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# We Are...Marshall!

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## Marshall Receives \$30,000 for Summer Reading Program

The June Harless Center for Reading Excellence at Marshall University has announced it has received a \$30,000 grant from the Comprehensive Center at the Appalachia Educational Laboratory.

The grant will be used to help offset the costs for teachers to attend the West Virginia Department of Education's summer reading academy this summer, said Dr. Stan Maynard, director of the June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development.

"With the state cutbacks, this will allow more teachers to participate," Maynard said. "It will pay for materials and for the teachers to attend."

The grant targets teachers from five school districts who have a need to improve their reading scores, Maynard said. The districts will be selected through a collaborative process between Bev Kingrey, state coordinator for reading and language arts with the state Department of Education, and Dr.

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## Denise Lawhon is Employee of the Month

Denise Lawhon, a Records Officer in the Graduate College, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for April, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

Employed at Marshall for 14 years, she was nominated by Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate College.

In his nomination Deutsch wrote, "As a Records Officer in the Graduate College, Denise does an enormous volume of work and she does it with unflinching courtesy. She treats all students and faculty respectfully and helpfully. Whenever she is asked to do something, she responds in a very positive manner."

And, he says, "Drawing upon her incomparable knowledge of the graduate catalog, Denise handles the Plans of Study for Huntington-based graduate students.

Moreover, she plans the Huntington Hooding Ceremony in the spring and the Teaching Assistant Workshops in the fall. She also completes national surveys for the Council of

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*Denise Lawhon, winner of the Employee of the Month for April, received her plaque from President Dan Angel.*

## Faculty Celebrate Naming of Geography Lab



*Members of the Marshall geography faculty posed with Dr. Sam Clagg, retired geography faculty member, when the GIS laboratory was named in honor of Clagg this month. From left, Dr. Sarah Brinegar, Ray Rappold, Clagg, Geography Chair Larry Jarrett, and Dr. James Leonard.*

## Marshall to Receive Science Fiction Writer's Collection

Marshall alumnus and decorated science fiction writer Nelson Bond has donated his collection of books, videotapes, memorabilia, and correspondence to the Drinko Library Special Collections department, Barbara Winters, Dean of Libraries, has announced.

Bond attended Marshall College from 1932 through 1934. He is known for a lucrative radio career during which he sold about 200 radio scripts. Bond adapted his *Mr. Mergenthwerker's Lobbies* for NBC in 1946. It was the first full-length television play ever performed live on network TV.

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# Journalism School Reaccredited Unanimously

Marshall's School of Journalism and Mass Communications was unanimously reaccredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications at its May meeting in San Jose, California, according to Susanne Shaw, executive director of the Accrediting Council.

Shaw said the council concurred with the recommendations for reaccreditation made by the Accrediting Committee and a visiting team. The next visit for Marshall's school will be during the 2008-2009 academic year.

"Being accredited brings two positive factors to the School of Journalism and Mass Communications," said Dr. Harold Shaver, dean of the school. "First, it puts us in a select group of JMC programs—just over 100 in the entire country have met the criteria of our accrediting body. Second, it confirms

## Cleckley Receives Women's Commission Award

*Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley*, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, is one of two Huntington women selected to receive "2003 Celebrate Women Awards" from the West Virginia Women's Commission.

Cleckley received the Education Award and Margaret Mary Layne, Executive Director of the Huntington Museum of Art, received the Mountaineer Spirit Award. The pair was honored during a dinner and award ceremony at the Embassy Suites in Charleston in early May.

Cleckley has served in her current post at Marshall since 1989. She is a graduate of Douglass High School and Brandeis University, where she earned a Ph.D. degree. She has held a variety of  
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we're doing a good job of educating our students and preparing them for the careers they've selected."

Marshall's School of Journalism and Mass Communications first received accreditation in 1975. It was recommended for reaccreditation last fall after completing a self-study and the on-site evaluation.

## Marshall to Host Youth Technology Camp

The first Youth Technology Camp for middle school students which gives students the opportunity to share exciting high-tech adventures while beefing up their brain power in science, computers, and oral and written communication, gets underway June 16 with three one-week classes covering an array of topics.

The camp will take place from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in Harris Hall, Room 444 for students in grades 6-8.

Hands-on exercises, using computers and real-life puzzles, will combine with activities designed to help students improve their ability to think critically, solve problems and work in teams.

Class sizes are being kept small to allow for personalized, individual attention. The following camps will be offered:

June 16 – 20 *Tech Tools for Teens*. Participants will learn how to improve computer skills, word processing skills and Internet research. Those enrolled will participate in the E-mail Mentor program with an online pen pal from Marshall.

