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Graduate College, Marshall forge new ties

Bonds between Marshall University and the West Virginia Graduate College have blossomed in recent years, resulting in a formalized "cooperation agreement" between the two schools.

A "contractual resolution" outlined the close relationship and signed by WVWC President Dennis P. Prisk and MU President J. Wade Gilley was presented to the University System Board of Trustees, meeting at the Graduate College's new headquarters in South Charleston.

"While West Virginia Graduate College and Marshall University have cooperated closely together for years, the last few years, the new arrangement gives us a mandate to work together even more closely in terms of expanding educational and economic opportunities for West Virginians," Prisk said. "This is very much in line with Senate Bill 547 and Governor J. P. Dilley's initiatives for "Quality and Efficiency" principle for higher education in West Virginia."

The two schools in 1994 jointly established a Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences in response to the need to provide additional educational opportunities and research in support of the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Since then, they have begun sharing facilities, have enrolled about 70 students in master's degree programs in environmental engineering and environmental science, and have employed four faculty members on a shared basis and have jointly obtained more than $2 million in federal and private grants and contracts.

Under the new coordination agreement, WVWC and Marshall plan to implement a computerized joint admission/registration system, a joint library system, a common electronic World Wide Web site in developing a "Metro Valley" initiative, a joint degree program in management technology, and permanent multimedia classroom linkages.

"We have proved that we can accomplish more while spending less if we work as team," Gilley said. "By formalizing our close affiliation, we can do even more—not only for our students, but for the taxpayers of West Virginia. And we believe it makes good sense for both of us."

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Award goes to Stockwell

Linda Stockwell of Huntington, a counselor in the Student Development Office, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for February, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Stockwell has worked for the university for eight years.

She was nominated for the award by Dr. Donna Lee Cockrille, dean of students, and Steve Hensley, associate dean of student affairs.

In making the nomination, Cockrille said, "During the past seven years, I have had the privilege to be a colleague of an outstanding member of Marshall University's staff. She recently was acknowledged by Student Affairs by a Commitment to Excellence Award. It is for this commitment that I am recommending Linda Stockwell as Employee of the Month."

"During my tenure at Marshall, I have had the opportunity to work with Linda on many projects. She demonstrates integrity, commitment and dedication to improving student lives. Coupled with outstanding performance in her job, she models what is best for Marshall University and our students."

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Corporate leaders will take part in program

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of West Virginia in Huntington in 1963. After five years in the U.S. Air Force where he attained the rank of captain, Lowe re­turned to C&P in 1968. He held positions of increasing respon­sibility and in 1988 was transferred to Bell Atlantic corporate headquarters.

Lowe became vice president for corporate relations and ad­vertising for Bell Atlantic and served in that capacity until he accepted a position as district manager and vice president for C&P Telephone of Virginia in 1996. He was elected presi­dent and chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic of West Virginia in 1993.

He serves as chair of the West Virginia Council for Commu­nity and Economic Development and is a board member of the West Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, One Valley Bancorp Inc., One Valley Bank in Charleston, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Beckley Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Roundtable and the Business and Industrial Development Corporation of Kanawha Valley.

Lowe is a trustee of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education and serves on the advisory council and faculty of the Pamplin Business College at Virginia Tech. He serves on the West Vir­ginia University Business College Visiting Committee and is a member of the Marshall University Foundation.

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"Linda is a professional who is ever aware of the significance of one person in changing the life of a student. She is keenly alert to the sensitivity involved in students' requests for direction and approaches such problem-solving with insight, compassion and directness. She has the ability to get the student to understand his or her role in empowering ways without actually telling the student what to do. This, of course, requires great skill. Linda not only dem­onstrates such skill, but consistently exemplifies the confidence that allows students to see possibilities for their personal and professional lives."

"Linda Stockwell demonstrates a gifted understanding of her professional responsibilities as well as the ability to get students to focus upon critical issues. For these reasons, I recommend her for Employee of the Month Recognition."

Stockwell will receive a plaque and $100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

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that's exactly what the Legislature and Governor Caperton had in mind when they approved Senate Bill 547 last year. Future possibilities include:

Common degree programs becoming joint programs, combin­ing administrative functions and services of the two institutions, development of a comprehensive plan for graduate degree pro­grams to serve the region, and joint administrative appointments along with additional joint faculty appointments.

Director returns for MU 'Women of Color Day'

A "Women of Color Day" program will be held Monday, March 4, at Marshall University beginning at 10 a.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in the Morris Room in Memorial University's Student Center.

The program, coordinated by Fran L. Jackson, program assis­tant II in Marshall's African American Students' Program Office, and Sandra Clements, counselor II in the MU Student Devel­opment Office, will provide a forum for students, faculty, adminstrators and community residents to assess the roles of women of color in society and on the Marshall University cam­pus.

"Songs Our Mother Sang" by Steal Walton Whitehead will be the opening program. It will include the presentation and dis­cussion of songs and stories traditionally used by mothers over the years. The presentation will be followed by a global fashion show.

The women's forum will be held at 2 p.m. Topics will include "Single Mothers In School," "Women and Drugs," "Women and Abusive Relationships," "Young Adult Pregnancy/STDs," "Women of Color in the Workplace," "Relationships (Waiting to Exhale)" and "Women Empowerment Issues."

Following the forum, cultural activities including music and poetry will be featured by students, faculty and community residents will be presented.

Queen Foreman McMilller, former director of human resources at National Association of Home Builders, will present a short play titled "IfAnybody Ask You Who I Am...Tell Them I'm A Child of God" by Roosevelt Wright Jr. will be presented following the forum's address. The play will be directed by Stephanie Riley, Marshall University student body vice pres­i­dent.

The "Women of Color Day" activities will be open to the pub­lic free of charge. The first 75 people to attend the opening program and the forum at 2 p.m. will receive a free souvenir bag. A silent auction will be set up in the Mem­orial Student Center lobby throughout the day.

To obtain further details contact the African American Students' Program Office at Marshall University, 304-696-6705.

‘Third House’ scheduled

The 1996 performance of The Third House, a spoof based on activities of legislators and other West Virginia officials, will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 8 p.m. at the Cultural Center in the Student Center.

Members of the capitol press corps impersonate government newsmakers in the show that is sponsored by the Marshall Uni­versity Journalism Alumni Association.

Proceeds from the show benefit Marshall's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Tickets, which cost $20, cover the performance and a recep­tion afterward. Tickets are available in the Marshall University Alumni Affairs Office, 696-3134, or from Beverly McCoy in the University Relations Office, 696-2584.

Grant applications due

Applications for the West Virginia EPSCOR Proposal Prepa­ration Mini-Grants Program must be submitted by March 25, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the Marshall Uni­versity Graduate School.

The program is designed to aid tenured or tenure-track faculty in the preparation of scientific research or research equipment proposals for submission to external agencies or foundations.

Grants of $3,000 in salary will be provided for an uninter­rupted summer month for a faculty member to write a full-fledged proposal to be submitted to an external agency or foundation before the end of the 1996 fall semester.

Preference will be given to those who show promise but who have not previously been in securing external support for their research in the sciences.

Applications must be submitted to the EPSCOR Office. To obtain further information contact the office at 304-696-3234, assistance for research and graduate education at Marshall’s School of Medicine, 696-7330.