

Retired: Great teacher reflects

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has allowed him the privilege of exploring those passions in his everyday life.

"I have a passion for cultural life and civic life and I want to be involved in it," Marshall said. "You're very fortunate if you have a job that allows you to exercise your passions, and I've had that good fortune. I've had an academic career that has allowed me to exercise my passion for books and reading, intellectual ideas, dialogue, discussion and culture."

The level of passion that Marshall brings to his art has allowed him to find enjoyment in his career and inspire many students.

Junior Paul Henderson values the level of dedication that Marshall shows to his students.

"What's most striking about Dr. Marshall is his humility," Henderson said. "He graduated from two of the most premier, prestigious academic institutions in the United States, and he still has the humility to speak with students – freshmen, sophomores, juniors. He adds to class discussions in ways that are helpful, rather than overpowering. The man could turn a class discussion into a lecture."

Throughout his time at Pepperdine, Marshall has become much loved. In his office, Marshall has col-

lected magnets, given to him by students, of authors read in his Great Books class. He even has a talking Dr. Laura doll and Nigerian masks.

So, when inquiring about what he will miss the most after retiring, Marshall does not hesitate.

"Unquestionably, the students," Marshall said. "The best part of my life, in working at Pepperdine, is the discussions in my Great Books classes, where I'm asking questions, students are offering their ideas, and I'm watching this exchange of thoughts and ideas. Most of the time, these discussions are very engaging, interesting and revealing, and I really feel like I'm learning things. It's very illuminating."

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The impact that Marshall has made on Pepperdine University will forever remain in the lives of his students, like senior Eloisa Alvarez.

Having taken all four semesters of the Great Books Colloquium, she has been enriched by both his wisdom and his zeal.

"His laugh is contagious, as is his joy for learning and academia," Alvarez said. "I am so thankful to have had the privilege of learning and working with Dr. Marshall. He has been the most influential professor I have had at Pepperdine University."

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