June 23 – 27 *Photos & Presentations*. Students learn how to spice up school projects, presentations, and share photos using computer animation and digital photography.

July 28 – August 1 *Web Page Design*. Campers will learn how to design, do layouts and create attractive web pages using the popular authoring software program, Microsoft FrontPage.

To register or to obtain additional information, contact Kelli Mayes at ext. 3325 or via e-mail at [mayes@marshall.edu](mailto:mayes@marshall.edu).

## Faculty/Staff Achievements

*Fundamentals of Accounting, (For Professional Education Examination I of ICAI Course)*, by **Dr. Suneel Maheshwari**, with S.N. Maheshwari, has been published by Vikas Publishing House, 2003, ISBN 81-259-1376-9.

**Dr. Jennifer Mak**, assistant professor in the Division of Exercise Science Sport and Recreation, together with Dr. D. Floyd Jones of West Virginia University, will present a paper, "Attracting Minorities to a Major League Baseball Park," at the 2003 North American Society for Sport Management Conference, in Ithaca, New York, May 28-31.

## We Are...Marshall!

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## Profile: Kelli Mayes

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Kelli Mayes

Circus jugglers could well envy Kelli Mayes. After all, they just toss around balls or other small objects, while her adept juggling has allowed her to find time to work at challenging jobs, earn four degrees from Marshall with a perfect 4.0 in every class, study her way from a secretary's position to the role of director, regularly teach classes as an adjunct faculty member, spend time with her husband and two daughters, serve as Sunday School superintendent and director of Bible School at her church and still find time for some favorite hobbies and leisure activities.

And come July, she'll be returning after an absence of a few years to the Classified Staff Council where she'll be representing a new category—administrative/managerial.

How does she do it all? Organization, organization, organization, she'll tell you firmly. "Yes, I am very organized, I couldn't get things done if I weren't. But I owe a lot to my family. My family has been so supportive of me in everything I wanted to do. My husband has been incredible and my mother has also helped out with my children when I've needed her."

Mayes, who is currently the director of the Marshall Technology Outreach Center, came to Marshall in 1987 with a newly minted associate degree from the Community College in medical office technology. She put the "office" part of her degree to work immediately when she found a job working for Classical Studies, Philosophy and Religious Studies in Harris Hall. Under the old classification system she began work as a Secretary IV, which was pretty far down the employment scale. But that didn't daunt the energetic young woman with the young family. Through the years she diligently worked her way up the career ladder. After becoming office manager for her academic departments, she moved to the Marshall Technology Institute as program associate, was upgraded to administrative assistant, and then two years ago was made director of outreach programs.

Mayes always saw education as an opportunity. Taking advantage of Marshall's tuition waiver policy for employees, she excelled in classes, compiling a rare academic record of unbroken 4.0 grades throughout her academic career. The classes eventually led to a RBA degree, a M.S. and an Ed.S. Both advanced degrees are in Adult and Technical Education.

And while she was piling up letters after her name, she developed an interest in computers. But she didn't start off as a high school computer whiz. "In high school I learned to type on a manual typewriter," she laughs. "Computers weren't that popular back then and the Internet was in its infancy

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## Denise Lawhon from Page 1

Graduate Schools, the National Science Foundation, and a variety of other agencies. These and other tasks she does with a high degree of thoroughness and accuracy. Denise provides service with a smile."

Jan Parker, a coworker, adds, "Denise is not only a caring, generous friend—she's a selfless coworker and a team player."

Deutsch concludes, "Ms. Lawhon is a tremendous asset to the Graduate College. She has helped thousands of students through the graduation process."

She was presented a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by President Dan Angel. She will be eligible for Employee of the Year.

## Jazz-MU-Tazz Presented on Reduced Schedule

Lack of funding has resulted in the elimination of several of the events of Marshall's popular summer jazz festival, Jazz-MU-Tazz this year, according to Angela Jones, Director of Marketing and External Affairs for the Artists Series. Past funding has been provided primarily through MU and State Budget Digest funds.

However, Marshall's music department will still host its residential jazz band camp in June and several concerts will be held. Past festivals have

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## Marshall Professors Receive EPSCoR Grants

Two Marshall professors are among the winners of 2003 mini-grants from the West Virginia Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

Dr. Frank Gilliam, professor of biological science, and Dr. Sarah Lewis, professor of psychology, each will receive \$4,500, plus \$500 for mentor support. Mini-grants are designed to assist faculty in the development of grant applications to federal or private funding agencies.

