Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Your kindness at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can express.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Winn

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to thank the Marshall faculty, staff and administration for your many kindesses during the recent passing of my partner, Essie R. Maddox.

Sincerely,

Lin Maddox

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to extend a very special thank you to all of you who have sent cards, flowers or donations for the loss of my husband, Bob Dyer.

In our time of mourning, my family and I took great comfort in knowing we were in your thoughts and prayers.

The overwhelming response to our loss from the faculty and staff of Marshall University touched us deeply and would have meant a lot to Bob.

Sincerely,
Shirley Dyer

Mike and Valdery Dyer

Alumni will honor three

Reese, Hayes and Spencer

A Marshall University graduate known as the man "who changed politics forever" is among three to be honored April 22 during the Marshall Alumni Association's annual Alumni Awards Banquet at 7 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Longtime political consultant Matthew A. Reese, who earned an A.B. degree from Marshall in 1950, will receive the association's 1995 Distinguished Alumnus award. Dr. Robert B. Hayes, Marshall president from 1974 to 1983, will receive the Distinguished Service award, and Betty Lovern Spencer, a clinical psychologist and community volunteer, will be honored as the Alumnae Community Achievement award recipient.

During his career Reese, known as "Mr. Politics," described how "it's like learning to reinvent politics," but a Marshall professor, the late Maurice Burnside, gave him his start in politics. Reese helped Burnside win a seat in the U.S. Congress representing West Virginia's Fourth District and then served on Burnside's staff in Washington.

The Huntington native first attracted national attention in 1960 when he coordinated an impressive volunteer campaign that resulted in John F. Kennedy winning the West Virginia presidential primary.

Reese, who has served as the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has written several books on politics and been a political commentator on television and radio.

A native of Huntington, Mitchell received her bachelor's degree in music education and English education from Marshall in 1971 and received her master's degree in 1979. She currently is working on her doctoral dissertation at West Virginia University.

Mitchell, a graduate of the Marshall College of Education, was named a Marshfield School faculty in 1979. Mitchell taught mathematics and served as chair of the Mathematics Department at Marshall High School. She also served as a graduate assistant at Marshall and West Virginia University.

Mitchell has been involved in numerous activities at Marshall. She has served as the Mathematics Department liaison to the College of Education, program director and adviser to mathematics majors in the College of Education, placement director, director of the MU Mathematics Competition and served on the Institutional Review Board and the Curriculum Committee. She also conducts various inservice workshops.

She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Mathematics Association of America, the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma Societies. International. Dr. Charles V. Pope, professor and chair of the Mathematics Department at Marshall, said, "Karen Mitchell puts the needs of her students first. She has participated in the courses and in the ways students can understand. She invents projects for her students in the hope of getting a lesson across to them. She seems to excite even the

Health center named for Williams

A veteran Marshall University professor and administrator was honored Tuesday when Marshall University dedicated its new Health and Fitness Center. The facility, built at a cost of $630,000 and located on the ground level of Gallick Hall, has been designated the W. Donald Williams Health and Fitness Center. Use of the well-equipped facility will be open to all Marshall students at no cost, President J. Wade Gilley said. MU faculty and staff members also will be able to use it for a modest monthly charge.

"While we have had excellent fitness training facilities available for athletes in the major revenue-producing sports, we have not had similar opportunities for the general student population," Gilley said. "The W. Donald Williams Health and Fitness Center will remedy that situation."

The center was constructed over the past several months in the area formerly occupied by the Gallick Hall swimming pool, which had been plagued with problems during much of its active existence. An Olympic-sized pool in Henderson Center has served Marshall's needs since 1981.

Williams joined the Marshall faculty in 1972 as a professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, becoming departmental chairman in 1983. In May 1992, Gilley appointed him acting vice president for research and economic development, a position he held until a successor was appointed

Secretaries’ Day program planned April 26

The annual Professional Secretaries’ Day Conference will be held at Marshall University Wednesday, April 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The program has been designed for all office support secretaries, executive secretaries, administrative assistants and aides, office managers, information processing coordinators and others who provide secretarial or administrative support for one or multiple bosses, according to Karen Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

"This program, sponsored by the MU Office of Continuing Education and Department of Human Resources, will feature practical training that can be applied immediately back on the job," said Hensley.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by welcoming remarks at 8:50 a.m. A workshop titled "I Don't Remember" will begin at 9 a.m. The workshop will examine techniques to improve memory.

Jon Rickey, superintendent of employee relations at the AlliedSignal Carbon Material and Technologies Plant in Huntington, Ohio, will be the workshop instructor.

