, but he did not do well in classes. What he really liked to do, and had been doing since the fifth grade, was to write. But it never occurred to him he could ever be good enough to write for a living.

Then Tom signed up for Marshall English professor Jane Wells' creative writing class and everything changed.

"I owe Jane my life," Tom said. "She was the first person to tell me I had a gift as a writer. At that point I just needed someone to tell me I was good at something. I credit her with teaching me the importance of weighing every word and to listen to the characters when I write their stories."

Tom became obsessed with writing. He never waited for a deadline. He got up early every day to write. English professors Richard Spilman and Lenny Deutsch also encouraged Tom. "Had they not all taken me seriously, I never would have accomplished what I have."

Soon, Tom turned his 1.9 into a 4.0. Upon graduation, he was selected for the Teaching Writing Fellowship at the

University of Iowa's famed Writer's Workshop where he went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts degree. He received his doctorate in 1991 from the State University of New York-Binghamton. He taught at SUNY-Cortland for three years and Harvard University for five years, and now teaches creative writing at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania.

Among other honors, Tom received the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Fiction and a Newhouse Award from the John Gardner Foundation. He has published *Crow Man*, a collection of short fiction, as well as *On Writing Short Stories* and *A Short Story Writer's Companion*, both from Oxford University Press.

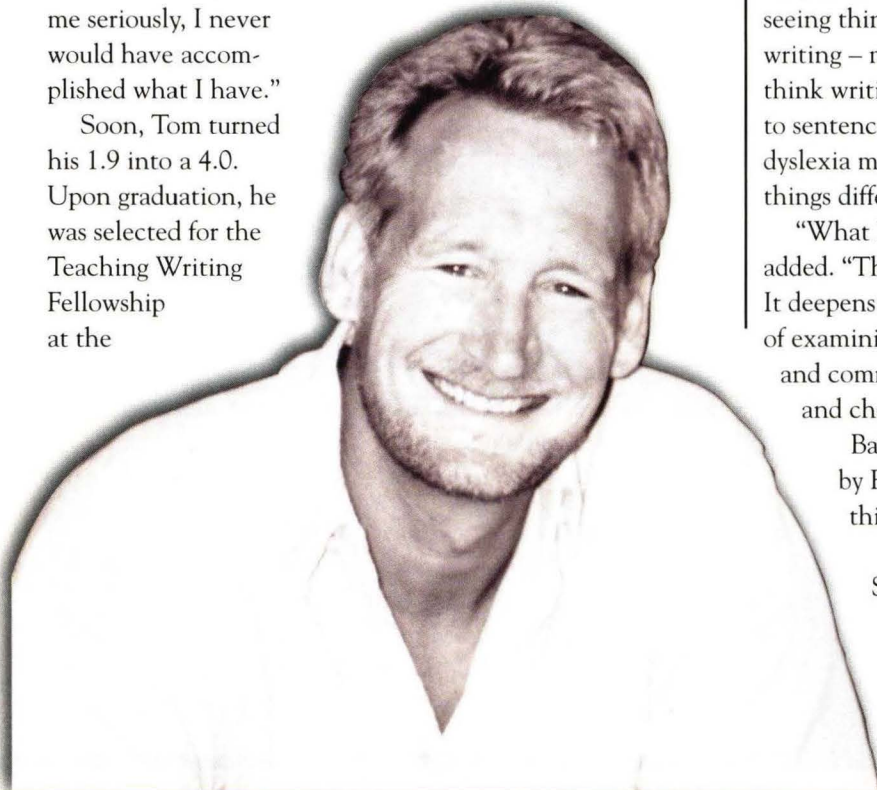
Tom's greatest work to date is his first novel, *The Grace That Keeps This World*, published by Random House. The work is about the events that befall a tightly knit rural town following a tragic hunting accident. The novel, which tackles the bond of family and community and the solace of belief, is based on his earlier short story, *Snow Dreams*. It won the Pushcart Award, a yearly prize given for the best literary works published by small presses.

The lyrical quality of Tom's writing style is partly due to his dyslexia. "I was taught to read by sounds," Tom explained. "My understanding of language offers me a different way of seeing things. Sometimes this can be problematic in my writing – my syntax can be a little off, for example. But I think writing is about more than how well you write sentence to sentence. I think it is about 'seeing.' In the end, the dyslexia may have been a blessing for me. It helps me 'see' things differently.

