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## Mooney Joins Board of Governors; Presidential Search Begins

Retired Brig. Gen. H.F. Mooney, Jr. of Charleston has been appointed to Marshall University's board of governors and was sworn in Jan. 19.

Mooney, a Democrat, replaced Michael J. Farrell, who resigned on Dec. 17 to accept the position of interim



Retired Brig. Gen. H.F. Mooney, Jr. (right) is sworn in as a member of the Marshall University board of governors by Judge Dan O'Hanlon (left).

president at Marshall. Mooney's term runs through June 30, 2007. He was sworn in at MU's board meeting at the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.

Former West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise appointed Mooney to Marshall's board on Dec. 28.

"This is a very critical time in Marshall's history," Mooney said. "We're at the dawning of a new century, and the dawning of hiring a new president at Marshall. It's the explosion of the information age, an exciting time to be in higher education."

Mooney also was approved as a member of Marshall's Presidential Search and Screening Committee, which met formally for the first time after the Jan. 19 board meeting. All members of the board of governors, along with four non-BOG members, are on the search committee.

"There won't be a more important decision that we make than choosing the guy who drives the ship,"

### *In Memoriam: Dr. Paul Balshaw*

The Marshall community continues to mourn the passing of distinguished professor of music Paul Balshaw on Jan. 14. The university will conduct a memorial service at a time and place to be announced.

Mooney said of the presidential search.

Mooney, a 1954 graduate of West Virginia University and a two-time graduate of Ohio University, was a highly decorated career officer in the U.S. Army. He did combat duty in the Korean and Vietnam wars, taking a physical disability retirement in 1977. He has been in business since.

The search committee today voted to give co-chairpersons A. Michael Perry and Menis Ketchum the authority to narrow the field of consulting services that will be considered to two or three. The committee then will meet with representatives from those services before hiring one to assist in the search.

The co-chairs also plan to develop "a statement of characteristics and qualities of a president." In an effort to seek input for this process, they will conduct a series

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## Sharon Booth is Employee of the Month

Sharon Booth, program assistant II in the Department of Residence Services, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for December according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

A Marshall employee for seven years, she was nominated by Winston Baker.

In his nomination Baker said, "Sharon Booth...is an excellent employee. She has many superior qualities to

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Sharon Booth (second from right) received the Employee of the Month Award from Dr. H. Keith Spears, Vice President for Communications and Marketing (far right). With them are a host of Booth's coworkers, including Winston Baker, Director of Residence Services (far left), who nominated her.

# Winters, Bernard to Fill New Roles at Marshall

John Winters has been named Director of Printing Services effective January 3. He replaces Shirley Dyer, who retired last year after 42 years of service to Marshall University.

Winters previously worked in University Communications and more recently as a Publications Specialist in Enrollment Management.

"We are so pleased that we were able to find someone with John's expertise and knowledge of the university," said Dr. Karen Kirtley, Assistant Vice President for Administration.

In addition, the Printing Services Department is reminding faculty and staff of the purchasing policy that has been in effect since 1998. Specifically, "...it is University policy that ALL departments must submit any copying, designing, printing and binding services through the Printing Services Department. All such submittals will be reviewed by the Director of Printing Services. Regardless of dollar value, this will include credit card and requisitioned (purchase order) purchases."

Also, according to Printing Services, "If the work cannot be done by the Printing Services Department or by the desired delivery date, the Director will authorize the work to be procured by credit card or through Purchasing using a requisition please pay particular attention to the fact that this policy includes credit card purchases. These must be approved by the Director before the printing can be completed."

## St. Mary's, Marshall Sign Agreement for Cardiac Services

Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., dean of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and Michael G. Sellards, president and CEO of St. Mary's Medical Center, recently signed a 10-year agreement that ensures a strong tie between the school's cardiac program and St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute.

This agreement is the result of a commitment on the part of the school and St. Mary's to collaborate in the development, implementation and ongoing review and assessment of clinical and operational protocols for St.

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Valerie L. Bernard has been named director of Marshall University's Career Services Center as of Jan. 3.

Bernard has a master's degree from Marshall in Adult Education (Training & Development) and has been an adjunct faculty in the Adult & Technical Education Department.

Career Services works with students as they seek employment opportunities by offering career coaching, resume writing and other job related activities.

"It's a great opportunity for students to utilize our service and they can use this service while they're still in school," Bernard said. "I'm very excited to be associated with Marshall."

Bernard originated and led Executive Training Centers, Inc., a training and sales company. Formerly she served as Director of the Mason County WV Gear-Up Program and as Public Relations Chair for Mason County's Building for Academic Excellence Program.

