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Leonard Lovely
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identified with his parking patrol duties because he says that, although he has been in mail services for several years, people still ask him questions about parking.

Lovely came to Marshall as a full-time employee in 1986 but he was already familiar with the campus having worked in previous years in various departments—including the mailroom—participating in the Upward Bound program during his years as a student at Fort Gay High School. At FGHS his leadership abilities were recognized when he was elected president of both his junior and senior classes.

Following his graduation, he took classes at Marshall and worked part time for the university in a series of jobs which included the special collections section of the library, in graphics, and in the mail room. Today he’s only four hours shy of completing his RBA degree.

“I’m going to get around to getting my degree,” he says. “I’m going to have to work those four hours in sometime. The end is in sight.”

Lovely’s first job was working in Public Safety as a night watchman at the Tower West and Holderby dorms. Interesting things can go in dorms at night, but true to his code of honor, he’s not telling tales out of school about that period. In 1987 he moved to the parking division and in addition to writing tickets, he did an array of other chores, including painting parking lots, putting up signage and selling parking permits.

When Parking and Transportation was reorganized several years ago, Lovely became the official courier for mail services, traveling daily from the Huntington campus to the library on the campus of the now West Virginia State University, to the South Carolina campus and to the State Capitol on a daily basis. It made for monotonous driving, not his favorite thing, he says, so when the position of lead postal worker opened up, he applied for it and was hired. He was named Supervisor of Mail Services approximately four years ago.

The mail room is the hub of the institution, Lovely explains, and the volume of mail coming in and going out is huge. Even with all the technological improvements and innovations involving electronic communication, there are still massive amounts of paperwork and other materials that make their way daily into the mailroom. It takes the concerted effort of the mailroom personnel and a “little mind reading” to handle, sort, post, and make sure all mail is delivered in a timely manner to its destination, he says.

These days Lovely makes time to be with his family: his wife, Bertha, a former MU employee; daughter Shelbie Marie, who is the apple of his eye and who will turn seven this week; and his father-in-law, William McCoy, who has resided with the Looleys for the past several years.

“Our time now is spent taking care of my father-in-law who has health problems. We took care of my mother-in-law until her death four years ago. Shelbie is very close to her grandfather; it’s been wonderful for her to grow up in a home that included grandparents.”

On campus he has made time to serve on the Classified Staff Council. He’s been a member since the past several years and he isn’t hesitant about championing issues that he believes are important to the staff. He’s outspoken when he feels strongly about a matter and he’s meticulous when researching topics.

“Now I lay off the late policy is a concern. And of course, pay issues, pay inequities are ongoing concerns. These are just a few of the topics that the Council deals with which are important to the staff.”

But Lovely is modest about his commitment. “I just try to champion causes as best I can,” he says.

John Kinzer
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The Alumni Association presented Kinzer and his wife with the Distinguished Service award in 1998. He currently serves as treasurer with the Society of Yeager Scholars, and also is a Yeager Society advisory member with the foundation.

Kinzer also has been a member of the John Marshall Society, the Big Green Scholarship Foundation and presidential and basketball coach search committees. He has been on the foundation board for about one year.

“I feel like this is an opportunity to do something for Marshall University,” Kinzer said. “Marshall has always been a part of my life. Our kids thought homecoming was a national holiday.

Kinzer said the foundation has plenty of work to do in the coming months.

“We need to work on moving the Keith-Albee Theatre to a nonprofit (status) and support the efforts to keep it alive because it is a real asset to the community,” he said. “We also need to move forward on building a new alumni center and moving the foundation offices over there. And, we need to fill some vacancies. We desperately need more fundraisers.”

Kinzer and his wife have been married for 43 years and are the parents of five children — Robin, Terri and John. They also have five grandchildren — Kinzie, Torri, Haden, Allison and Katie.

MU Libraries Increase Collection to 27 Million Volumes by Joining Consortium

Calling it “the best news for us in my six years as dean,” Marshall University dean of libraries Barbara Winters has announced that MU Libraries will expand its collection to 27 million volumes this fall.

Winters said Marshall has joined PALCI (Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium) EZ-Borrow Group, which enables students, faculty, and staff of a member institution to use a Web site to search the holdings of all participating colleges and universities at one time.

After finding a particular title, the user can then request that the book be sent to a library on his or her campus.

PALCI is a group of more than 50 academic libraries in Pennsylvania, plus West Virginia University, Seton Hall, and Rutgers. Marshall is the first university to join PALCI in a location not adjacent to Pennsylvania’s borders, reflecting a major change in policy for the PALCI group.

“We are thrilled to be the first library in a university not contiguous with Pennsylvania to be included in this consortium,” Winters said. “It will expand the number of books available from 400,000 on campus to 27 million. We expect it to increase circulation traffic from 500 to 600 percent in the first year.

The agreement means quick and easy access to collections at schools such as the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon, and scores of others. Along with connecting users with books not found on the Marshall campuses, PALCI also can eliminate the common frustration of finding that a book owned by Marshall is checked out. If Marshall’s copy is not available, users can simply redirect their search to another school.

Winters said she expects delivery time to Marshall to be about seven days at first, then faster as time goes by. She said Marshall will introduce the service in July.

“We will test it and work with it in the summer, then have it ready to go on the first day of the fall semester,” she said.

More information is available by calling Winters at (304) 696-2318.

Kinzer Named Interim CEO of Marshall Foundation

John K. Kinzer, a former Huntington resident and longtime member of numerous Marshall University organizations, has been named interim Chief Executive Officer of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., Monica Hatfield, chair of the foundation board of directors, has announced.

