

# We Are...Marshall!

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## Campus Alight for the Holidays



(Left) Marshall's Huntington campus turned into a virtual winter wonderland Nov. 27 as students and community members participated in a campus lighting event complete with a visit from Santa and Miss Claus. (Right) Marshall's cheerleading squad were among the holiday carolers. (More holiday events, page 3.)

### Women's Basketball Aims to "Jam the Cam" Dec. 5

Women's basketball head coach Royce Chadwick is urging everyone to enthusiastically "Jam the Cam" on Dec. 5 at the Henderson Center with an eye to setting a new Mid-American Conference record attendance for a women's basketball game.

Marshall will square off against Navy in what promises to be an exciting match-up with tip-off time at 7 p.m. And there will be plenty of entertaining extras, including a celebrity foul shooting contest featuring president Dan Angel, head football coach Bobby Pruett and two members of the local media.

"Things are going great for our program," said Chadwick. "We are getting better with each game. Ida Dotson was all tournament at both the American Tournament and the Fresno State Tournament, and we just signed one of the best recruiting classes I have ever been associated with. Jam the Cam is

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### Peggy Egnatoff is Employee of the Month

Peggy Egnatoff, administrative associate in the College of Fine Arts, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for September, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.



President Dan Angel presents Peggy Egnatoff with the oversized check commemorating her selection as Employee of the Month.

Egnatoff, who has been employed at the university for 19 years, was nominated by Donald Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts.

In his nomination, Van Horn wrote, "She has exemplified all

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# Cleckley Recounts Visit to Africa

Marshall University diplomas occupy a prominent place on the walls of Hoze Riruako's office at the University of Namibia in Windhoek (UNAM),

according to Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, who was invited to visit southern Africa last spring to talk with university representatives there about academic opportunities for African students at Marshall.



Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley (left) and Hoze Riruako pose with Riruako's diplomas from Marshall.

UNAM, left MU in 1990 with both a B.A. and M.A. in political science. As a student he worked as a graduate assistant in Multicultural Affairs and International Programs. Since then, in addition to his position at UNAM, he has taught political science and public administration at Queens College in New York and the Polytechnic of Namibia.

"It was gratifying to see how Hoze was getting the word out about Marshall and its mission to create equality and opportunity for all," said Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs.

Riruako arranged a number of engagements for Cleckley, including meetings with top officials and students at the University of Namibia, the University of Western Cape, and the University of Cape Town.

"Marshall has the capacity to form more international ties similar to that which it shares with Hoze," Cleckley said. "If a single tie can bring this much promise, imagine what dozens—or even hundreds more—could do for this institution."

## Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Robert Bickel, of the College of Education and Human Services, and Dr. Craig Howley, of the Appalachian Educational Laboratory, are co-authors of a paper, "Smaller Districts: Closing the Achievement Gap for Poor Children." The paper has been accepted for publication by the *American School Board Journal*.

## Filbert Retirement Reception Set for Jan. 11

A reception honoring Nancy Filbert, accounting assistant in the acquisitions department of the university Libraries who is retiring, will be held Jan. 11 from 2-4 p.m. in the Drinko Library Atrium. Light refreshments will be served and a brief presentation will be made at 3 p.m.

"Please join us for fun, fellowship and recognition of Mrs. Nancy Filbert's long and fruitful career," said Monica Brooks, associate dean of Libraries.

## Froehlich to be Honored Dec. 7

A reception honoring Dr. Larry Froehlich, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, who is leaving the university at the end of the fall semester, is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 7 from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. Everyone is invited to attend.

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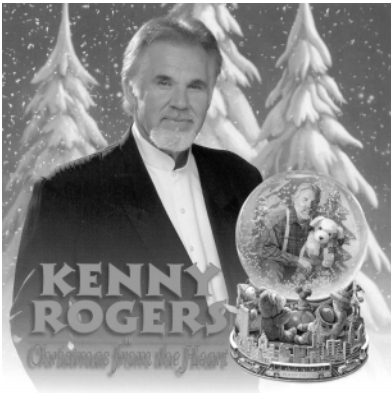
## Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Marshall classified staff for the flowers and good wishes during my recent hospitalization.

Tori B. Wucher  
Upward Bound

## Kenny Rogers to Appear Dec. 7

A fierce snowstorm in the Midwest cancelled Kenny Rogers' holiday show last year but it's back on track and scheduled to open at 8 p.m. on Dec. 7 in the Huntington Civic Arena.



Kenny Rogers will bring his show, "Christmas from the Heart" to Huntington Dec. 7, weather permitting.

All tickets distributed for last year's show will be honored, with the exception of student tickets issued last year. Students will need to have new tickets issued for this year's show and they can do this by bringing the old

tickets and their IDs to the box office of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center where they will be exchanged for new tickets.

**Christmas From the Heart Featuring The Toy Shoppe**, direct from its run on Broadway, is a celebration of the season. *The New York Times* hailed it as "A glorious homespun family delight. Delicious, warm, loving and fun."

As the curtain rises, Rogers takes the audience on a musical journey through life in a small town, complete with snowfall, performing such standards as *The Christmas Song*, *Let it Snow*, and *White Christmas*. A nativity scene comes to life as the children and choir join Rogers for his special performance of **The Chosen One**, featuring standards like *Silent Night*, *The First Noel*, and *Joy to the World*. A high point of the show is **The Toy Shoppe** which sees the stage transformed into a magical toy shop filled with toys which spring to life to celebrate the joy of the holiday season.

