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We Are...Marshall!

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Gloria Steinem to Speak March 11

Gloria Steinem, a feminist, activist, author and one of the most influential speakers of the women's movement, will be the keynote speaker next week for "An Evening with Gloria."

As part of women's history month, Steinem will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. She will discuss the feminist movement, the politics of gender and the advancement of rights for all citizens.

"Gloria Steinem is a woman who is part of making history," said Leah Tolliver, director of the Women's and Returning Student's Programs at Marshall. "To have someone of her caliber visit our campus is such an honor."

Steinem is known for her role in the advancement of women's social equality throughout the United States. The founder of Ms. Magazine, she also

Ritter Spearheads "Books for Troops" Drive

Mysteries would be welcome. As well as westerns, thrillers, crossword puzzles, word games, spy stories, classics, humor, suspense, short story collections, slice-of-life and coming-of-age novels—in short, books of all types that could lessen the boredom of thousands of Marines who have been deployed to far away countries.

"My son is just one of thousands of Marines sitting out in the middle of the desert with little to do except train and practice war; therefore, boredom has become a big issue," says Sherri Ritter, Instructional Technologist and a former Marine herself. "I am now in the process of collecting books of all types to send to Marines in the field. If you have any good used books you would like to donate to the cause I would be happy to receive them."

Having access to books would be a great help in passing time for those who are far away from home—many for the first time, Ritter says. Comic books and current magazines that aren't too bulky also will be accepted.

Word of the "Books for Troops" project is spreading. Ritter has had an inquiry from a teacher at South Charleston High School who is interested in having

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established the Women's Political Caucus of 1971, founded the Coalition of Labor Union Women, created the Ms. Foundation for Women and is currently the president of Voters for Choice.

Admission is \$8 for the general public and free for Marshall students with a valid ID. For advance tickets or more information, call (304) 696-3338.

Calvin Rawlings is Employee of the Month

Calvin Rawlings, Campus Service Worker II, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for January, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.

Rawlings, who has been a Marshall employee for 10 years, was nominated by physical plant workers Russell Dorton, Michael Farley, Chris Kennedy, Lahoma Weekley and Charles Young.

In their nomination they wrote, "Many employees do not take pride in the job they are doing but Calvin always comes to work with a smile and a 'team effort' attitude."

According to Kennedy, he depends upon Rawlings for his attention to safety and details. "I

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Calvin Rawlings (center), winner of the Employee of the Month for January, is shown with the oversize check for \$100. He is surrounded by some of his coworkers in Physical Plant, several of whom nominated him for the award.

Legendary Mime to Perform in Marshall Artists Series

In his 50th anniversary year and his final U.S. tour, the world's greatest mime, Marcel Marceau, will be at the Keith-Albee Theatre Wednesday, March 12, at 8 p.m.



Marcel Marceau will appear in Huntington March 12.

As a style pantomime, Marceau has been acknowledged without peer. His silent exercises, which include such classic works as *The Cage*, *Walking Against the Wind*, *The Mask*, and *In The Park*, and satires on everything from sculptors to matadors have been described as works of genius.

Of his summation of the ages of man in the famous *Youth, Maturity, Old Age and Death*, one critic said, "He accomplishes in less than two minutes what most novelists cannot do in volumes."

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Howard R. D. Gordon, professor in the Department of Adult and Technical Education, presented a paper, "Impact of Career and Technical Education Programs on Adult Offenders" at the Eastern Educational Research Association annual meeting held in Hilton Head, S.C. Feb. 26-March 1.

Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, (continued on page 4)

Born in Strasbourg, France, Marceau's interest in the art of mime began at an early age when he would imitate with gestures anything that fired his imagination. Later he discovered such silent screen artists as Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harry Langdon, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, and his admiration for these great actors inspired him to pursue the art of silence as a profession.

Marceau's art has become familiar to millions of Americans through his many television appearance, and he is the winner of a coveted Emmy award.

Dubbed "a man of liquid motion and seemingly infinite expression ... A physical poet" by the *Washington Post*, Marceau first toured the U.S. in 1955-56. This tour ended with record-breaking, standing-room-only crowds in San Francisco, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and other major cities. His extensive transcontinental tours have included South America, Africa, Australia, China, Japan, Southeast Asia, Russia and Europe.

The show is sponsored by the Marshall Artists Series, Huntington Federal, Pritchard Electric, Inc., Clear Channel Communications, and WSAZ-TV. Tickets can be obtained through the MU Artists Series Box Office, located in the Joan C. Edward Performing Arts Center, from noon to 5 p.m. daily or purchased by phone with a Visa or MasterCard by calling 696-6656.

