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Newsletter Contest: Where's This?

One winner will be drawn from the correct answers to the question of where or what is in this Marshall-related photograph.

Marshall students, faculty, staff and alumni are eligible.

Send your entries to weargreen@marshall.edu. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14. Entries must have the answer and the entering person’s name, affiliation (to Marshall), phone number and mailing address.

Win two "We Are . . . Marshall" Kelly green shirts!
Contest Results from the Jan. 25 Issue

The winner of the Jan. 25 contest was Tanya Ramsey, Senior Office Administrator in Finance and Administration. She correctly identified one of the new Marshall signs located at the corner of 5th Ave. and Hal Greer Blvd.

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The next issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed Feb. 22, 2012. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by Feb. 20.
Heuton, Kirtley promoted at Marshall

Two members of Marshall University's administrative staff have been promoted, according to President Stephen J. Kopp. Mary Ellen Heuton has been promoted to chief financial officer after a year as interim CFO. And, Dr. Karen Kirtley has been named senior vice president for administration after serving as interim senior vice president for finance and administration for the past year.

"I am extremely pleased to announce the promotions of Mary Ellen and Karen," Kopp said. "We are indebted to both for their excellent work this past year at a very exciting and crucial time in the history of Marshall University. As we are getting ready to start major construction on or near our Huntington campus, we are grateful to Mary Ellen and Karen for the work they did in helping us secure more than $50 million in bonds toward these projects. I look forward to working closely with them in the future."

Heuton joined Marshall as controller in 2009 after serving as director of advancement services and controller of the supporting organizations at Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga. Previous work experience includes positions in real estate, software and public accounting.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time so far here at Marshall and am excited by the opportunity to make a further contribution to this great university," Heuton said. "Knowing that what we do in the finance area has such a big impact on our students, faculty and staff as well as our city and state makes me proud to be part of the university team."

Heuton, a native of Atlanta, Ga., is a certified public accountant with a bachelor's degree in management and minors in accounting as well as industrial and organizational psychology from Georgia Institute of Technology. She was recently awarded an MBA from Auburn University with a concentration in management information systems. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and was initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi while at Auburn.

Kirtley, a native of Huntington, received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall, and a doctor of education from West Virginia University. She has been a member of the staff for more than 30 years and prior to the appointment of Senior Vice President of Administration served at Marshall as director of auxiliary operations, assistant vice president of administration, and Interim senior vice president for finance and administration.

Her management responsibilities include housing and residence life, physical plant, purchasing, student center operations, safety and health, campus 1.D, print services and mail services. Kirtley also serves as the university liaison and contract administrator for food services and the bookstore.

"I am very happy to continue my role in administration and operations at Marshall University and am very appreciative of this opportunity," Kirtley said. "We have a wonderful staff that works so diligently with the various operations on campus and I am truly pleased to be a part of the work we do now and excited about the plans for the future. It has always been and will continue to be a pleasure to be a part of this great university."
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The 12th Annual Marshall University Diversity Breakfast will take place on Friday, Feb. 17, from 7:30-8:50 a.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The theme of this year's event is "Letting Our Differences Bring Us Together." Dr. Tim Tooten Sr., an Emmy award-winning reporter and senior education reporter for WBAL-TV in Baltimore, Md., will be the keynote speaker. Tooten was a reporter at WSAZ-TV in Huntington during his early years in broadcasting.

Table reservation forms, along with requests for individual reservations must be returned to Fran L. Jackson in the Center for African American Students' Programs no later than today, Feb. 8, according to Maurice R. Cooley, director of the center.

For additional information, contact Jackson at ext. 6-6705 or jacksonf@marshall.edu.

Photo: Dr. Tim Tooten Sr. will be the keynote speaker for the 12th annual Diversity Breakfast Feb. 17.
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The lectures will take place in the MU Foundation Hall, Home of the Erickson Alumni Center, are scheduled Friday, Feb. 10, Thursday, Feb. 23, and Tuesday, March 6.