"What I want more than anything is to have readers," Tom added. "That is why I became a writer. Fiction has a job to do. It deepens feelings. Fiction is what is true at heart. It's a way of examining yourself about dealing with grief, belief in God and community, and it makes sense of senselessness and chaos."

Bailey's second novel, *Cotton Song*, will be published by Random House in Fall 2006. He is at work on his third novel, *Sunny Hills*.

Tom's wife, Sarah, is a managing editor for Susquehanna University Press. They have three children, Samuel, Isabel and William, and an English mastiff named Addie.





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Arrivals

To **Denise Hicks Brown** (BA'95) and **Kenneth Brown** of Oakland, Calif., a son, Douglas Saulsbury, on Sept. 27, 2005.

To **Kerry Frame** (BSN'03) and **Mike Frame** (BSN'99, MS'04), a daughter, Meredith Kate, on Sept. 10, 2005.

To **Sarah Smalley** (BA'02) and **Jerod Smalley** (BA'01) of Columbus, Ohio, a son, Brady Heath, on Sept. 5, 2005.

To Debbie Perdue and **Kristopher Scott Perdue** (BS'02) of Kenova, twin sons, Kaleb Mark and Kodey David, on Sept. 1, 2005.

To **Rhonda Davis** (BA'94, MS'97) and **Mark Davis** (MSA'96) of Charlottesville, Va., twins, a daughter and a son, on June 21, 2005.

To Sheri Emory and **Neil Cunningham Emory** (BA'92) of Arlington, Va., a son, Eric Banner, on May 20, 2005.

To **Sonya Casey Patrick** (MBA'04) and Charles Patrick of Huntington, a daughter, Isabella Rose, on May 14, 2005.

To **Molly Brown-Boulay** (BA'94) and **Dennis Boulay** (BA'92), a daughter, Gabrielle Sophie, on March 12, 2005.

Marriages

**Natalie Ray** (BA'02) and **Kenneth Zigmund** (MU'01) of Hurricane on May 21, 2005.

**Keri Autumn Walker** (BA'02) and **Jesse Lee Baldwin** (AS'02) of Sissonville on July 23, 2005.

In Memoriam

The Marshall University Alumni Association extends sincere sympathy to the families of the following alumni and friends.

**John "Mike" Chapman** (att.) of Nashville, Tenn., on Sept. 3, 2005, at age 54.

**Omer C. Fleshman Jr.** (BA'50) of Birmingham, Ala., on Oct. 3, 2005, at age 79.

**John Patrick Killoran** (BS'62) of Eagle River, Alaska, on Aug. 19, 2005, at age 68.

**Phyllis Belle Knight-Turner** of Proctorville, Ohio, on Sept. 24, 2005, at age 82. She was a former secretary for the athletic department during the 1960s and 1970s

**Leskie J. Pinson** (BA'82, M'85) of Hypoluxo Island, Lantana, Fla., on July 30, 2005, at age 45.

**Alice Bail Strickland** (MA'50) of Summersville on Feb. 11, 2005.

**Dr. Elmer R. White** (AB'57) of Boone, N.C., on Jan. 4, 2004, at age 67.

Class Notes

1940s

**EmmaLena Harshbarger** (BA'49) celebrated her 107th birthday on November 30 in Milton. She came to Marshall College in 1917, received a Certificate of Proficiency in 1918 and a B.A. in 1949. She taught at Milton Elementary School for one year, then went on to teach in Ravenswood and Charleston before returning to Milton in 1922. She worked as a substitute teacher as late as 1961, with a total of 23 years in Cabell County schools. Emma was married to Paul S. Harshbarger, and her son, Sam, was a chief justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Stan Maynard, director of Marshall's June Harless Center for Rural Education, recognized Harshbarger as Marshall's oldest living graduate.

1950s

**Jack Young** (BS'54) of Oceanside, Calif., is retired as president of Lions Valley Stoneware, but still enjoys flying. He received his pilot's license his

first year at Marshall and had an opportunity to fly a jet for the first time this summer.



**Aubrey Lee** (MA'56) of Detroit, Mich., was one of three local business executives honored at the Sixth Annual Walsh College Jeffery W. Barry

Tribute Dinner November 2005 in Rochester, Mich. Lee received the Jeffery W. Barry Educational Excellence and Service Award for bringing the business world into the classroom and education into the business world. Lee, who retired after a distinguished 42-year banking career, is a member of the Walsh College Board of Trustees.

