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Artists Series Ends Year with Two April Programs

Theater-goers are in for a real treat when the Marshall Artists Series brings two acclaimed productions to Huntington in early April.

Savion Glover's "Improvography" comes to town Monday, April 11 at 8 p.m., and "Tuscan Sun Festival" will conclude the Artist Series' 2004-2005 season on Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m. in the Renaissance Theatre.

"Improvography" has been moved from the Renaissance Theatre—the former Huntington High School location—to the Keith-Albee Theatre because of the show's high technical demands, according to Penny Watkins, executive director of the Marshall Artist Series.

Hailed by the late tap master Gregory Hines as "the best tap dancer that ever lived," Savion Glover has been thrilling audiences with his virtuosity since he was 12 years old. He won a Tony Award for his hit, "Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk."

"Improvography" was a term originally coined by Hines to describe his own style of stepping and spontaneous invention. The show, featuring Glover's new tap dance company, Ti Dii and an ace jazz ensemble, offers a unique mix of music, dance and sound. The production also features Glover performing a virtuosic solo set to jazz, hip-hop, R & B, neo-soul rock and funk music.

School of Medicine Physicians Honored as 'Local Legends'

Two physicians at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine have become the first West Virginians honored as part of the national "Local Legends" project.

Dr. Mildred Mitchell-Bateman of Charleston and Dr. Paulette S. Wehner of Huntington will be included in the "Local Legends" gallery web site, which is a companion to the National Library of Medicine exhibition "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians." The site will be included when the "Changing the Face of Medicine" exhibition goes on national tour this spring.

Although semi-retired, Bateman continues to teach and see patients part-time at Marshall. The first chair of the school's Department of Psychiatry, she has had a distinguished career that included serving as one of four members of the President's Commission on Mental Health, Vice President of the American Psychiatric Association, and West Virginia Director of Mental Health. She has received numerous local, state and national honors for her contributions to mental health care.

Wehner, a cardiologist, joined the school's faculty in 1995 and is director of its Adult Cardiovascular Training Program. She also is director of the Cabell Huntington Hospital Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, medical

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The "Tuscan Sun Festival" will feature narrator Frances Mayes, author of the bestselling "Under the Tuscan Sun," along with renowned cellist Nina Kotova and the New European Strings Orchestra from London. A special video presentation will feature rare footage of Bramsole, Mayes now-legendary home. The program will include Kotova's "Tuscan Sun Suite."

Tickets are on sale at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. For ticket information or to purchase tickets, call ext. 6656.

Alumni to be Honored April 16

Ten alumni and students, along with the alumni Club of the Year, will be honored Saturday, April 16, at Marshall University's 68th annual Alumni Awards Banquet.

The banquet, which highlights Alumni Weekend April 15-16, takes place at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room. Cost is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. The theme of Alumni Weekend is "Marshall University Yesterday, Today & Forever."

For more information on Alumni Weekend events or to reserve a seat at the banquet, persons should call Kimberly Hudson in the alumni office at (304) 696-2901.

The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to businessman Robert "Bob" Cosmai. This award is given to Marshall alumni for outstanding national achievements in their particular fields of endeavor.

Cosmai, president and chief executive officer of Hyundai America, is a native of Hillsdale, N.J. He began a career in the auto industry immediately after graduation from Marshall's School of Business.

After completing the executive training program at Ford, he stayed there for 11 years. In 1982, he moved on to Nissan, then to Accura, where he was vice president of sales. He left that position in 1998 to become vice president for national sales of Hyundai, the Korean automaker. By 2003, he had become president and chief executive officer of Hyundai.

The Distinguished Alumnus in Manufacturing Award will be presented by the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, in conjunction with Marshall University and the MU Alumni Association, to international entrepreneur Robert L. Shell, Jr. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding achievements in and contributions to the manufacturing sector.

Shell, a member of the Marshall Board of Governors, is chairman and CEO of Guyan International, a private holding company whose Permco Division is internationally recognized. Permco has facilities in the United States, Europe and the People's Republic of China.

The Community Achievement Award will be presented to Sylvia Ridgeway and Sally M. Love. This award is given to alumni for success in their fields of endeavor and personal

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Harper Promoted to MUPD Sergeant



Stanley Harper

Stanley Harper, a 16-year veteran of the Marshall University Police Department, has been promoted from patrol officer to sergeant, according to Office of Public Safety Director James E. Terry. He replaces Sgt. John Murphy, who retired.

