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Marshall math professor awarded professor of the year

BY RUSSELL ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

West Virginia's Professor of the Year grew up in a small town but encourages her students to think big.

Bonita A. Lawrence was born into a military family in Germany and was raised in Lawton, Okla., while her father was stationed at Fort Sill. She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1979 from Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., her master's degree in mathematics in 1990 from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., and her doctoral degree in mathematical sciences in 1994 from the University of Texas at Arlington. Lawrence began her teaching career at North Carolina Wesleyan College, then moved to the University of South Carolina Beaufort.

"I think that my having worked my way up to a larger school from smaller colleges prepared me for the responsibilities of being here at Marshall," Lawrence said.

Lawrence has been at Marshall since August 2001, when she was hired as an assistant professor of mathematics. She was promoted to associate professor in 2003, granted tenure in 2005 and promoted to professor in 2007. She received the Marshall University Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award for 2001 and 2006 and received the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award in 2004.

"Dr. Lawrence's enthusiasm and knowledge was of great assistance to me when I had her for intro to higher mathematics," said Derek Musgrave, a secondary education and applied mathematics major from Chesapeake, Ohio.

"She really assisted me in my learning experience."

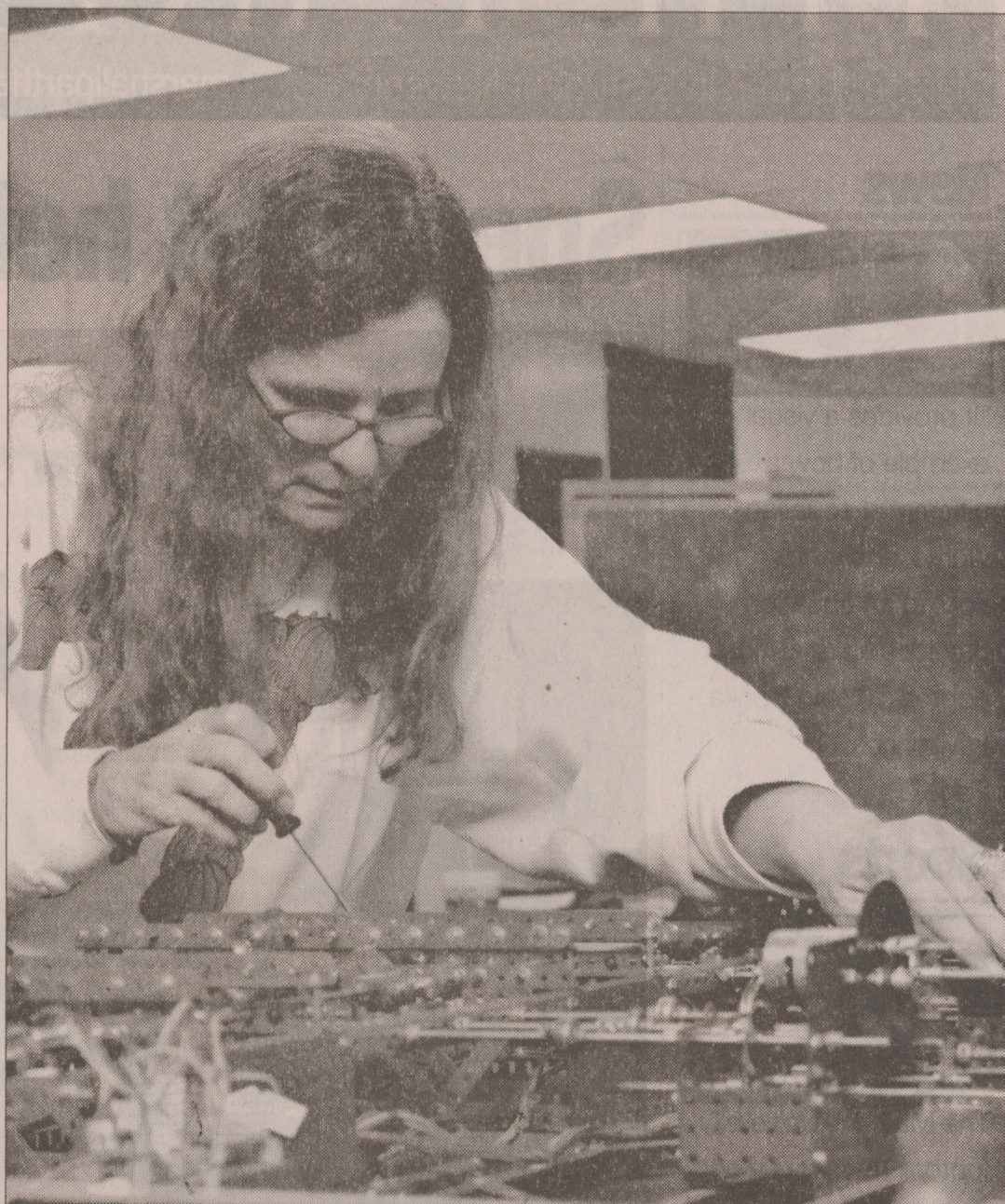
In 2004, Lawrence began working to build a four-integrator differential analyzer, which serves as an educational tool to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics. Beginning with a smaller machine, Lawrence led a team of researchers, primarily students, in building a two-integrator tool, "Lizzie."