Kinzer replaces Glen Kerkian, who resigned effective May 31. A nationwide search for a new foundation leader, aided by Academic Search Consultation Service of Washington, D.C., has begun. The search is expected to take about six months.

“We are just very excited to bring John’s expertise to the foundation,” Hatfield said. “We are looking forward to his leadership during this transition.”

Kinzer officially began his duties at Marshall on June 1.

“My objective is to have the foundation and development offices running as smoothly as possible when the new CEO comes in,” he said.

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 Marshall University Alumni Association members soon will be able to access journal articles in a wide variety of subject areas through databases similar to the ones current students, faculty, and staff use.

Through the joint efforts of the MU Alumni Association, Marshall University Libraries, and EBSCOhost Inc., active alumni will be able to search Academic Search Alumni Edition and Business Source Alumni Edition from anywhere in the world, beginning on July 1, 2006. Databases are designed for the research needs of post-college professionals who often need the same kind of information on their jobs as they did when taking college classes.

Nearly every area of business is covered by Business Source, with more than 1,350 full-text magazines and journals, from scholarly to trade publications to top management journals, along with country economic and industry reports, and company profiles. Academic Search provides the full text of articles from more than 2,200 publications, and indexing for more than 8,000 publications, in almost every subject area.

The Alumni Association is pleased to be partnering with University Libraries, who are offering yet another outstanding benefit to active alumni," Nancy Pelphrey, coordinator of alumni programs with MUAH, said. Barbara Winters, dean of Libraries, said MU Li­

raries is thrilled to partner with the Alumni Association to bring the service to Marshall alumni.

When you want to know more about a topic, perhaps information on a hobby or the latest in what you're doing business with, or national and local politics, or details about the new Marshall movie, you can retrieve the full-text of online articles that are more reliable than most Internet sites," Winters said. Alumni access to library databases is a growing trend in academic libraries, Winters said. Marshall joins such major schools as West Virginia University, the universities of Arkansas and Minnesota, and Case Western Reserve University in providing this service.

User IDs and passwords will be sent by the MU Alumni Association to its members. Because of the costs involved, only active members of the Associa­
tion will have access to these special databases. Persons wanting more information may contact the Alumni Association at (304) 696-3134 or 1 (800) MU-ALUMX, or Winters at (304) 696-2318. Links to the databases will be available at www.marshall.edu/alumni.

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John Kinzer

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A Beckley, W.Va., native, Kinzer graduated from Marshall University in 1962 with a bachelor of business administration degree. He received his master's degree in business administration from West Virginia University in 1975, and passed the Certified Public Accountant examination in 1979.

Kinzer spent more than 36 years with Ashland, Inc., and affiliates, beginning in 1963 as an excise tax accountant. After a series of promotions with increased responsibility, he was named Vice President, taxes for Ashland Coal Inc. in 1994.

In 1997, after the company merged with Arch Coal Inc., Kinzer moved to St. Louis to run the tax department for a few years. He moved on to another position on the New York Stock Exchange. He retired in 2000, and settled in Swanton, Md., where he and his wife, Betty Sue, now live.

Kinzer's volunteer experience includes many years of service to Marshall. He is a life member of the Marshall University Alumni Association, of which he served as president for two years.

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Faculty/Staff Achievements

Nicholas L. Adkins, Ph.D. candidate in BioMedical Sciences, a student in Dr. Philippe Geerl's laboratory, has become the first Marshall University student to publish in the scientific journal, Molecular Cell, in the June 9, 2006 issue. His collaborative work on HDAC1 and chromatin, two components intimately involved in epigenetic regulation of gene expression, has a potential to open new avenues of investigation that could lead to re-evaluation of the current dogma. Adkins and Geerl have been published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, Biophysical and Biochemical Acta, Biotechnology and Cell, Biophysical and Bio­

physical Methods, Molecular Cell and the Journal of Biochemical and Biophysical Methods.

Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill, executive director of the West Virginia Autism Training Center at Marshall, presented at the Organiza­

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Profile: Leonard Lovely

A series on interesting Marshall University people.

On his very first day as Marshall University's president, Wade Gilley got a parking ticket. Leonard Lovely can tell you all about that incident be­cause he gave Gilley the ticket.

"Well, he didn’t have a permit displayed to allow him to park where he parked. No one told me this was the new president’s car—it wouldn’t have mattered anyway. He was parked where he shouldn’t have been, but he clearly deserved a ticket," Lovely says matter-of-factly. "I didn’t change what I did, I just did what I was supposed to do. I tried to be fair and even-handed with everyone.

And although Gilley later moved on to another institution, Lovely is still here, now heading up the mailroom as the Supervisor of Mail Services. But he hasn’t forgotten his early days on campus as Parking Attendant.

He spent 11 years working for the depart­ment of public safety and everyone was as understanding as Gilley when they found that paper attached to their windshield. He had his share of complaints. After all, getting a parking ticket doesn’t usually make your day. And he gained the reputation for being dili­gent—very diligent—in doing his job.

"I applied the same rules to everyone and that didn’t always sit well with some people," he says firmly. "I sometimes got blamed for things I didn’t do. If a person got a parking ticket they automatically assumed I had writ­ten it and many times I hadn’t. But when there was a problem, people would come hollering for me to take care of it. But curiously enough, Lovely wasn’t asked to “fix” many parking tickets. "They knew I wouldn’t do it," he says sternly. "I had a reputation to uphold with my job easier. As a strict enforcer of the law I treated everyone alike." He apparently became closely