"The Amicus Curiae Lecture Series, through the support of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy and the West Virginia Humanities Council, has allowed the College of Liberal Arts to bring notable scholars to the community to talk about the Constitution," said Dr. David J. Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "These presentations allow us to learn more about this important document that defines this great nation. I believe that John Marshall would be extremely proud that the students and citizens of the greater Huntington area are participating in these timely presentations."

Frederick Schauer, the David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law, will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 10. His lecture is titled, "Does the Constitution Matter?" Schauer teaches Constitutional Law, Evidence and Jurisprudence. A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and former holder of a Guggenheim Fellowship, Schauer has written extensively on freedom of speech and the press, constitutional law and theory, evidence, legal reasoning and the philosophy of law.

Dr. Stephen Middleton, a professor of history and director of African American Studies at Mississippi State University, will deliver the second lecture at 7 p.m. Feb. 23. He will speak on "Four Elements of Progressive Constitutional Change, the Expansion of Civil Rights and the Popular and Legal Assault on Reform, 1865-1883."

Middleton is the author of The Black Laws: Race and the Legal Process in Early Ohio. He has written extensively on race and the law. His current research projects include the legal construction of whiteness in antebellum America.

The third lecture, "Remember the Ladies: The History of Women and the Constitution," will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 6 and be delivered by Dean Joyce E. McConnell from the West Virginia University College of Law.

McConnell's speech traces the 236-year journey of women and the Constitution starting with Abigail Adams -- wife of then-Massachusetts representative to the Continental Congress John Adams -- and ending with current perspectives of Individual Justices of the United States Supreme Court. McConnell is the William J. Maier Jr. Dean of the West Virginia University College of Law, and has served as the chair of the Section on Women in Legal Education for the Association of American Law Schools.

Admission to the Amicus Curiae lecture series is free to the public.
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Wright has a background in life sciences and experience with academic research in the areas of cardiovascular biology, molecular and cellular biology, pharmacology and biotechnology. He counsels companies and university technology transfer/licensing offices regarding strategies for protecting patent-based intellectual property.

The program is free but reservations are requested. Send reservations to tto@marshall.edu. For more information, contact Amy Melton at ext.6-4365.

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V-Day Marshall joins global effort to stop violence against women and girls

Benefit production of 'The Vagina Monologues' planned Feb. 9-11 at Marco's

Marshall will present a three-night only benefit reading of Eve Ensler's award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," at 8 p.m. daily Feb. 9-11 at Marco's in the Memorial Student Center.

Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at the event. All proceeds from the benefit will go to Branches Domestic Violence Shelter in Huntington and the V-Day campaign to end violence against women and girls.

Last year more than 5,800 V-Day benefits were held around the world, raising funds and awareness toward ending violence against women. These highly successful events raised more than $5 million. Marshall has joined this global movement as part of the V-Day 2012 College Campaign.

Hailed by The New York Times as "funny" and "poignant" and by the Daily News as "intelligent" and "courageous," The Vagina Monologues, which was first performed off-Broadway by Ensler, dives into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences.

Ensler has performed the play to great acclaim throughout the world. A special edition was released in hardcover and paperback in February 2008 in honor of V-Day's 10-year anniversary.

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter is a non-profit agency providing shelter to victims of domestic violence, operating in Huntington and the surrounding area. The shelter is committed to the belief that everyone has the right to live without the fear of violence.

Branches offers residents the chance to rest and heal in a safe environment with help from a staff of professionals and trained volunteers who assess the victim's situations, examine alternatives, and establish plans of action designed to deal most effectively with the violent relationships from which they have fled.

To learn more about V-Day Marshall, call 610-952-2510 or e-mail the organization at vdaymarshall2012@gmail.com. To learn more about V-Day and its campaigns visit www.vday.org. For information about Branches Domestic Violence Shelter visit www.branchesdvs.org.
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Pollock grew up in southern Ohio, in a holler named Knockemstiff. He dropped out of high school at 17 to work in a meat packing plant, and then spent 32 years employed in a paper mill in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he still lives and teaches writing.

The Marshall University Visiting Writers Series recently announced its spring schedule of author appearances. In addition to Pollock, authors to appear include West Virginia writer Jayne Anne Phillips and poet Kathryn Kirkpatrick. Series Coordinator Art Stringer says this spring's events "highlight the power of stories" and offer a rich variety of voices.