"This machine and its lab has come to serve the same type of an approach to math that lab procedures have to a biology lab, since it provides a visual example of how a differential equation works, and while solving an equation provides an analytical approach," Lawrence said. "This allows for a person to visualize how the equations work."

After several years, a four-integrator machine nicknamed "The Big Machine," or "Art" is now complete. Art is the only differential analyzer of its kind in the United States that is open to the public and, to Lawrence's knowledge, it is one of only two four-integer machines in the country. Lawrence has presented at the Mathematics Colloquium in Charleston Southern University in South Carolina, the Appalachian Association of Mathematics Teachers Educators Conference, the Mathematics Department Colloquium at Missouri University, and the 14th International Conference on Difference Equations and Application in Istanbul, Turkey.

In less than a year, Lawrence received both the West Virginia Professor of the Year Award, given by the Faculty Merit Foundation, and the Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award for the 2009-2010 school year.

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MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Bonita A. Lawrence, professor of mathematics, will deliver the keynote address at Winter Commencement in December. Lawrence has been named the West Virginia Professor of the Year by the Faculty Merit Foundation.

Editor's note:

As a public service to readers of The Parthenon who volunteer and donate money to charities and others who just want to keep informed, students in JMC 201 (news writing) have produced a series of stories about the United Way of the River Cities and several of the more than 30 organizations benefitting from its annual fundraising campaign, "Live United." The series was edited by JMC 305 (copy editing) students.

Cassey Bowden, director of resource development and marketing, said the United Way's goals include ensuring safety-net services for people who need them in a five-county service area and raising \$1.25 million by the end of December for the 2010 campaign. The agency's 2009 fundraising goal was \$1.4 million. The United Way also plans to increase the number of donors by 15 percent from 3,000 to 3,450, Bowden said.

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Children's Place Inc. director improves the lives of children

BY CASEY SHREVE
THE PARTHENON

For the director of Children's Place Inc., working with children was where she always said she knew she would end up.

"I always knew I wanted to do something with children," said Stephanie Vlahos, who became involved with children as a teacher and counselor for a treatment wilderness program at Pressley Ridge School, in Ohio, Pa., near her hometown.

She dealt with emotionally-disturbed boys at the wilderness program, she said.

"My role was to be in charge of the education and the counseling of the children so it was all kind of tied into one," Vlahos said.

She came to West Virginia in 1990 expecting a short stay.

"The state of West Virginia asked (Pressley Ridge School staff) to come in and help with some programs for troubled kids, which landed me in

Huntington," Vlahos said. "I planned to stay for three years and go back to Pennsylvania, and I ended up really enjoying the area."

Vlahos' job sent her to Portugal and back with opportunities to go elsewhere, but she chose her new home in Huntington.

"I was coming back to the States, and the company I worked for wanted me to run the international program out of Pittsburgh, but I wanted to come back here because I liked it and I was calling Huntington home," she said.

Marshall University's Child Development Academy director Mary Jo Graham, was the link between Vlahos and The Children's Place Inc., Vlahos said.

"Dr. Mary Graham let me know that the Children's Place director position was open and they were looking for someone," she said. "She knew my experience with children and families and thought it was a good fit."

Vlahos has been director of Children's

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United Way of the River Cities



Table 1

Vital Statistics of Nonprofit Children's Place, Inc.

	2008	2009
Total Revenue	\$541,910	\$605,142
Annual Revenue Received from United Way	8,292	35,792
Percentage of Revenue from United Way	1.5%	5.9%
Revenue from Contributions, gifts, grants	3,127	1,264

Sources: 2009 and 2008 federal tax returns

Table 2

Portrait of Nonprofit Children's Place, Inc.

Name of CEO/Years on the Job	Stephanie Vlahos, 8 years
Year Founded	1982
Street Address/ City/ State	625 Richmond St., Huntington, W. Va. 25702
Telephone	304-525-8586
Web Address	www.childrensplaceinc.com
Mission	To provide early learning services.

Tri-State Literacy Council provides crucial services for area

BY BRITTANY BARNES
FOR THE PARTHENON

The Tri-State Literacy Council provides a refuge for adults who want to learn or re-learn reading, writing and arithmetic.

Without this service, students who use it would have a difficult time finding jobs and functioning in everyday life. According to The National Center for Educational Statistics, about 13 percent of adults in West Virginia lack basic prose literacy skills.

"We have one student who's been here for maybe six years, and he likes to write," said Lynn Ormiston, program director of the council. "One of the things he has written relates how it was for him to now be able to walk the street and read the store signs."

"I think the best part of what he said had to do with how he can put down on paper his own feelings."

Ormiston said another student once came for tutoring because he wanted to get his motorcycle license, and he achieved his goal. She said there are also students who come because they want to advance in their careers or find jobs.

The council uses volunteer tutors to teach the students. Ormiston said the volunteers undergo 12 hours of training before they begin to meet with the students. The volunteers can either meet once a week one-on-one or in a small group setting. She said students are tutored anywhere from one to six years, depending on their skill levels and goals. The average number of students tutored at any given time is 35, she said.