**James E. Barton** (BA'56, MA'56) of Granville, Ohio, was elected to the Financial Advisors Hall of Fame, one of only three selected for the honor. The award recognizes achievement, community service and contributions to the financial services industry. Barton is founder of Jim Barton & Associates Inc., which specializes in estate planning, life and health insurance, investment planning and corporate financial services.

**Johnnie H. Corns** (BA'58) of Churchville, Va., has a new book out, *Through Buffalo Gap*, the story of Native American and colonist struggle in the settling of western Virginia in the mid 18th century. The story reflects the Battle of Point Pleasant and concludes on the slopes of Seneca Rocks.

**Dr. Phillip H. Barnhart** (BA'59) of Pensacola, Fla., a retired pastor of 45 years' service, has written 13 books since retiring in 2002. The books include short stories, meditations, quotes, scriptures and poems.

1960s

**Dr. Darlene Harbour Unrue** (BA'60, MA'64) of Las Vegas, Nev., has published *Katherine Anne Porter: The Life of an Artist*, a biography of the 20th century novelist. Unrue is a professor of English at the University of Nevada.

Deanna Townsend Lewis

(BA'61) retired in 1994 after 32 years of teaching consumer economics in Lexington and Louisville, Ky. As a recent widow, she continues a very active life in Prospect, Ky. and Naples, Fla.

**Judy Light Ayyildiz** (BA'63), a veteran of 43 years of marriage to U.S. naturalized Turkish-American citizen Dr. Vedii Ayyildiz, has published her ninth book, this time in Istanbul. *Some of My Ancestors Are Ottomans and Turks*, a full-color book targeted for middle school, is published by Greenhouse Bookstore Café.

**Bob Pruett** (BA'65) has published *Purpose and Passion*, a 324-page hardback book about his nine years as head football coach at Marshall. The book, written by sports author Bill Chastain, features a CD of game highlights from the Pruett years and a foreword by former Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington, who now plays for the NFL's New York Jets.

**Joseph Hughes** (BA'64, MA'67) of San Francisco, Calif., exhibited his *West Virginia Paintings, 1950s - 1960s* at the Delf Norona Museum in Moundsville in September 2005. He also exhibited in *Abstraction: Spirit and Space* at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.

**Rebecca Agnew Huffman** (MS'66), a retired educator of 33 years, including teaching at Marshall, is a volunteer for the outdoor education program for Texas Parks and Wildlife, teaching at women's conferences throughout the state. She lives in Austin, Texas.

**Lloyd D. Lewis** (BA'67, MAJ'71) taught English to seventh and eighth graders in a private school in Changzhou, Jiangsu Province, China, in July 2005. Lewis was a member of the 46-person team that taught in several cities in China, sponsored by the Department International Studies. The Appalachians Abroad-Teach in China Program is administered by Dr. Clark Egnor, Dr. Will Edwards and Qing Qing Zhao of Shanghai.



## 1970s

**Dianna Shinn Berry** (BA'70) retired from Wood County Public Schools as a band director, and recently completed a master's degree in verbal and non-verbal communication. She now volunteers for the Fine Arts Center, at homeless shelters, the Women and Children's Crisis Center and The Humane Society.

**Carolyn Bailey Thompson, Ed.D.** (BA'70, MA'73) retired as the associate dean for student affairs at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. She had been on the staff there since 1985.



**Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton** (BBA'71) retired from the Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command at

Fort Huachuca, Ariz., in September 2005. During Hylton's tenure, NETCOM/9th ASC personnel participated in operations and exercises throughout the world, including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Cobra Gold, Joint Guardian and Joint Forge/Dynamic Response. They also provided signal support when the tsunami hit Southwest Asia, and hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the Gulf Coast.

**Gary Pommerenck** (BBA'71) has been awarded the Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP) credential by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. Pommerenck is the executive director of workforce development for the Division of Workforce Development at the Marshall Community and Technical College.

**Daniel Durfee** (BS'72, MS'77) was selected for *Who's Who Among America's Best Teachers*. He is a professor of engineering and science at Zane State College in Zanesville, Ohio, where he has taught for 28 years. This award is student nominated.

**Mary Dolan Palma** (BA'75) of Wheeling was West Virginia's winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. The award included \$10,000, a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet the president and a trip to Disney. Palma was also named the state's 2004 Math Teacher of the Year.