"We are excited to have Valerie on board," said Patricia G. Gallagher, recruiting coordinator.

## Cox Receives 2005 Sasakawa Fellowship

Jonathan Cox, associate professor of Art, is one of 20 faculty members nationwide who have been selected to receive a 2005 Sasakawa Fellowship.

Offered through the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the fellowships offer faculty members an intensive one-month experience designed to study aspects of Japanese life and culture with the aim of incorporating information about Japan into undergraduate courses.

This year's institute will take place in June at San Diego State University. Participants will have an opportunity to learn from scholars, business leaders, artists and journalists about Japanese civilization, history, language, business and education.

While modern Japan is the focus for the program, participants are provided a foundation in the pre-modern history and culture of Japan as well.

Cox, a sculptor, says he is eager to learn about the country and its culture. "I've been interested in Japanese culture for a number of years, but I don't know a whole lot about it," he says. "I've read a good deal about Japanese gardens, architecture and art. This will be a good time for me to settle in and learn more about the country."

The institute will involve seminars, lectures, readings, films and cultural activities related to Japanese history, culture, literature, government, business, language and education.

Cox says he plans to visit Japan in the summer of 2006. "I'd like to work and study in Kyoto for a good part of the summer," he says. "I have ideas about artwork and I think this fellowship will encourage and inspire me. I'm excited to have the exchange with other colleagues and faculty from around the country. This will be a great opportunity for me to settle in and really study about Japan."

Dr. Karl Winton, from Marshall's Communication Studies department, received a Sasakawa fellowship in 2004.

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## Profile: Linda Rhodes

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Linda Rhodes

She's a 'Honey' of a clown in an M & M disguise. She delights in entertaining children and others with her warm funny antics—that is, when she's not at her desk in the Admissions Office at the graduate college on the South Charleston campus.

Linda Rhodes knows both the Huntington and the South Charleston campuses well. She worked in the Registrar's office in Huntington for more than five years before accepting a job in the Kanawha Valley.

Married to a Methodist minister, she's used to moving to new areas and starting over. But no matter where the Rhodes family has ended up, she's always found work and good things to like about her community.

A native of Kenna, in Jackson County, Rhodes graduated from Ripley High School and shortly thereafter went to work in Jackson County for the Department of Human Services.

After her marriage, the Rhodes family settled into a comfortable existence. Her husband worked full-time for Union Carbide for 12 years and was a part-time pastor of a series of churches before making the momentous decision in 1983 to leave his job to enter seminary on the road to becoming a full-time minister. With her excellent skills and warm personality, Rhodes had no difficulty finding work wherever they moved. When they located to Mannington for several years she was introduced to the academic world when she found employment at Fairmont State College in the language and literature department. While at Fairmont State, although a relatively new employee, her dedication and her exemplary job skills won her accolades that led to her being named the staff Employee of the Year.

When their ministerial odyssey led them to Huntington, Rhodes quickly found employment at Marshall working in the registrar's office. She stayed there for over five years. Knowing that her husband, Steven, would soon be transferred to the St. Peter's United Methodist Church in St. Albans, she was delighted when a position opened up on the South Charleston campus in March, 1999, keeping track of graduating students. The job was a good fit for her from the beginning.

But she did miss her Huntington coworkers. She still keeps in touch with them as well as many of her Fairmont colleagues. And while her duties now are somewhat different, she's found her niche. "I love the atmosphere here and I work with terrific people," she says enthusiastically.

One of the things Rhodes likes best about her job is the hooding ceremony that takes place each May on the Thursday before Commencement.

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support this description. She is extremely dedicated to our department and the University. A likeable and respected employee at Marshall University, she has been a coach and mentor to many in our department. She is one who teaches by example. Her standards are high because she truly cares about the quality of her work. Yet, during those unexpected times when the work load seems to quadruple, she rarely complains. She always is willing to do what it takes to help the department."

She was presented a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by Dr. H. Keith Spears, vice president for Communications and Marketing.

## New Paint Job Gives Locomotive Engine 'Thundering Herd' Look

Ohio River Terminals, Co. in Huntington has been a neighbor of Marshall University for more than 75 years. And its manager, Otis (Ott) Adkins, describes himself as a big Marshall fan.

So, it stands to reason that Adkins must have had something to do with the new, distinctive paint job on one of his company's working locomotive engines. This particular engine, which pulls coal-hauling rail cars to the Ohio River Terminals dock, where the coal is loaded onto barges, is painted Marshall green and white, and features the Thundering Herd logo.