Tickets are currently on sale. They can be purchased by calling 696-6656 or visiting the ticket office in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

### Annual Holiday Party Slated for Dec. 6

It will be a red, white and blue American wonderland for the annual holiday party scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room at the Student Center.

President and Mrs. Dan Angel are inviting faculty, staff, spouse or adult guest to attend this festive affair.

Entertainment will be provided and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

## Peggy Egnatoff

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the characteristics of an extraordinary employee. Peggy is loyal to the institution, she is extremely hard working and efficient. She serves the College of Fine Arts and its departments and programs with a pleasant and helpful attitude, strong attention to detail, and an uncanny knowledge of the many procedures and policies of the university. She frequently makes navigating the institutional bureaucracy much easier for all of us who have the honor of working with her."

The only secretary to serve the College of Fine Arts, Egnatoff drew praise for her creativity, flexibility and her ability to single handedly manage a large variety of tasks. "Her contributions to the life of the college are invaluable," Van Horn continued. "Moreover, college staff and faculty know that if they have problems, Peggy is the person to go to for resolution. Students adore her, and faculty and staff depend upon her for guidance and valuable assistance time and time again."

The nomination goes on to say, "She is always willing to help, and routinely allows herself to be interrupted in order to assist someone in need. However, no matter the number of interruptions, she always manages to get everything done, and done well. The College of Fine Arts office enjoys a strong reputation across the institution for good work, and this is a tribute to Peggy's efficiency. She rarely misses a day of work, and her day often runs well past 5:30 because she is loyal and dedicated to doing her job so well."

Van Horn said that after Egnatoff's husband, Karl, recently had surgery, she remained a dedicated professional who continued to check in at the office on a regular basis to see if help was needed even though it was a trying time for her personally. He notes that with her husband on the road to good health once again, Egnatoff continues to go about her job with precision and enthusiasm.

He concludes by saying, "Marshall University and the College of Fine Arts are both fortunate to have Peggy Egnatoff as an employee. Her unmatched dedication, creativity, and professionalism are models for all employees of the university."

President Angel presented Egnatoff with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100. She will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

## "Jam the Cam"

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on the horizon, so mark your calendar for Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Together we can set the record. Go Herd!"

Ticket information can be obtained by calling 1-800-THE-HERD.

# Grants to Support Harless Center for Rural Education

Two grants totaling nearly a half million dollars have been announced for the June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development.

Verizon West Virginia has committed \$150,000 to the Marshall University College of Education and Human Services and the Harless Center to expand distance education in rural schools throughout West Virginia. The announcement was made by Verizon president Gale Given.

In addition, the June Harless Center for Reading Excellence has been established as a division of the June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development.

This project is being funded by the Regional Educational Service Agency II (RESA) through a \$215,000 grant from the West Virginia Department of Education. The focus of the reading center is to maximize the reading potential of all West Virginia families through research, providing best practices for MU education majors and professional development for reading and language arts teachers in



An oversize check representing the RESA II grant was presented on Nov. 14.

southern West Virginia schools, among other services.

"Our role as educators is to provide excellence in education not only for those within reach, but also for those who are outside it," said Marshall University president Dr. Dan Angel.

"Our hope is that it will become a model to be replicated at other colleges throughout the state with respect to reading and language arts," said Dr. Stan Maynard, director of the June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development. "We hope the center will serve as a model not only for evaluating curriculum, but also for outreach efforts."

The two-year Verizon grant will be used to establish the Center for Innovative Learning Strategies which will deliver foreign language, science and/or math courses to West Virginia K-12 sites through interactive distance learning. The Center will also provide K-12 professional development opportunities and consulting as well as plan and conduct a distance learning seminar for interested K-12 professionals.

"We share the vision of the June Harless Center to deliver new, enriching courses to the rural

schools of West Virginia," Given said. "Our state's future is inextricably linked to education, specifically the ability to enhance educational opportunities for all West Virginians. The new interactive technologies at Verizon will help do just that."

"In a countless variety of ways, Verizon is maximizing technology to improve the lives of West Virginians," said president Dan Angel. "Marshall University could not ask for a better partner in its efforts to establish a national model for distance education and maintain its leadership as a high tech institution."

Dr. Larry Froehlich, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said the grant will allow the university to soon begin delivery of the interactive distance learning courses, with an initial focus on foreign languages to meet new state mandates.

## CTC Presents Class in Cold Fusion

The MU Community & Technical College Computer Learning Center in South Charleston will be offering a three-day Cold Fusion training class Dec. 11-13.

Upon completion of the class participants will be able to create and use database-driven web sites; create web sites that interact with databases and user input; create web sites that utilize cookies, global variables and other variable types; create a login application and enhance an existing application using a variety of coding solutions.

Sessions will be held in room 136 in the Administration Building. To register, or for additional information, call Martha Pierson at 746-2062. Free parking is available on site.

## PEIA Hearings Slated for Dec. 4

The Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) will conduct public hearings in Huntington on Dec. 4 in the Dogwood Room at the Huntington Civic Arena.

The meetings, part of a series being conducted statewide, will consist of three parts: an informal discussion of plan changes for Plan Year 2003 (4-6 p.m.); opportunities for meetings with customer services representatives who will be on hand to discuss claims issues (4-8 p.m.); a public hearing (6-8 p.m.) with registration to begin at 5:30 p.m.

## Excused Absences

Absences have been excused for these students on the dates noted:

Nov. 9 - Marcie Bullock, Laura Evans, Angela Moore, Sarah Nolte.

Nov. 14-16 - Corey Green, Kelly Greenwood, Stephen Petrucci, Richard Ryan, Andrew Skidmore, David Timmons, Roger David Wilson.