**Julie Tapin Lusk** (BA'75) of Cincinnati, Ohio, has published her fourth book, *Yoga Meditations: Timeless Mind-Body Practices* (Whole Person Press). She has also released two more guided relaxation and imagery CDs called *Wholesome Relaxation* and *Wholesome Energizers*.

**Rachel Coleman Owens** (BS'78, MS'90) received her master's degree in library and information science from Florida State University in August 2005. She is a reference librarian at Daytona Beach Community College in Daytona Beach, Fla.

## 1980s

**Cynthia Westover-Lalli** (BA'80) of Hilliard, Ohio, was appointed language arts coordinator for the Worthington (Ohio) City Schools. She has been a public school administrator for 16 years and was a teacher prior to that.

**Steve Hesson** (att. '80s) teamed together with three other actors in a musical tribute to the late singer Frank Sinatra. *My Way*, which played at Martha's Vineyard Playhouse through September 10, is garnering "buzz" as the next off-Broadway smash hit. Hesson has been making his living as a professional actor since 1997, including two episodes of Court TV's *Forensic Files* and promotional spots for Pfizer and Animal Planet.

**Scott Tyree** (BS'84, MS'86) is an attorney and owns the Teays Valley law firm Tyree, Embree and Associates. He recently opened another business in Teays Valley, with Marshall alumnus Rick Whitten. The law firm and Whitten have partnered to open a new branch of Coldwell Banker Advantage Real Estate.



**Col. John "Steve" Myers** (BA'84) of Michigan was re-assigned as the Army's project manager for future

tactical systems, with the mission of developing and acquiring systems to support an Expeditionary Army. He will be charged with experimentation efforts geared toward the development of the next generation of tactical wheeled vehicles. In 2004 Myers earned a master's degree in strategic studies from the Army War College.

**Tim Gallagher** (BA'85) of North Plainfield, N.J., former assistant baseball coach at Marshall, has published several articles in American Baseball Coaches Association and Baseball Coaches Association publications. The articles have appeared in *Coaching Digest* and *From the Dugout*.



**Cmdr. William E. Bailey II** (BA'86), U.S. Navy Supply Corps, assumed command of the Defense Distribution Depot in

Puget Sound, Wash. He was previously director of industrial support, Trident, which included responsibility as the intermediate maintenance facility supply officer and the strategic weapons facility (Pacific) supply officer, as well as deputy to the commanding officer for Operating Forces Support in Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Puget Sound.

**Dr. Leon Newton** (RBA'87, MA'89) has published *The Newspaper Boy*, a novel about an Irish family during the 1900s and their son's struggle to be successful and fulfill the American dream.

**Marsha Lee Blue Dille** (BA'88) of Ona is now a teacher at Peyton Elementary and Central City School in Huntington.

**Michael Barber** (BBA'88) was enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., in August 2005. Barber, a wide receiver, earned All American honors in 1987 when Marshall played in the NCAA Division I-AA national championship game, and was voted Marshall's Athlete of the Decade for the 1980s. Barber was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers and spent five years in the NFL.



**Klara "Kay" Boynton Reynolds** (MA'88) of Lucasville, Ohio, a member of the Shawnee State University

board of trustees since 1999, has been elected for a nine-year term as chair of the board. Reynolds is owner of Scioto Rental Management and Boynton Farms. She is serving her fifth term as the Republican state central committee woman for the 14th State Senatorial District and served on the search committees for three state Supreme Court justice candidates.

**Bennie Ward Petrey** (BA'89) of Little Rock, Ark., joined the teaching staff at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School as a computer science teacher for 2005-2006.

**Lorenzo Whitestone** (RBA'89) was honored with the Direct Service Award in June 2005, given by the Juvenile Court Association of Georgia, the state's highest award for juvenile court officers. Whitestone received the award for his outstanding commitment to juvenile offenders and their families and getting them back on the right path toward a productive life.

**Randall Alan White** (BBA'89, MBA'95, MSM'97) has accepted the position of chief operating officer at Westview Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind. He was the ACEO of Cleveland Regional Hospital in Cleveland, Texas.

1990s

**Julie Aliff** (BA'90) of Richmond, Va., who is in healthcare sales, recently completed a certification class to teach yoga.

**John F. Masterson** (att.) moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in February 2005 to take the position of lead financial analyst for AEGON Insurance.

**James M. Owston** (MA'91, EdS'99) recently achieved certification as a WebCT senior trainer at the WebCT Conference in San Francisco. Owston joins a community of about 300 trainers worldwide with only 20 percent having attained senior level status. He is currently the associate vice president for instructional technology at Mountain State University in Beckley.