Participants will be able to attend two of three programs scheduled from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. The programs are: "Changing Technology in the Workplace" by Allen Taylor, associate director of the Marshall University Computer Center; " Sharpen Your Writing Skills" by Dr. David Hatfield, assistant professor of English at Marshall, and " Health and Safety in Today’s Office" by Juinitia Steele, a registered occupational therapist at Huntington Physical Therapy Services.

Following lunch, a workshop titled "Yes, You Can Say No!—Coping With Stress Without Quitting or Being Fired" will be presented by Tammy Jerrell, assistant professor of business administration at Marshall.

Kate Long, a teacher and public radio commentator who has received national awards for writing, and several film and video production, will present the final workshop, "Stories in Words and Song," at 2 p.m.

Hensley said Long’s presentation will be a "sit back and enjoy" program of funny and moving stories and songs about ordinary people experiencing life's dilemmas and a rural girl contemplating religion and politics.

There will be a $15 registration fee for MU faculty and staff which will include materials, lunch, refreshments and a concluding education unit certificate.

The registration deadline will be Friday, April 21. To register or obtain further details contact Billie Weis in Marshall University’s Office of Continuing Education, 696-3113.

Play auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Huntington Outdoor Theatre production of "Music Man," the hit Broadway musical, will be held at Marshall University’s Fine and Performing Arts Center, Room 224, April 24-25.

Dance auditions will be held at 6 p.m. and singing and acting auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m. Singers should be prepared to sing at least 30 seconds of a song. Auditions for children will be held Saturday, April 22, at noon and Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m.

People who wish to audition should enter the Fine and Performing Arts Center through the Sixth Avenue entrance beside the loading dock.

Performance dates will be July 6-9 and 13-16 at the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

Rally set for basketball team

A post-season pep rally to honor the Marshall University men’s basketball team and coach Billy Donovan will be held Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Gullickson Hall Gymnasium.

The event will feature a basketball game between the senior basketball players and the coaching staff. Spectators can participate in a three-point shoot-off and a free-throw contest during the halftime event which is being held to benefit the River Marshall students will be admitted free. The event is being sponsored by the MU Office of Fund-Raising and Development.

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Mitchell to get award

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students who have an aversion to mathematics. The students, in turn, speak of her in glowing and grateful terms.

"In a subject as abstract as mathematics, Karen Mitchell has a knack for teaching great and not-so-great performers a concien­
tious teacher. Both her students and colleagues recognize that Karen is a very special educator and very special person. If there were more educators like Karen Mitchell, innumeracy and math anxiety would no longer be front page news. She clearly exempli­fies the best at Marshall and in higher education in gen­
eral. She is an outstanding teacher and deserves the award," said the University's Outstanding Teacher Award was created in 1995 through an endowment established by Marshall and Shirley Reynolds of Huntington.

A number of special awards will be presented to students and faculty during the Honors Convocation which is sponsored by Marshall's John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence. The Honors Convocation will be followed at 2 p.m. by a Symposium sponsored by the university's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture. Both events will be open to the public free of charge. For further details contact the Drinko Academy Office, 696-3183.

Lunchbag seminar set

A lunchbag seminar titled "Women's Health" by Shari Bias of the Women's Health Services Department at Cabell Huntington Hospital will be presented Wednesday, April 12, at noon in Pri­
chall Hall Room 154.

The seminar is open to the public free of charge. To obtain fur­
ther details contact the Office of Women's Programs, 696-3112.

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titical consulting from a backroom fraternity of cutthroat hacks into a bona fide billion-dollar industry of influence.

A resident of McLean, Va., and Bethesda Beach, Del., Reese re­

tired in 1988 as chairman and president of Reese Communica­
tions Companies but continues to be involved in political work as a campaign consultant, public affairs counselor and campaign evaluator.

Reese and his wife, the former Martha Sedinga, also a 1950 Marshall graduate, are parents of three children and have six grandchildren.

Hayes has a 30-year association with Marshall. He joined the university administrative in 1965 as dean of the College of Educa­
tion and, although he retired in 1990, continues to work in behalf of the university. He is currently coordinating Marshall's self­

study project.

During his tenure as Marshall president, 1974-1983, the School of Medicine and the Community and Technical College were established, and the Marshall Medical Center and the School of Law. The improvements were realized including construction of Henderson Center, Corbly Hall and Harris Hall.

After resigning the Marshall presidency in 1983, Hayes contin­
ued to serve as a professor in the College of Education until his