Ormiston said her organization welcomes partnerships with other groups. In the works is one such partnership with the Huntington Housing Authority to help residents with reading needs.

The Tri-State Literacy Council is a funded partner of

United Way of the River Cities. Other funding comes from fundraising efforts in the community.

For its 30-year anniversary in March, the council plans to add a new kind of fundraising event.

"We are talking about a Scrabble tournament, hopefully by next September," Ormiston said.

She said the money from it is used to pay for materials and full and part-time office staff. All materials used by the tutors and students are offered free of charge.

Marshall University students can get involved by becoming tutors or by helping out with special events. Ormiston said students can also provide entertainment at the group's annual dinner honoring students' accomplishments.

The council currently serves four counties — Cabell, Wayne, Lawrence and Boyd.

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by Miami forward Danny Granger in the Pacers' 107-80 win over the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

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Clippers 80, Pacers 107
Suns, Magic — late
Nuggets, Trail Blazers — late

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Georgetown 80
Davidson 70, West Virginia 84
Nebraska 49, Vanderbilt 59
W Kentucky 77, Minnesota 95
Pittsburgh 79, Maryland 70
W. Illinois, Missouri — late
N. Carolina A & T 55, Florida 105
Presbyterian, Kansas St — late
Texas Southern, Oklahoma — late
Illinois, Texas — late

NCAA Football

Georgia State, Alabama — late

NHL

Devils 1, Maple Leafs 3
Panthers 0, Bruins 4
Lightning 8, Flyers 7
Predators 3, Canadiens 0

Newton didn't take any money during recruitment process, attorney said

BY ANDY BITTER

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS
(MCT)

AUBURN, Ala. — The attorney representing Cam Newton's family spoke publicly for the first time Thursday, saying the quarterback did not take any money during his recruitment last year and has cooperated fully with the NCAA's investigation into the matter.

George Lawson, an Atlanta-based attorney, told Mark Winne of WSB-TV that he is "a million percent confident" Cam Newton didn't take any money.

He said Cam, who signed with Auburn last December, "knew nothing about any money discussions, if any discussions were had" with Mississippi State.

A series of reports by ESPN.com have said Cecil solicited a six-figure payment from Mississippi State during his son's recruitment out of Blinn College last year. Three former Bulldogs players — John Bond, Bill Bell and Kenny Rogers — have said talks about a pay-for-play plan occurred.

Bell, who runs a roofing company in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., said he told the NCAA last week he received a text message from Rogers outlining a three-step payment plan that totaled \$180,000. He is trying to retrieve the text message from a water-damaged phone.

Rogers' lawyer, Doug Zeit, released a statement Thursday confirming his client sent the text message at Cecil Newton's urging.

"We are unequivocally saying that the entire thing was solicited by Cecil Newton and, unfortunately, (Rogers) stupidly became a rubber hose and passed it along," Zeit told the Jackson Clarion-Ledger. "That's what See AUBURN 15



Thundering Herd junior wide receiver Troy Evans attempts to escape a tackle by Memphis freshman defensive back Mohammed Seisay in Marshall's 28-13 win over the Tigers on Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Evans picked up 220 total yards and two touchdowns in the win.

MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Herd seeks first win in Texas for final away game of 2010

Mustangs are top team in Conference USA West Division, one win away from securing bowl eligibility

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD

THE PARTHENON

Two teams will clash Saturday in Dallas with a common goal on the line — bowl eligibility.

The Marshall University football team is 4-6 overall, has won three consecutive games and must win the final two contests to finish 6-6 and become bowl eligible. The Mustangs of SMU enter the weekend contest at 5-5 overall coming off a bye week and one win away from securing bowl eligibility. The Herd leads the all-time series 2-1, winning in 2005 and 2009.

Saturday is senior day and a "White Out" game at Ford Stadium. It is the final regular season home game for the Mustangs in 2010 and the final road contest for the Herd. The Marshall coaches and athletes seek to make program history with a win in Texas and to do that, the team must do what it did on Nov. 6 at UAB.

"We've got to go down there and make our own

energy," said Herd sophomore defensive back Donald Brown. "If one guy doesn't bring it, we all feel it. Everybody has to pack it up and bring it with them. You've got to feed off one another just like we do here in practice. There's not going to be many people there."

SMU is also one victory away from winning the West Division and securing a trip to the Conference USA Championship game. Facing the top team in the West Division following its bye week has advantages and disadvantages, but the Herd must maintain its momentum, said Marshall head football coach Doc Holliday.

"I think when you're playing well, it's nice to keep playing," Holliday said. "Fortunately we've done that the last three weeks. Hopefully that'll carry over this week and help us. Success breeds success."

Mustang quarterback Kyle Padron has passed for 1,824 yards and 12

touchdowns in SMU's six conference games of 2010. The SMU offense also features senior wide receiver Aldrick Robinson who has caught 10 touchdowns in four consecutive games and is six yards shy of a 1,000-yard season. Robinson was announced as a semifinalist for the prestigious Biletnikoff Award on Monday, awarded to the top wide receiver in college football. Running back Zach Line leads C-USA in rushing, averaging 97.2 yards per game.