**Susan Nicholas Korstanje** (BA'90) published a children's book, *Are You a Good Stranger?* Susan is the weekend news anchor at WSAZ Newschannel 3 and president of Marshall's School of Journalism and Mass Communication Alumni Association. Nicholas is married to Doug Korstanje, a reporter at WSAZ.

**Mark Riffle** (BA'91) and his wife, Julie, of Palmetto Pepper Potions LLC in Forest Acres, S.C., are pleased to announce that two of their flavors captured First Place awards in the international ZestFest Golden Chile Fiery Foods Challenge held in Fort Worth, Texas. This is a coveted blind judging competition sponsored annually by *Chile Pepper Magazine* and has been featured on the Food Channel and other networks.

**Christopher McDowell** (BA'91) of Cincinnati is one of 29 attorneys from Dinsmore & Shohl LLP to be named an Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star by *Law & Politics Media*. Dinsmore & Shohl is a full-service law firm with more than 250 attorneys with offices in Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio; Lexington and Louisville, Ky.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Charleston, W.Va.

**Bill Bissett** (BA'92, MA'97) is director of public relations at Marshall University's South Charleston campus.

**Matthew Wildt** (BA'92, MA'96) has been named associate athletics director for ticket operations and football administration at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He has spent the past eight years at the University of Wyoming, most recently serving as assistant athletics director for Ticket Operations and Special Events. Wildt worked in the athletics department at Marshall for three years.

**Maj. James M. Klein** (RBA'93) earned a Bronze Star Medal in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Klein, the operations officer for the 434th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was deployed to the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq, from Dec. 15, 2004, to April 22, 2005. He is credited with successfully planning a deployment of more than 400 Iraqi Special Police Commandos and coordinated the movement of multiple captured insurgents from Northern Iraq to Baghdad. Klein has concluded his tour of duty.

**Jennifer Kay Marsch** (BBA'96, MBA'00) is working for a hospital network in Cincinnati, Ohio, in human resources.

**Curtis Robert Capehart** (BA'98) of Winfield has joined the law firm of Huddleston Bolen LLP in their Huntington office. His wife, Krista, completed her pre-pharmacy undergraduate credits at Marshall before getting her doctorate in pharmacy from University of Michigan.

**Cynthia Coulson** (MA'98) of Charleston attained the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification in November 2004. She is certified in music, early childhood and middle childhood education.

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**Roxanne M. Smith** (RBA'00, MA'05) is a counselor with the Heart of Appalachia Educational Opportunity Center at Marshall, assisting residents of Lincoln, Mason and Wayne counties who want to further their education.

**Craig Morgan** (BA'01) of Phoenix, Ariz., has joined the law firm of Perkins Coie Brown

& Bain as an associate. He was previously a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Jefferson L. Lankford of the Arizona Court of Appeals. The group is made up of 290 litigators who represent plaintiffs and defendants across the spectrum of business and other disputes, from relatively simple contract matters to highly complex cases.

**Dr. Clark M. Egnor** (Ed.D'01), executive director of the Center for International Programs at Marshall, has been named winner of the 2005 Cyrus R. Vance Award for International Education in West Virginia in the category of postsecondary educators and institutions. Egnor plans to apply the \$5,000 award to the recently established Clair Matz Memorial Study Abroad Scholarship Fund to help Marshall students study abroad.

**Justin Paul Maynard** (RBA'01) directed the film *Night at the Apollo*, produced by Philadelphia area based Hi Phi Pictures and SHIFTVIDEO. The film has been selected as one of the fifteen finalists for the National Film Challenge contest. He also directed *Romeo's Fate* and *Dream#4* for King Britt and the Nova Dream Sequence.

**Lori Woofter Zasloff** (BA'02) and **Zac Zasloff** (BA'02) moved to Boston where Zac is director of logistical operations for Shoebuy.com, a leading e-commerce company. Lori received her doctor of physical therapy from the MGH Institute of Health Professions in January 2005 and is working for Cape Ann Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy Center in Manchester, Mass. They were married in October 2005 in Kauai.

**Brian Thacker** (BA'02) accepted a position at Wake Forest-Rolesville Middle School located in Raleigh, N.C., as a teacher in business/computers. He was also recently employed at Center Line Productions as a producer.