"Stanley has been involved in most of the current innovations within the department," Terry said. "He's one of the founding members of our Bike Patrol, and of our R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) program. He's top shelf and I feel very comfortable with the choice the selection committee made."

Harper, a Huntington native, is often seen riding a bike on campus. He is continuing that role, but with the promotion comes shift supervising and oversight duties.

"I'll still be riding the bike, but I have to oversee a lot, make sure people are doing the right thing," Harper said.

The Marshall University Police Department has 22 officers who have the same responsibilities and authority as any other law enforcement officers in the state. The department provides 24-hour-a-day patrol protection to the campus, adjacent university-owned facilities and parking lots.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Five refereed research papers were presented at the 28th Annual Conference of the Eastern Educational Research Association (EERA) by faculty and graduate students in the College of Education and Human Services.

The papers presented were:

The "Effectiveness of a Graduate and Undergraduate Teacher Education Training Program on Student Development," written by *Dr. James Sottile, Dr. Carl Johnson, Dr. Jane McKee, Kara Loving, and Dr. Tony Williams*; "Get Up and Get Moving: A Study of Preservice Teachers Perception of Self-esteem, Decision Making, and Leadership Abilities," written by *Kara Loving and Dr. James Sottile*; "What

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of April 15, 2005. Deadline is April 8. Articles or other materials for consideration should be sent to Pat Dickson, editor, at the South Charleston campus or by e-mail to pdickson@marshall.edu.



Mayes wins 'Kindness' Prize

February 14-20 was designated as "Random Act of Kindness Week" when Marshall classified employees were asked to perform at least one random act of kindness for a student that was above and beyond what they normally already do. After performing acts of kindness, the "Kindness Coupons" were returned to the Classified Staff Council office and a drawing was subsequently held.

The winner of the drawing was Kelli Mayes, director of the Marshall Technology Outreach Center. She received a \$50 gift certificate from the Hall of Fame Café.

The Classified Staff Council expresses thanks to everyone who participated in the campaign and to the Hall of Fame Café for their support, according to Mike Dunn, chair of the Classified Staff Council.

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contributions to their respective communities.

Ridgeway is former president of the Huntington/Cabell branch of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She has served as a secretary in the College of Education and Human Services; instructor in the Community and Technical College, and teacher for the Cabell County Board of Education. Her community service includes the board of directors of the Ebenezer Learning Center; second vice president of the West Virginia State Conference of Branches, NAACP; member of the evaluation team for the City of Huntington's "Children in the Arts" program at the A.D. Lewis Community Center, and many more honors past and present.

Love, of Charleston, W.Va., is founder and president of the Snowshoe Institute, a nonprofit organization promoting educational and cultural entertainment in conjunction with Marshall, West Virginia University, the West Virginia Humanities Council and Intrawest. She is on the Foundation board of directors and board of visitors of the Marshall University Graduate College. Her community involvement has included the Ronald McDonald House, the Craik-Patton Historical Home, the West Virginia Mansion Preservation Foundation, the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, YWCA High Hopes and Pro-Kids, an after-school mentoring program.

The Distinguished Service to the Community Award will be presented to Houston, Texas, businessman Bob Brammer and West Virginia Sen. Robert Plymale.

Brammer, a native of Huntington and 1965 Marshall graduate, is founder and owner of the Houston-based Brammer Standard Company Inc., an international distributor

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Note of Thanks

I would like to thank each one of you who called, e-mailed, sent flowers or donations when my mother passed away recently. She will be very much missed by myself and my family. My Marshall family means a great deal to me and I wanted to remember each of you. Friendship is a wonderful gift and I am thankful to you all for this gift.

Sincerely,
Carol Skaggs

Mitchell wins Teacher of the Year Award from Math Teachers' Group



Dr. Karen Mitchell

Dr. Karen Mitchell, a Marshall University mathematics professor, has been named the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics (WVCTM) 2005 College/University Mathematics Teacher of the Year.

Mitchell was recognized by her peers at the annual meeting of the WVCTM recently in Flatwoods, W.Va., according to Jeanne Finstein, the organization's community relations chairman.

"Karen Mitchell is a truly outstanding teacher and very deserving of this highest award," Finstein said.