Graduate Tuition Waiver Process Underway

Applications from Huntington campus graduate students for a limited number of graduate tuition waivers for MU's summer terms will be accepted through Friday, April 11 in the MU Graduate College Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Graduate College Dean. South Charleston campus students should contact their program area offices.

Priority consideration will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents. A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students.

Deutsch said academic merit, to be determined by grade point average and scores on GRE, MAT, or GMAT examinations, will be the major consideration in awarding waivers, which cover tuition. Student activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Up to three hours of waiver for graduate coursework will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Applicants who are awarded waivers will be notified by mail. Approved waivers can be picked up beginning Friday, April 25. Waivers not claimed by Monday, May 5, will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

For further information, contact the Graduate College office at 696-6606.

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Profile: Joyce Harrah

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Joyce Harrah

As a youngster growing up in Hawaii, she romped on the beach with friends, shared leisurely day-long picnics with other military families and rode her bike from one side of Oahu Island to the other.

For Joyce Harrah, Office Administrator for the Vice President for Graduate Studies and Dean of the School of Education and Professional Development, these halcyon

days of her childhood still bring back fond memories. But these days her life is full with her job duties, taking care of her almost four-year-old son, Joshua Dylan—AKA “Lucky,” camping, mountain biking and fulfilling her passion for baseball by going on road trips with her husband to see their favorite teams play.

She’s been with the Graduate College, now located in South Charleston, since 1987 when she began work in the elementary education program. A graduate of Wahama High School, she attended West Virginia Institute of Technology—now part of West Virginia University—where she received an associate degree in Executive Secretarial Studies. After graduation, she put her skills to good use by accepting a job in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs at Tech. And she not only gained job experience, but she met her future husband, Jeff, who at the time was an Industrial Relations student. Later she earned a degree in Business Administration while working at the Graduate College.

“I always told my mother that when I grew up I wanted to be a race car driver,” she says laughingly. She may not have made it onto the race car circuit, but she and her family are huge fans of NASCAR, which they regularly watch on television.

But it’s baseball that’s the real Harrah passion. The family travels each summer to St. Louis, Pittsburgh or Cincinnati to see their favorite teams square off. And Lucky seems to have acquired his parents’ enthusiasm for the game.

“He loves for us to pitch to him. One day I know I pitched 80 innings!” she laughs. At this point though, Harrah says he’s more interested in the mascots at the Alley Cat and Pittsburgh Pirate games than in paying attention to the finer details of the game.

Although Harrah and her family were West Virginia natives, her father’s career in the Navy took them to some pretty exotic locations. They lived in the Philippines and later put in two stints in Hawaii, once when she was a preschooler and later when she entered first grade. The family stayed until she graduated from Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School.

Coming back to the mountain state after her father retired from the military was a welcome move

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trust Calvin to get the job done right every assignment,” Kennedy said.

Weekley said that any time she must use extra people to get her work completed from the Physical Plant Roads and Grounds Crew, she requests Calvin if possible for his cheery attitude and his great work ethic.

Farley, the head gardener in Physical Plant, also praised Rawlings’ work. “He works hard every day and makes sure the task is completed in a timely manner and also is pleasing to the eye if need be. He is able to operate the grounds equipment safely and carefully.”

The group concluded, “We all feel that as a worker Calvin is top rate, his attitude is wonderful and we are proud to work with him.”

For being named Employee of the Month, Rawlings was presented with a plaque, balloon bouquet, and a check for \$100. He will be eligible for Employee of the Year.

Marshall Staff to Judge Spelling Bee this Month

Three MU staff members will have key roles in the Charleston Daily Mail’s Regional Spelling Bee West, cosponsored by United Bank and Marshall University, scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.



Dr. Jerise Fogel

Dr. Jerise Fogel, Associate Professor of Classics, and Jo Ann Johnson, Supervisor of Teacher Education Clinical Experiences, have been selected as judges for the bee, which will host students from fourth through eighth grade from West Virginia’s nine most western counties. Beverly McCoy, Director of Public Relations for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, prepared the word list and will be the pronouncer.



Jo Ann Johnson

Both judges are former spelling bee participants. Fogel, who joined the Marshall faculty last fall, placed fifth in the New Jersey state championship when she was in the eighth grade. Johnson, who was Marshall’s Employee of the Month for December 2000, won her junior high school’s annual spelling bee and went on to the regional bee.