Selections were made on the basis of scientific merit, potential for advanced funding, institutional support and broader impacts to the West Virginia research enterprise.

## Library Gift from Page 1

Bond recently published a collection of formerly unpublished short stories titled *The Far Side of Nowhere*. He currently is working on two more books.

Bond's collection is not yet available for public viewing. More information is available by calling Winters at ext. 2318.

## **Kelli Mayes**

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... When I did start working with computers I found I had an affinity for them. I've always been interested in the educational aspects of computers, which is why I chose adult and technical education."

In fact, she became so knowledgeable about computers that she now teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on various computer topics. Mayes says she likes interacting with the students and helping them learn new skills. "I've always enjoyed working with adults," she says.

In her current position as director and the only full-time employee in her program, she is required to wear many hats. But for the ebullient, outgoing Mayes that's not a problem. Just as she successfully juggled domestic work and academic responsibilities in the past, she's now juggling a myriad of job duties. "It's really hard to describe what I do," she says with a ready laugh, "I do just a little bit of everything." She explains that the center is a portal to collect and publicize information about the university's outreach programs. "We serve as a single point of reference for outreach at Marshall. We work with various outreach programs, such as Upward Bound and Distributed Education," she explains. She also talks with people about their outreach projects in numerous areas such as Nursing, Speech and Hearing, SCORES and Admissions. She works with the computer center in South Charleston, as well as with several other departments.

Mayes says an important aspect of her job is to make the community aware of the ongoing outreach programs at Marshall by disseminating information. "Marshall is spread out, so we try to help facilitate the resources we have." She maintains a database on all outreach units, compiles statistics for reports, prepares a monthly electronic newsletter, maintains a Web site, plans and implements two technology career days annually and regularly makes visits to regional schools talking with students about programs available at Marshall. Right now she's excited about the new Youth Technology Camp for middle school students which is scheduled to take place on campus this summer.

With her cheery demeanor, she's a natural to talk with groups of people on a variety of topics. Recently she was invited to be a guest on former Huntington mayor Jean Dean's show on WRVC radio. Dean interviewed her and "it wasn't nearly as scary as I thought it would be," she says with a grateful sigh.

Mayes' writing skills have landed her on the editorial pages of the *Huntington Herald-Dispatch*, which has published several columns dealing with outreach programs.

But it's not all work for the outgoing Mayes. She always makes time to spend with her husband Craig, and daughters Chelsea, 12, and Marissa, 11. The whole family loves the beach and they just came back from a beach trip taken on the girls' spring break. She's an avid fan who faithfully attends Marissa's basketball games, enthusiastically cheering her daughter on. "We like to do things together and I try to make sure we do spend time as a family doing things we enjoy," she says. She also tries to make time for two favorite hobbies, cross-stitching and now scrapbooking.

Mayes grew up in Lavalette, a small town just a stone's throw from Huntington where her own family currently lives. They love it there, she says, and they wouldn't live any other place.

"We do love this area. Everyone is so nice and friendly. My husband and I have talked about moving to other places but after thinking about it, we've decided we're here to stay. It's great that the kids are growing up in the same community that I lived in."

And she's just as upbeat about her years spent at Marshall. "I really like interacting with people, with students. That's one of the great aspects of this job. There's always something new and different to be done!"

## **Reading Grant**

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Barbara Maynard, coordinator for the June Harless Center for Reading Excellence.

The grant was obtained through the efforts of Dr. Barbara Maynard and Virginia Seale of the Appalachia Educational Laboratory.

For more information about the June Harless Center, call (304) 696-2890.

## **Jazz-MU-Tazz**

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featured a buffet of jazz, dance, film, art and musical riverboat cruises.

Donald Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts, was quoted in the *Huntington Herald-Dispatch* as saying Jazz-MU-Tazz isn't dead, only reduced in scale this year.

For more information about the jazz band camp, contact Dr. Edwin Bingham at ext. 3147.

## **Betty Cleckley**

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administrative and teaching positions in higher education.

In his nomination of Cleckley, Dr. Ervin V. Griffin Sr., CEO and Provost of the Community and Technical College at West Virginia State College, wrote, "Cleckley has been a strong advocate of women while striving to provide them access and an opportunity to receive a quality education that prepares them for a productive life. Betty has truly opened doors to other women through innovative programs. She has heightened awareness of the community and encouraged women to seek careers and have a clear view of where they want to go...Betty has made many lasting contributions that will improve the status of women for years to come."

The West Virginia Women's Commission is an agency of state government created by the Legislature in 1977 to advocate for women and to educate on issues relating to women.