Staff Council Nominations for '05-'07 Open

Nominations for representatives for the 2005-2007 term of the Classified Staff Council are now being accepted. Nomination forms have been sent to the classified staff by campus mail. These forms should be returned to the Staff Council Office no later than Tuesday, April 12. No nominations will be accepted after that date.

The council is composed of 25 members, with five members chosen from each of the five EEO groups. Current council representatives are eligible to be re-elected. The current council members are:

EEO 10, Executive/ Administrative & Managerial, Teresa Bolt, Mike Dunn, Gary Hall, Adrian Lawson, Jody Perry, Yanzhi Wu; EEO 30, Other Professionals, Angela Bradshaw, Carol Hurula, Selma Johnson, Barbara Simpkins, Feon Smith; EEO 40, Technical & Paraprofessional, Nina Barrett, Tom Dorsey, Kimberly Fry, Patsy Stephenson, Joe Wortham; EEO 50, Clerical, Bernice

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Staff Council to Elect Chair, Board Reps

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election to choose the Staff Council Chair and representatives to the institutional Board of Governors (IBOG) and the Advisory Council for Classified Employees (ACCE).

Mike Dunn and Stephanie Neal are running for chair and representative to ACCE, respectively. Sherri Noble and Jody Perry are running for IBOG representative.

Absentee voting will be available on Friday, April 1 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Staff Council Office (Morrow Library Room 123) and from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in Room 101 A on the South Charleston campus.

E-voting will be available beginning at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6 and ending on Thursday, April 7 at 4 p.m.

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Note of Thanks

I would like to thank my Marshall University family of friends for all your support during my recent surgery. I really appreciate all your prayers, thoughts, cards, and flowers. You'll never know how much you brightened my days.

Linda Mollohan

Mitchell has been teaching math at Marshall for about 20 years. She is a Huntington native, and a graduate of Huntington East High School and Marshall.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics," Mitchell said. "The members of this organization are passionate about their involvement with efforts to improve and to support K-16 mathematics education in West Virginia."

Department chair Ralph Oberste-Vorth said he is thrilled that Mitchell won the award. "It's certainly well deserved," he said.

Mitchell has won other teaching awards while at Marshall. Two of the more significant ones were in 1994-1995, when she won the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, and in 1995, when she was named West Virginia Professor of the Year by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Council for Advancement and Support of Education for extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching. She was the first Marshall professor to win this award.

Presidential Gallery Adds 9 New Exhibits

The Presidential Gallery in Interim President Michael J. Farrell's Old Main office continues to grow.

Nine new exhibits from eight students recently were added to the gallery, which features student artwork from the Department of Art and Design in the College of Fine Arts.

Farrell chose to use student artwork in the president's office to emphasize the importance of Marshall's students and to capture the essence and diversity of the campus.

Michael Cornfeld, associate professor of art and design, said the artwork was chosen based on the quality of work and professional look. Pieces chosen also represent the different areas of concentration within the department, including painting, graphic design, sculpture and print making.

Each student will receive a certificate and will have a picture taken with Farrell in front of his or her artwork.

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Critical Thinking Elements Do Students Perceive as Important Characteristics in a Teacher Education Program," written by Sissy Isaacs, **Dr. Ruth Ann Murphy, and Dr. James Sottile**; "Developmentally Appropriate Assessment Practices for Young Children," written by **Janet Dozier**; "Association of Knowledge, Attitudes, and Self-efficacy with Sexual Behaviors Among High School students in Colombia, South America," written by **Dr. Howard R. D. Gordon** and Zuma Hernandez.

Dr. Howard R. D. Gordon and graduate student Claudia Coleman had an article, "Association of Test Anxiety and Selected Variables on the Performance of Adult and Technical Education and Psychology Students," accepted for presentation at the 27th annual Hawaii Educational Research Association.

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of chemical and spectrochemical analytical reference materials. He also is vice chair of Marshall's Campaign for National Prominence and a strong supporter of the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, The Thunder Club and the Erickson Alumni Center Building Fund. Brammer and his wife, Sylvia Max Brammer, are major supporters of the Society of Yeager Scholars. He also has endowed several scholarships, including one in memory of his first wife, Connie Sue Pelphrey Brammer.