"We wanted to do something to show our support," Adkins said. "We're just doing this because we love Marshall ... we ARE Marshall."



Otis Adkins (inset) arranged for this locomotive engine to be given a "Thundering Herd" paint job.

The parent company of Ohio River Terminals, Co., is Ingram Barge Lines of Nashville, Adkins said. The job of painting the engine, done by CSX, took only a few days, he said.

Adkins said the engine is not the only way his company is supporting Marshall. He recently instituted a safety

incentive program that will reward the 30 or so employees at Ohio River Terminals, Co., with what he considers an unbeatable experience.

"If they make it until the beginning of the (2005) football season with no lost-time injury, I'm going to take all of them to the first home game of the season," he said.

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Graduate students are honored in separate ceremonies in both Huntington and Charleston in which each student receives individual recognition and is hooded by a faculty member.

"It's a lot of work for the whole staff," she says, "But it's worth it. The ceremony is a tradition and each student receives special recognition."

Rhodes became interested in the clown ministry several years ago and took a couple of seminars and workshops. She was a natural from the beginning.

"It's fun," she says. "It's centered around the church and community, a real family activity. I knew it would be rewarding and it has been. Children just accept you. It's wonderful to entertain them and make them laugh."

She chose Honey as her clown name and went looking for a suitable costume. Since costumes are integral to a clown's personality, it had to be just right. Like the old adage, she wasn't sure what she was looking for but she knew she would know it when she saw it. Sure enough, colorful fabric printed with M & M candies caught her eye in a fabric shop and Honey was born. With some light face painting and topped with a fuzzy orange red wig, Honey was ready to make her debut.

"Your personality changes when you're in costume," Rhodes relates. "You have a mask, something you can hide behind. Clowns are cheery and funny and everyone can relate to them, young and old."

She's happy to clown around whenever possible and her goal is to be able to become more active in visiting nursing homes and children's wards in hospitals. But right now her personal schedule is close to overflowing.

Musically inclined since she was a small child, she made her singing debut at age two when her proud father stood her on a piano bench and she sang for a delighted audience. "I've been involved in the church and in music all my life," she says reflectively.

With her love of music, she's very versatile. She sings in her church choir, she's been a member of a quartet in the past and she often fills in for the church pianist at Charleston's West Side United Methodist Church where her husband is the pastor. When her long-time supervisor, Ken O'Neal, retired last fall, she played the piano throughout the reception given in his honor.

These days she's a doting grandmother to her five grandchildren, ages three to eight, and excited about the sixth one who is due at the end of January. Her son Steven Jr., or Charlie as he is known to the family, is a Marshall graduate and lives in Proctorville, Ohio. Daughter Lisa lives in Mannington and is taking advantage of Marshall's distance education offerings to complete a master's degree in Special Education.

Right now the Rhodes family is engrossed in building a retirement home in Jackson County. It's an exciting project, taking up much of their time and they're looking forward to using it on weekends and in the summer before retirement beckons.

Throughout her life, Rhodes has been extremely flexible and adaptable, taking each of the many moves her family has made in stride and with good humor. "You have to be adaptable if you're a minister's wife, because you play so many roles," she says with a smile.

## Last of Fairfield Stadium



Marshall's old Fairfield Stadium is almost completely history now as the site is prepared for the medical school's Clinical Education and Outreach Center.

## St. Mary's, Marshall

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Mary's Regional Heart Institute in order to create an integrated continuum of cardiac care.

Marshall physician Dr. Mark Studeny, an interventional cardiologist, and Dr. Jeffrey George, a cardiothoracic surgeon formerly in private practice, were named as co-medical directors of St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute. Dr. George and his associate, Dr. Edward Setser, will join Dr. Dennis Moritz and Dr. Arthur Mcunu in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery of Marshall's Department of Cardiovascular Services, in offices located on the St. Mary's campus.

"This collaboration will provide benefits for doctors in training as well as patients," McKown said. "This agreement permits our Department of Cardiovascular Services to expand our cardiology and cardiothoracic medical and surgical services at St. Mary's Medical Center and other sites in our community and region."

The agreement provides for day-to-day input from physicians and working groups regarding continued advances in cardiac services at St. Mary's and is inclusive of all physicians providing cardiac services at St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute.

"This agreement exemplifies St. Mary's commitment to collaborate with these physicians to assist with the planning and implementation of our mission to better serve the healthcare needs of our community," Sellards said. "Our continued close working relationship with the Medical School is integral to our continued success as the Tri-State's most experienced cardiac program."

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of constituent group meetings from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

A separate meeting will be scheduled for input from Kanawha Valley /Charleston area's community leaders.