The top player when facing a team with the offensive power of SMU is to prevent a rushing attack, something the Herd has successfully executed in its win streak, Holliday said.

"(SMU head football coach) June (Jones) is a great coach," he said. "He does a heck of a job. When you think of him, you think of run and shoot. They've got great speed. They've got four guys that can stretch the field. Three weeks in a row, we've shut the

running game down. If we can stop the run like we have the last three weeks, we've got a shot."

The Thundering Herd's kicking game and defensive line are the two areas Holliday said he's seen the most improvement in. The Herd has acquired 1110 yards in 50 kickoff returns and 2,540 yards in 66 punts this season. Senior linebacker Mario Harvey, junior linebacker Kellen Harris and junior defensive end Vinny Curry — combined for 26 tackles in Marshall's 28-13 win over Memphis. Marshall's defensive has prevented its last three opponents from rushing for more than 90 yards.

Passion and enthusiasm has become a noticeable attribute of the entire Thundering Herd roster since the win streak began, but even more so for the Herd defense, Holliday said.

"That's what it's all about," he said. "I've been preaching that we work too hard. We've worked 365 days a year

to get 12 opportunities to hopefully get to 13. Don't let one go to waste. Enjoy it. Have fun out there. They're starting to do that and it's fun to watch."

The Herd's fourth quarter performance has also changed since the first half of the season. Marshall has overcome ties and deficits in its most recent contests, which is a reflection of the coaching staff and new program, said senior tight end Lee Smith.

"Coach Holliday changed the culture here and (strength and conditioning) coach (Frank) Piraino changed the work ethic," Smith said. "They had to get adjusted to us just like we had to get adjusted to them. We've just matured. Marshall football has finally gotten where it needs to be. We just need to keep doing what we're doing and we'll be fine. We're the underdogs (on Saturday), which is fine with me. We were underdogs at UAB. We've got to stay the course."

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Action photos from the Columbus Blue Jackets win



LUIS SINCO | LOS ANGELES TIMES | MCT

Columbus Blue Jackets goalie Steve Mason, right, covers the puck as Los Angeles Kings' Wayne Simmonds crashes the net in the first period at Staples Center in Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday.



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The Los Angeles Kings' Brad Richardson battles Columbus Blue Jackets' Antoine Vermette behind the net in the first period.

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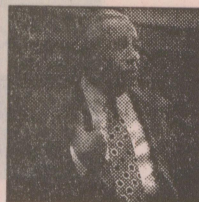
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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Gobble Gobble: It's turkey time again

Editors tell what they are thankful for and their favorite part about this holiday season.

Michael — I am thankful mostly for a break from the chaos that is school and all of the work associated with it. I am also thankful to finally be able to spend time with my family that I have not seen for a few months. My favorite part about Thanksgiving is all of the good food that my grandmother will cook for dinner. I can't remember the last good

home-cooked meal that I have had.

Shannon — I'm thankful for a break in which I can finally get eight consecutive hours of sleep and watch the entire season of *Glee* that I've missed this semester. I'm really just thankful for a time to rest. My favorite part of Thanksgiving is definitely Thanksgiving dinner, especially the

pumpkin roll. My family always gathers at my aunt's house to eat a giant meal. It makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside.

Marcus — I am thankful for the quickly-approaching end of my first semester of college. I am glad that I have been able to find my place in the Marshall community by meeting new friends. Although I have enjoyed college so far, I am thankful for a much-needed break from the daily grind of homework, stacks of photo assignments, and weekly trips to WMUL at 5:30

a.m.

Kerissa — I am thankful for being able to sleep in until the afternoon every day next week. Also, for all of the amazing people in my life. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year for two reasons: stuffing and pie. I also enjoy getting to relax and spend time with my friends and family.

Tess — I am thankful for my Tempurpedic mattress and all the time I will be sleeping in it. Oh yeah, and my family.

Marlowe — I am especially

thankful for God being with me through all the experiences I've had in 2010. I am thankful for realizing dreams are worth pursuing, especially when they're becoming reality. I am thankful for new friends and colleagues. I am thankful for everyone who has supported me in my endeavors the last four years. They know who they are and my words cannot express how much I appreciate you. Lastly, I'm thankful for an early Christmas present— college basketball season.

EDITORIAL CARTOON | KIRK WALTERS | THE TOLEDO BLADE



BRYAN WARRICK
GUEST COLUMNIST VIA UWIRE

Understanding the roots of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a holiday of great importance to this nation and has a lot more history to it than people think. The day when Americans stuff their faces and get fat, at least more than they do on most days, is not just a holiday for eating. It is not just a holiday for the pilgrims and Indians of Plymouth Rock. Both historically and traditionally, this holiday is one of the most meaningful.

Most people associate Turkey Day with the landing of the Puritan Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in 1620. It is a great image to see Europeans and Native Americans working together and coming together over a large feast. It is a great image for the early history of what would eventually become the United States. Though it helps to forget that within a hundred years, most of the Native American peoples in the area had been destroyed.

But Hallmark images and Native American Wars aside, the actual history of the holiday is even more interesting and much more modern than people think.