For more information, call Stringer at ext. 6-2403.

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The Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, "In The Heights," comes to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Named 2008's Best Musical, the show revolves around a Manhattan community of hard-working immigrants who have come to the U.S. to seek a better life and to find their place—a home—in their new country. With a Tony Award-winning score and exhilarating dance numbers, the musical explores a place where the coffee is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythms of three generations.

For ticket information, contact the Marshall Artists Series at ext. 6-6656.
Cleopatra latest subject for Body Shots presentation at Marshall

Body Shots VI: Cleopatra will be presented in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre, located inside the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1.

The performance will be preceded at 7 p.m. by a reception and an art show in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center featuring works by Marshall students and faculty. Admission to the reception, art show and Cleopatra performance is free to the public.

Now in its sixth year, Body Shots continues to be a unique collaborative effort involving Marshall students and faculty from across disciplines exploring themes relating to gender and the body, according to Dr. Greta Rensenbrink, director of Women's Studies.

"This year we have participants from Classics, Psychology, Political Science, Fine Arts and Design and English, among others," Rensenbrink said. "Performers will use a host of creative forms - prose, theater, performance art, painting and sculpture - to explore the many faces of the legendary Egyptian queen."

Rensenbrink said Cleopatra is an endlessly fascinating and complicated historical and cultural figure, making her a perfect subject for Body Shots.

Body Shots is sponsored by the Department of Art and Design, Women's Studies, the Women's Center, the College of Liberal Arts and the Department of History.

For more information, contact Rensenbrink at ext.6-2955 or atrensenbrink@marshall.edu.
Profile: Sue Hollandsworth

The tiny elephants march across the window sill ... a proud pachyderm parade, trunks upraised in the traditional elephant salute. A yellow wooden one doubting as welcome sign dangles from a doorknob, while a blue plushy one perches on top of the computer clutching a peanut. In his trunk, compliments of a fellow faculty member who stops by regularly to feed him.

The elephants are now sharing space until Valentine’s Day with an array of portly snowmen bundled up in jaunty winter garb. Move suddenly or sneeze near the one covered in glitter and glitter and you’ll get a light show and a rousing rendition of “Walking in a Winter Wonderland.” “That one is activated by motion, and it scared the cleaning crew half to death the first time they came in the office and set it off,” laughs Dr. Sue Hollandsworth, the occupant of this eclectic office.

And just as the snowmen sport an array of hats, so does Hollandsworth in her professional life. Not only is she the Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development, but she also is the certification officer and the NCATE (National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education) coordinator for the impending accreditation visits for the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development and College of Education. In addition, she teaches two graduate courses each year. A full schedule, to be sure, but then that’s been the hallmark of her long career in education. It was a sometimes arduous climb up the academic ladder, but grit and unflagging determination got her to where she is today.

Her home base is Pocahontas County, where she was a teacher and principal and also worked for a year with the West Virginia State Department of Education as a liaison for special education for Pocahontas County. A graduate of Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., Hollandsworth got a M.A. in Educational Administration from what was then known as COGS (College of Graduate Studies), the forerunner what is now Marshall’s South Charleston campus. COGS’ delivery system was unique at the time and it worked, Hollandsworth says. Faculty members climbed into cars and drove to wherever the students were, sometimes driving two or three hours each way. Web classes and other distance education technology would come along later as the then-primitive delivery systems improved and other options were opened.

“I wouldn’t have my degree if it weren’t for COGS,” she says candidly. "In Pocahontas County there was not much access to higher education, but COGS brought the classes to Lewisburg, which is only 30 miles from my home. We had a good rotation of classes so I was able to finish in two years."
Hollandsworth taught for more than 20 years in the county, everything from fifth grade to gifted classes to math for K-2, rounded out with social studies and reading. She taught in elementary and middle schools, teaching whatever courses were needed at the time. Her skill with students and her versatility eventually led to her being offered the dual position of principal/teacher in two schools, a small K-8 school in Hillsboro, and Marlinton Middle School. It was a challenging time, she remembers, but, with a year off in between, she ended up staying for two years before going back to Hillsboro as principal for another 12 years.