Plymale is serving his third four-year term in the West Virginia Senate. He was first elected in 1992. In previous years, he also has served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Pensions; vice-chairman of the Senate Committee on Education; vice-chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources; and co-chairman of the Forest Management Review Commission. Plymale is chairman of the Senate Education Committee and a ranking member of Senate Finance. In 2003, he was appointed to the Southern Regional Education Board of Control by Gov. Bob Wise. Plymale is employed by the Nick J. Rahall Appalachian Transportation Institute. He also serves in various public and community organizations, including the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Cabell County Senior Service Organization, and the Wayne County Economic Development Authority, and is on the board of directors of the Huntington Museum of Art.

The Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award will be presented to Dr. Rudy Pauley, associate professor and program director for elementary and secondary education in South Charleston. Pauley has been the leader for the development and establishment of Marshall's latest doctoral programs for the South Charleston campus. He is coordinator of that campus' Web CT users group and is strongly supportive of the distance education efforts to deliver graduate instruction to students in many rural areas of the state and the region. Pauley serves on the Kanawha County School superintendent's advisory board and School to Work committee.

Two Nancy Pelphrey Herd Village Scholarships will be awarded. These scholarships, one to a cheerleader and one to a marching band member, were established in 1998 by the MUAA board of directors in honor of Nancy Pelphrey, Herd Village coordinator. Funds for the scholarship come from proceeds from Herd Village tailgating events. Brittney Hughart, a culinary arts major from Ona, will be presented with the Cheerleader Scholarship, and Nicholas Slate, an integrated science and technology major from Charleston, will receive the Marching Band Scholarship.

The Cam Henderson Scholarship Award will go to Ian Gray O'Connor, a sophomore science major from Knoxville, Tenn. O'Connor is on the dean's list, and is a member of the Thundering Herd football team.

The Boone County Club was chosen as the Alumni Association Club of the Year for the third year in a row.

Here is the complete list of Alumni Weekend activities:

Friday, April 15

- The first official event of Alumni Weekend is a Champagne Reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Drinko Library third-floor atrium. The reception is for individuals who have contributed to the Erickson Alumni Center campaign.
- To make a contribution to the EAC Campaign, persons may call Hudson at (304) 696-2901 or (800) MUALUMX. They also may donate online, designating their gift to the EAC.

Saturday, April 16

- Get Together, Meet, Greet, Reminisce and Tell All Breakfast for the Class of 1955, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel.
- The Class Luncheon will honor the 50th reunion class (1955) and the 60th reunion class (1945). They will be joined by the Grand Class – those who graduated before 1955. The event is from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the John Marshall Room in the Memorial Student Center. The cost is \$20 per person. Lunch is complimentary for members of the classes of 1945 and 1955.
- Library Associates' Arts and Crafts Fair is open to all Marshall employees, alumni and friends to sell their arts and crafts. It is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center lobby and the Alumni Lounge.
- The Annual Green & White Spring Football Game, which marks the end to Marshall's spring practice, begins at 4 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Cost is \$5 per person. For tickets, persons may call (304) 696-HERD or (800) THE-HERD.
- A financial planning program, Maintaining Your Life Records, will be conducted from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the John Spotts Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center. The speaker will be The Marshall University Foundation Inc.'s Director of Planned Giving, Mandilyn J. Hart, CTFA (Certified Trust and Financial Advisor). The program is designed to help people maintain a complete overview of their financial picture. Attendees will be provided with a tool to organize their personal financial records and estate planning documents.
- The President's Social will be at the Memorial Student Center Plaza from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and precede the awards banquet.

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Paper ballot voting will be available for Plant Operations staff in the Sorrell Maintenance Building (Room 200 - Physical Plant Office) and Holderby Hall (Residence Services Office – Room 102) on Tuesday, April 12 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. for day employees and at Old Main Custodial Room (B-15), from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. and the Athletic Ticket Office in the Henderson Center (Room 2022) from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for the night shift.

Absentee and paper ballot voting require the staff member to show her/his MU ID in order to vote.

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Bullock, Lisa Imperi, Leonard Lovely, Leslie Lucas, LuAnn South; EEO 60, Skilled Crafts, and 70, Service/Maintenance, Ronnie Hicks, Barbara Black, Betty Hazlett, Shirley Oden, Terry Olson.

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director of the hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, and medical director of the St. Mary's Hospital Early Defibrillation Program. A member of Marshall's Academy of Medical Educators, she has received more than a dozen awards for her teaching and medical service.

Physicians in the "Local Legends" gallery are recognized by members of their state's congressional delegation. Bateman was selected by Rep. Shelley Moore Capito and Wehner by Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV and Rep. Nick J. Rahall.