The tradition started, not in 1620, but in 1863 right in the middle of the American Civil War. And it had nothing to do with Pilgrims or Native Americans. Instead, it was a holiday proposed by President Abe Lincoln to encourage the American people to give thanks and increase national morale. It was also in part to help the Americans celebrate the victories the Union Army had won that year, especially the battles fought at Gettysburg and Vicksburg.

The holiday for giving thanks continued throughout the war and beyond, as people celebrated the return of the soldiers and the victory of the Union. As the years and decades went by, the holiday became more popular, especially when advertisements started to link Turkey Day to the pilgrims and the earlier days of the nation, something that the holiday originally had nothing to do with.

The holiday changed very little after that, with the exception of a date change implemented by President Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930's to try and stimulate the economy, but besides that Thanksgiving remained much the same.

Now a days, Thanksgiving seems to be becoming the forgotten holiday, with stores and malls, and even radio stations, skipping it entirely, going from celebrating Halloween and straight through to Christmas.

Some say it's because the holiday is not politically correct. There are even protests against it by Native American Rights groups who feel that Thanksgiving, along with holidays like Columbus Day, mark the beginning of the end of Indian culture and way of life. Others say it is not as popular because it cannot be commercialized. All you buy is food, that's it. No presents, no costumes, nothing that advertisers can really push, so they ignore it.

This simply isn't right. Thanksgiving is important because it does focus on America's past. And not just Pilgrims and Native Americans, but the hard days of the Civil War and the Great Depression. No other major holiday focuses that much on our own national history.

And we should love it more because it cannot be commercialized. It really is the holiday that brings family and friends together for a big dinner. Nothing superficial, just a fun time with good food. What's more American than that?

Keep Christmas away for a little while longer and celebrate a holiday that means something to all of us, as Americans and as members of a family. It's a holiday that stretches back to Abe Lincoln, makes us believe that people of different backgrounds can come together and help each other like the Feast at Plymouth Rock showed us, and makes us appreciate what we have, right before the Christmas season of buying everything we don't have starts.

So celebrate Turkey Day and don't forget what the holiday is all about; being thankful for what you got.

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What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

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RESULTS

What is the best part of Thanksgiving?

- Food.....43%
- No School.....40%
- Football.....17%

Auburn

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(Rogers) did. He never asked for money, other than what Cecil Newton wanted and how he wanted it."

Lawson was not asked whether or not Cecil Newton solicited money from Mississippi State. Calls to Lawson were not returned Thursday.

Solicitation of extra benefits by a recruit or family member is a violation of NCAA rules. It could result in loss of eligibility, depending on the benefits sought and player's responsibility in the matter.

Auburn has not been specifically accused of wrongdoing and has not received an NCAA Letter of Inquiry.

Bell, who said Cecil never specifically asked him for money, said he shared with the NCAA voice mails of conversations with Rogers, who works for a company that helps matched college prospects with schools and has been described as a "recruiter" for an NFL agent.

Lawson said Cam, his father and mother, Jackie, have participated in the ongoing NCAA investigation and will continue to cooperate in the future.

He said the Newton family has had no influx of cash. "Absolutely not. Absolutely not," Lawson said. "They have a very modest lifestyle."

Lawson also said reports about Newton's academic misconduct at Florida are false.

"Cam Newton's grades and academic standing at the University of Florida are protected matters," he said. "I have some understanding to what the University of Florida's address is and at some point in time they'll hear from me."

In other news, multiple unnamed sources told the Birmingham News that wiretaps that are part of a federal investigation into Victoryland owner Milton McGregor for vote-buying in the Alabama legislature contain no connection to Newton's recruitment to Auburn.

TMZ.com reported Wednesday that FBI agents looking into the Newton matter asked about McGregor, an Auburn booster who donated \$1 million to the construction of the Auburn Arena two years ago.

McGregor's attorney Joe Espy disputed the report Wednesday night, saying McGregor has "never been asked to provide money for any recruitment or compensation of any current or prospective student-athlete, including Cam Newton."

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Lawrence

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One of the reasons Lawrence was nominated for the awards she has received at Marshall University is because of her dedication to the education of students and her enthusiasm in this endeavor.

"Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime," Lawrence said of her teaching style. "If you can show how much you enjoy the material, it really makes a difference in the classroom."

Lawrence will be the keynote speaker at Marshall's Winter Commencement on Dec. 5.

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Children's Place

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Place for eight years, and she is proud to be part of a successful service, she said.

"We are the only stand-alone program," Vlahos said. "Most child-care services are a chain, or in conjunction with a church."

Children's Place has been in service since 1982 and has four employees with more than 20 years of experience.

"We have a high retention rate," Vlahos said. "There aren't a lot of child care services with employees with 20 or more years of experience."

Those teachers also have four-year degrees in early childhood education, along with several aids with at least two-year degrees under their belts.

Vlahos said the program is licensed for 104 infants, toddlers and preschoolers with opportunities for each child to have early intervention for preschool-aged children with special needs, diagnostic evaluations, medical and dental screenings and speech and physical therapy.