**Vince Payne** (BA'02, MA'05) is producer within the University of Florida Athletic

Association in Gainesville, Fla. He produces several shows including simulcast call-in shows with Urban Meyer and former Marshall head men's basketball coach Billy Donovan; and voice-over and segment producing for the GatorZone TV show which airs on Sun Sports (7 million homes) throughout Florida and on Direct TV and Dish Network. He also freelances as a sports announcer.

**Sonya Casey Patrick** (MBA'04) and her husband, Charles, a student at Marshall, recently acquired the Ceredo-Kenova Funeral Home in Ceredo, and the Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home in Huntington with business partner Matt Chambers.

**Capt. John Whiteley** (MS'05), director of the Inland Waterways Academy at Marshall Community and Technical College, has completed training and is now authorized as a WorkKeys Job Profiler by ACT, Inc., of Iowa City, Iowa.

And...

**Carol Hughart** (BA'86, MA'93) and **Jerry Warren** (MA'02) have been accepted into the ninth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004-2005*. They were nominated by a student who felt they had made a difference in their life. Hughart has been a classroom teacher in Mason County for 20 years and currently teaches fifth and sixth grade special education students at Point Pleasant Intermediate School. Warren was a classroom teacher in Mason County up until last year when he accepted a position at the Mason County Board of Education.

**Dr. Robert L. Dingman** of Virginia Beach, Va., professor emeritus of Marshall's counseling program, is co-editor of *On the Ground After September 11: Mental Health Responses and Practical Knowledge Gained*, published by Haworth Press. Dingman is an American Red Cross disaster volunteer, serving at the national headquarters and in New York after the attacks.

# Memories of the 1940s

Marshall Memories  
by Berkeley Lyon McCraw, BA'44

**R**eading Walter Caldwell's "Class of '47 Memories" was fascinating to me and brought back many of my own fond memories. I was also a student at Marshall in the forties with even a longer record than just college days. Mary Ellen Wise and I were the first students to go from first grade through college at Marshall.

We started first grade at what was then called Marshall Laboratory School. The school grades were gradually added with the high school grades, with classes being held in the regular college classrooms from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. each day. My grandmother, Harriot Lyon, was principal of the elementary school and Miss Faulk was principal of seventh through eleventh grades.

One memory of the high school principal stands out. One afternoon in my seventh grade I was playing football with the "guys" and Miss Faulk called me into her office. She told me that if my grandmother weren't the elementary school principal, she would suspend me as girls do not play football. Oddly enough I went on to become a teacher of physical education and coached girls' volleyball and track and field. During my college years I also helped in the biology lab, majoring in physical education, math and

biology. Since the early forties were war years, I graduated in three years, going three regular terms and two summers. Coach Cam Henderson was one of our college idols, as well as Ms. Louise McDonough, our PE teacher and mentor, an inspiration for me.

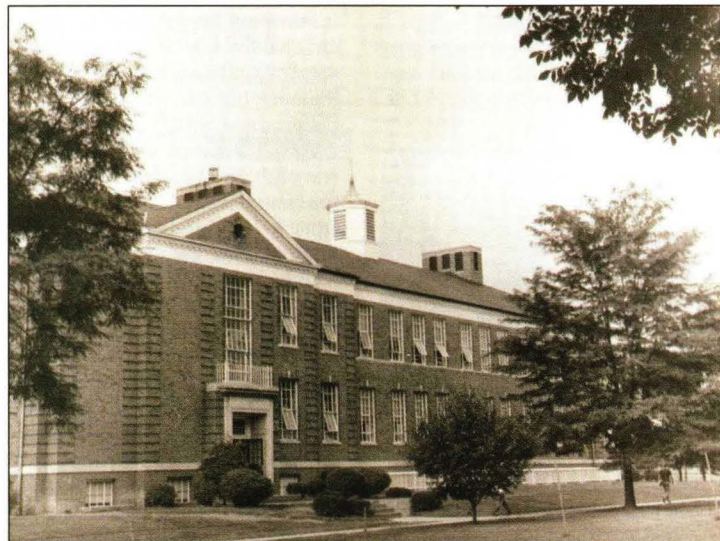
My younger sisters, Natalie and Harriet, were also Marshall grads. Sadly, they are deceased. Sammy Clagg and Bob Gibson were great college friends and we still keep in

touch. Also, Bob White and other Marshall friends now in a Huntington retirement community keep each other updated, along with Marshall grads Betty Jean Brown Hix and Marge Willis Enicks.