It was about this time she considered entering the Marshall doctoral program in Curriculum and Instruction. "I had thought about it for a long time, but unlike the master's degree the [distance] options weren't there," she says. But with some friendly prodding from a friend who also wanted to take classes, she was willing to give it a try by taking one class—no assurances past that. The experiment worked, and with that one class, the academic die was cast—she was officially a doctoral student. Her new endeavor wouldn't be easy and would put some heavy-duty miles on her car as the drive from her home in Pocahontas County to the Charleston area, where the classes were held, could be long and grueling. The two friends left school at 3 p.m., drove 140 miles once and sometimes twice a week, attended class from 6-9 p.m. then drove back home, usually arriving sometime before midnight. The doctoral program was a dream for both of them, so they followed this tight schedule for two-and-a-half years until finally all their coursework was completed.

Just as she was making changes in her academic life, she also made a career shift when she accepted a position with the West Virginia Department of Education as their liaison with special education programs in Pocahontas County. It was a temporary position, lasting a year, but she was able to work with schools throughout the county. Later she signed on as a consultant with the Webster County schools. And once again she was about to become a tried and true road warrior, forging an up-close and personal bond with both Interstates and country roads.

"I was offered a graduate assistant's position, which I didn't want to turn down, so for the next several months I worked on Monday in Webster County, left Monday night and came to Charleston where I worked as a G.A. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, went back to Webster County on Friday and then home to Hillsboro for the weekend," But it all paid off when she was awarded her doctorate in May 2006, and was soon offered a job as a faculty member in education on the South Charleston campus, which led to the position she is in now. And she's the first to give credit to her supportive family for making it all possible: her husband, Daniel, a retired contractor/builder, and her sister, Barb, who filled in for her whatever the need.

The multi-faceted Hollandsworth wears yet another hat, one she cherishes as an authorized lay preacher in the Presbyterian Church. She fills a pulpit as a visiting pastor at least once a month, something she's been doing for the past 15 years. It took two years of study and dedication to receive her certification by taking classes on Saturdays and attending summer retreats, but today she alternates among the Elk Hills church which is near her Mink Shoals home, her home church in Hillsboro and a Greenbrier County church in Franklin. She's generous with her time and fits in other churches as requested when she can. And, not surprisingly, she sings in the choir of whatever church she's attending.

An expert in knitting and crochet, Hollandsworth makes her needles fly as she creatively crafts garments such as sweaters, scarves and household items for lucky friends and family members. It's a stress reliever, she says, and very relaxing. Now she's ready to move on to weaving, learning on her small table top loom.

Right now a good deal of her work is focused on the upcoming NCATE (National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education) re-accreditation visit, which she stresses is very important to the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development. An off-site visit set for this April and an on-site visit follows in October. Taking care of the myriad details involved with the accreditation takes intense organization, detailed planning and hard work, but she's confident they'll be ready to make the good showing they've made in the past. It's taking a lot of faculty and staff effort, so it won't be because of luck from her collection of 300 elephants.

Like most collections, this one started with a single one, a gift from a college roommate, and just grew. They're made of almost any material you can think of—wood, glass, ceramic, stone, native materials, one fashioned by Fenton glass artists, an ebony one her mother brought back from Ethiopia. Some look solemn, some are playful and one even trumpets lustily. The collection threatened to overwhelm her house until her husband built a special cabinet to house them. And he doesn't mind adding to the collection—every year he presents her with a unique one to join the herd.

Looking back over her lengthy career and impressive educational achievements, Hollandsworth gives full credit to a supportive family and to friends. "I simply could not have done any of it without the support of my husband and my sister," she says. "I worked very hard to get my degrees, but I had a lot of encouragement from friends as well. A friend urged me to join her in the doctoral program; another one pushed me to take lay religion training. Someone once told me not to worry, God will open doors, and that has happened throughout my life. I got the job when a fifth grade teacher was needed, then I got the opportunity to be a principal ... I've been lucky to be in the right place at the right time. You have to be committed to what you want; you have to have a good support system." And she adds with an Impish smile, "You also have to be willing to drive long distances in all kinds of weather!"

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