Children's Place also works with the Huntington Museum of Art, which sends staff each month to do special art. The United Way not only sends volunteers to Children's Place, but is also a sponsor.

According to its 2009 financial report, the United Way of the River Cities contributed \$8,292 to The Children's Place Inc. Children's Place also relies on contributions, grants and other support to help with expenses and enrollment fees.

Former Marshall football quarterback and NFL star Chad Pennington also supports Children's Place through his First and Ten Foundation.

"Chad came in for three hours and just played with the kids," Vlahos said. "It was awesome. He even signed our wall."

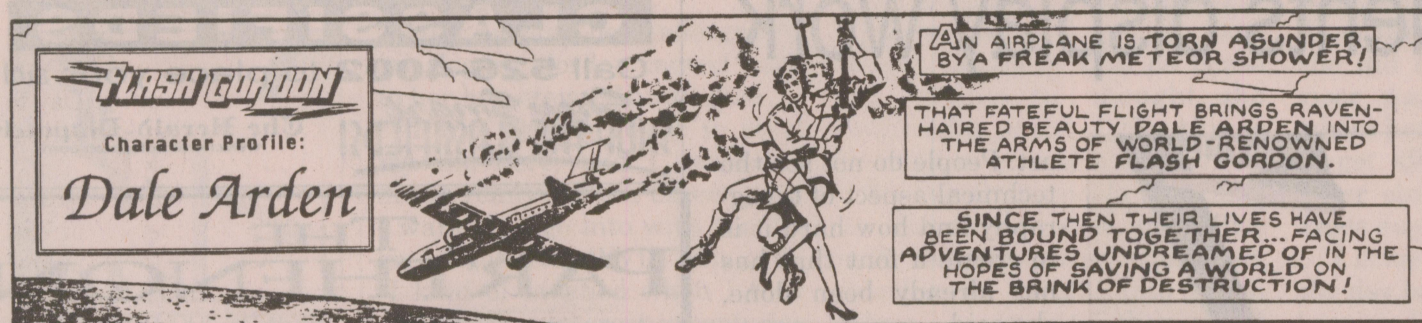
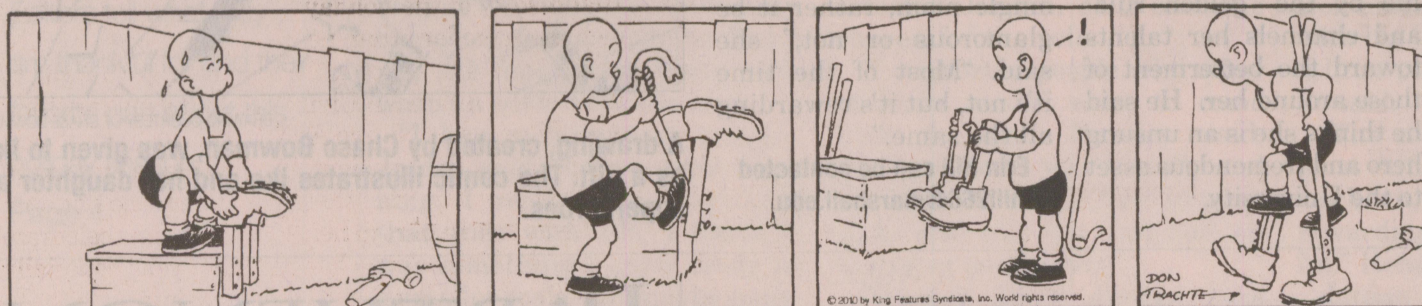
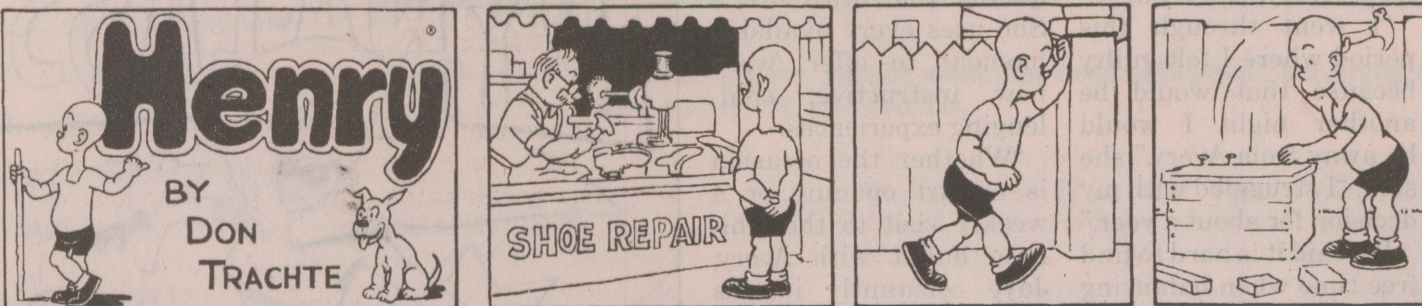
Council

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"Eventually, I would like to increase our reach," Ormiston said. "We do have students in Wayne County, and we have some in Chesapeake, but we certainly aren't meeting what probably is the need."