Fred Booth, Commissioner of the Bureau for Children and Families with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, will be the third judge.

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for the family, but the unaccustomed cold weather took some getting used to. "It was so different when we moved here with the mountains and the weather. There are some mountains in Hawaii but not like these. When it was 60 degrees, I just about froze," she remembers. "I was used to temperatures in the 70s and 80s every day."

When her mother asked her what she remembered most about Hawaii, she replied without hesitation, "The congested traffic!" Bumper-to-bumper traffic was a fact of life on Oahu, and she remembers sitting in traffic jams on her way to school in a school bus. It didn't take long for her to get used to the laid-back lifestyle she found in West Virginia and she particularly appreciated the relatively free-flowing traffic. Plus she got to connect with family members, particularly her grandfather Stevens, who was an avid baseball fan as well.

Her stay at the graduate college has been a productive one. She's served the classified staff in a variety of positions. She's been a staff council member and represented MUGC on the Institutional Board of Advisors for several years. When the graduate college merged with Marshall University in 1997, a new advisory group was formed, the Board of Visitors, and Harrah served on that board as well.

1999 proved to be a banner year in more ways than one for the Harrah family. After seven years of marriage, their son—named in part for musician Bob Dylan—was born and was promptly dubbed "Lucky."

"We waited so long to have him and we are so lucky to have him—he was a gift," she says softly. And the birth of their long-awaited child wasn't the only momentous event that was about to happen that summer. In the preceding months the Corps of Engineers had bought their home in Belle, necessitating their finding and moving into another house. Lucky was born in May, and in September, with a newborn to care for, Harrah managed to help pack and oversee the move into a new home, just blocks away, in Belle.

Life with the lively Lucky is turning out to be entertaining and educational, she says. He's in day care and preschool and the precocious youngster is already learning the alphabet and regaling his parents with funny stories of the under-5 set.

A talented jewelry designer in pre-Lucky days, she crafted unique pieces for herself and friends and family. That's been put on the back burner for now—there are too many other enticing things to do with her family. She and her husband are avid mountain bikers and skiers but she had to stop skiing after a bad bike spill in a remote area fractured her leg and required surgery and eight weeks of immobilization. But that hasn't dampened her enthusiasm for either sport. She still bikes and although she's given up skiing, she's eager to introduce her son to the sport.

"My life is really very full right now with my family and my job," she observes. As someone who completed her B.S. degree "just so I would have it," she's now back in the classroom taking graduate courses in education.

"I've been at the graduate college for 16 years," she says reflectively, "and I really enjoy working there. I love the work but I really enjoy the people. They're what makes this place so special."

Marshall to Participate in Bird Project

High school students in Kanawha, Putnam and Cabell counties will soon have a unique opportunity, thanks to the National Geographic Society, to do a little bird watching under the watchful eye of students from Marshall University and Concord College.

Supported by a grant from the National Geographic Society, Marshall, Concord, the West Virginia Department of Education, Region III Planning, Regional Intergovernmental Council, and Kanawha Putnam and Cabell school districts, have partnered to study the loss of bird habitat due to urban sprawl in a 60-mile corridor between Charleston and Huntington.

The \$65,000 grant will be administered by Concord College.

Marshall Professor of Biology, Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, said, "We are excited about studying suburban sprawl and bird populations in the urban corridor between Charleston and Huntington, and we will work with Concord College in promoting experiential learning for the area's students and teachers."

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students participate. And Tim McCoy in Gilbert, West Virginia, is mounting a community effort to collect materials as well.

Ritter will be transporting books to the Commanding Officer of the 10th Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, in mid-March, so all donations need to be in by Friday, March 14. The Marines have agreed to make delivery of the books.

Books on the South Charleston campus can be dropped off at her office, GC 321. Those wishing to donate on the Huntington campus should contact Matt Christian at 7121 or drop books off at the CIT office on the fourth floor of the Drinko Library.

Ritter can be contacted at ext. 1948.

"I want to thank everyone in advance for your support," she said.

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was presented the "Civil Rights Award" by Gov. Bob Wise at the West Virginia Civil Rights Day in Charleston, Feb. 27.

Dr. Suneel Maheshwari's book, *A Manual of Business Laws*, 1st edition, is being published (For B.Com BBA, C.A. Inter, S.S. Foundation), with S.N. Maheshwari, Himalaya Publishing House, 2003, ISBN 81-7866-510-7.