Although it was hard during the war years, the forties at Marshall were still the "good ole days" for many of us. Many thanks to all the teachers we had, my sorority sisters at Sigma Sigma Sigma and the other educational organizations. Now, at age 82,

I still try to "practice what I preached" and I figure if "we don't use it we'll lose it." So, I play golf at least three days a week and do my mileage walking at our local mall on the days I don't play golf.

So, Marshall – Thanks for the Memories!



**The Marshall Laboratory School in the 1940s.**

This column is designed to give you the opportunity to share pleasant memories of your student days at Marshall College/University. You can send your memory, 300 words or fewer, to Marshall Memories, MU Alumni Association, One John Marshall Dr., Huntington, WV 25755; or e-mail [drastura@marshall.edu](mailto:drastura@marshall.edu).

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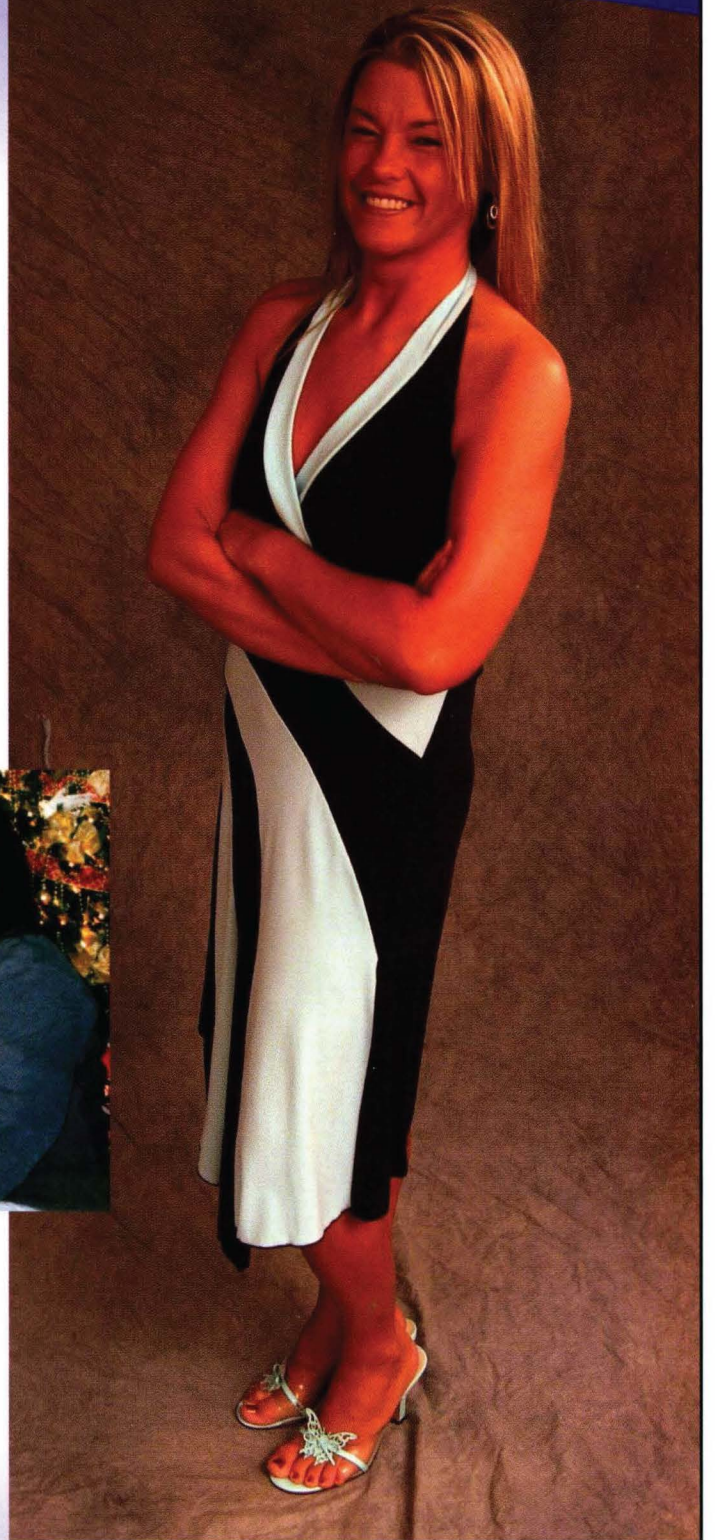
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