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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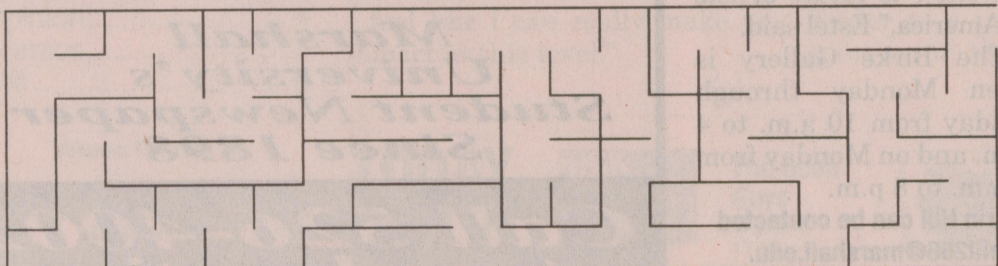
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SUPERHEROES COME IN ALL FORMS

BY ERIN HILL
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The College of Fine Arts special events coordinator might appear to be only a dedicated Marshall employee, but that is just one of her many life roles.

Behind the scenes Jaye Ike is a single mother of a three-year-old daughter juggling a full time job and graduate school, but still finds time to manage a relationship, help promote the success of others and help charities within the community.

Ike said she was born in Huntington, but after her mom remarried, they moved to Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia. She said she always felt like West Virginia was her real home, and after having her daughter, Avery, she decided to move back.

"Huntington has so much sweetness that a big city doesn't have," Ike said. "The people are kinder and the pace is a little bit slower. I don't have to sit in an hours worth of traffic everywhere I go. There are just things people really take for granted here."

She said she and her boyfriend of almost two years, John Farley, 28, try to do creative activities with Avery, like taking her to Beech Fork and buying food to feed the carp.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself because I am a single parent," she said. "I feel like I'm at a disadvantage, so a big part of my life is doing things for her so she doesn't feel like

she is at a disadvantage."

She said she talks to Avery in a way that most adults would not talk to a three-year-old because she wants her to understand the important values in life, like giving to others who are less fortunate. For example, Ike said she is probably the only person whose child could use conscientious in a sentence when she was two.

"That's the thing that I think is most important," she said. "I want her to be a good person. She already knows that at Christmastime we buy toys for the less fortunate," Ike said.

Ike said she does not want to scare her daughter, but she wants Avery to be aware of kids who do not have as much as she does.

"I'd love to donate money to every single thing," Ike said. "I always say I would never be rich because regardless of what I make, I would give half of it away."

She said this will be the second time she has donated her hair to Locks of Love, which is an organization that accepts pieces of hair to make into wigs for needy children who lose their hair because of cancer treatment. She also said Avery's first haircut will go to the cause.

"It's really important to me as a parent to express that it's more important than what we have or want," she said. "It's how fortunate we are and how can you share that with someone else."

She said she is lucky to have her job because she gets to express that side

of her personality.

"My job allows me to do things that I love," Ike said. "If I was an attorney or doctor I would still do these things on the side."

She said Basket for Branches and Empty Bowls are charity events she has been involved with through her job. Domestic violence is a soft spot for Ike because "abuse does not always have a face," she said.

"Any time I can do something for someone else gives me genuine pleasure," Ike said. "People have done nice things for me, so I try to do things for other people and hope I have an impact on their life."

It was difficult for Ike to decide to go to graduate school for communications studies because she did not want to take time away from Avery, she said.

"I went through this period where I felt guilty because that would be another night I would be away from Avery," she said. "I struggled with my decision for about a year."

Ike said it is hard to find free time when balancing a job, classes and parenting. However, working with her significant other makes life a little easier, she said.

"I'm really lucky he is part of my life," Ike said. "He's my best friend. He took me at my absolute worst."

Farley said Ike lives her life by the "golden rule" and channels her talents toward the betterment of those around her. He said he thinks she is an unsung hero and tremendous asset to the University.

"I have never met someone more adept at inter-personal communications, with a unique, uncanny ability to interact positively with others," Farley said.

He also said she never craves the spotlight, preferring instead the quiet joys and satisfaction of facilitating the successes of others. Ike's main goal is to make a difference in someone's life, he said.

"Jaye is warm, compassionate, caring and empathetic, always pushing herself and encouraging others to do more, help more and give more," Farley said.

Ike constantly sacrifices herself so Avery can have the very best, Farley said. He said as a mother, she is always on the go and is always there to make the most constructive use of her quality time with Avery. She uses every available moment to offer Avery new instructive, challenging experiences.

"Whether the occasion is an art opening or a weekly visit to the Chinese buffet with Avery, Jaye constantly instills and reinforces positive values, recognizing that every experience offers the chance to lead by example," Farley said.

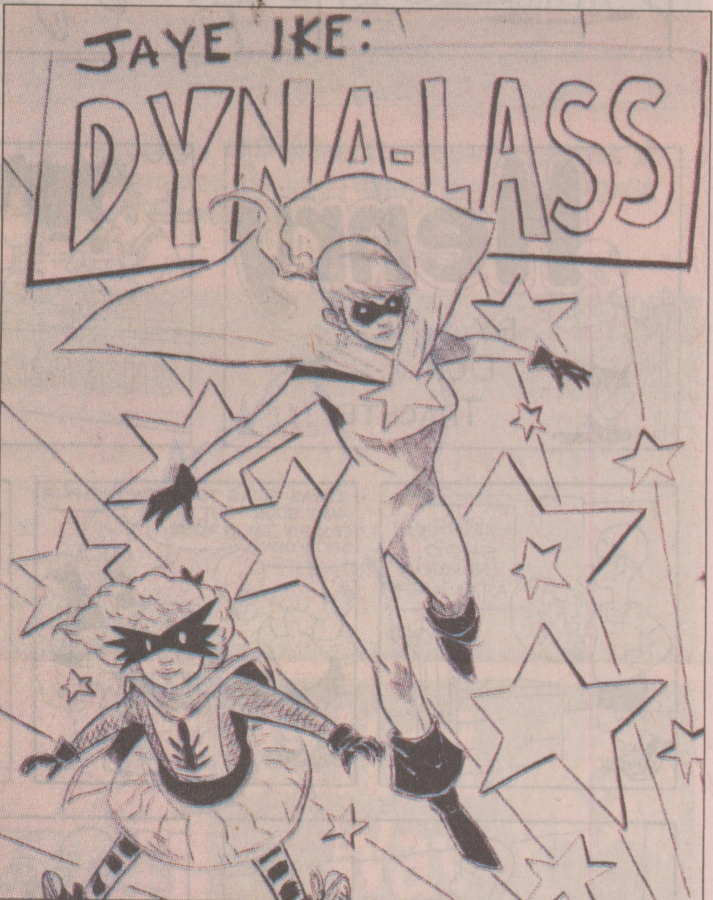
Ike said her life as a single mom is not casual or convenient for her, but she would not change it for the world.

"That's the life of a single mom, rather it be glamorous or not," she said. "Most of the time it's not, but it's rewarding all the same."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JAYE IKE
Jaye Ike, special events coordinator for the College of Fine Arts, with her daughter, Avery, at the Milton Halloween Parade.



DRAWING COURTESY OF CHASE BOWMAN
A drawing, created by Chase Bowman, was given to Ike as a gift. The comic illustrates Ike and her daughter as superheroes.

Art and design students display work

BY ERIN HILL
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As a graduation requirement, art and design students display their artwork in the Birke Art Gallery for the Bachelors of Fine Arts Capstone Exhibition.

John Farley, Birke Art Gallery director, said the capstone exhibition is an event to accommodate students' education at Marshall University.

"This show is an opportunity for the students to pour everything that they have learned into one body of work," Farley said.

The artwork made for the exhibition is done in consultation with their professor; however, the students come up with the ideas on their own, Farley said. Students are responsible for managing all aspects of the exhibition.

"In addition to creating the original body of work, they are also responsible for advertising and promoting their exhibit," Farley said.

He said the students design their work and install the exhibit itself in



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The Birke Art Gallery is displaying the senior capstone exhibition, a graduation requirement for all art students.

the gallery.

"It's a real-world experience in many aspects that the students may encounter as professional artists," he said.

The exhibition is a good way for students to display their work as artists, said Jennings Estel, senior graphic design major from Huntington. He said he feels it is a great way to end his experience at Marshall.

"Until the capstone exhibition, we are not truly aware of our work," Estel

said. "Displaying our artwork on the walls is like displaying ourselves."

He said he did his capstone project on typography, which is the technique of arranging type.

"Typography is something that is so common that people see every day," Estel said. "I like to take it outside the box and make it different."

Natalie Gibbs Burdette, a member of the art and design adjunct faculty, said most people do not think of type as

art. People do not see the technical aspect of typography and how hard it is to create a font that has not already been done, she said.

"Font is so available that people have the attitude that type is not art," Burdette said. "People don't know what it's like to create a new font since there are so many different fonts out there."

Estel also said before students become artists, they see something that inspires them. This exhibit helps students come full circle because it is their turn to inspire younger artists, he said.

Estel said seeing the shows as a younger student helps influence them because they are viewing work from people in the same program as them.

"I hope the hunger and eagerness will come out of the show to future artists of America," Estel said.

The Birke Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

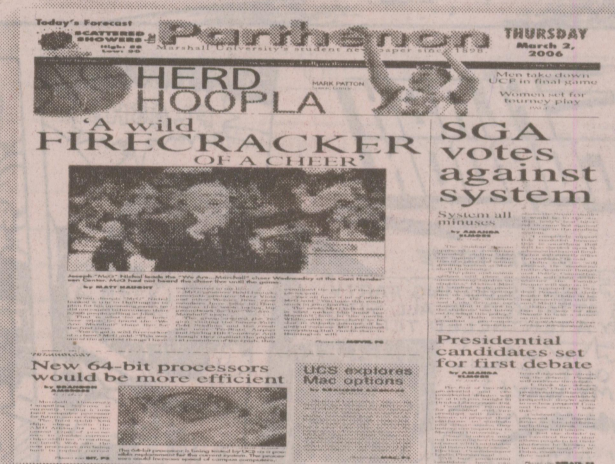
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