Marshall receives $6 million from state for library

The state on Monday, Aug. 19, awarded $6 million to Marshall University ensuring construction of the new technologically sophisticated library/information center, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Gilley said a contract for the proposed $28 million project may be awarded as soon as next week.

The West Virginia Legislature in 1995 authorized the sale of $10 million in bonds to fund various projects with $25 million of that going to capital improvements at state institutions of higher education.

Approximately 15 universities and colleges requested money for infrastructure improvements.

Marshall University was the largest construction project recommended by the five-member committee.

Gilley stressed that the university still needs to raise funds to pay for ongoing building maintenance needed around the entire facility, staff administrators, alumni and friends of Marshall University to make contributions.

MU and ACC develop "Two-Plus-Two" program

A new cooperative program developed by Marshall University and Ashland (Ky.) Community College will make it easier for area residents to obtain a four-year baccalaureate degree in business administration, according to a joint announcement released by MU President J. Wade Gilley and ACC President Charles R. Dassance.

The "Two-Plus-Two" agreement will allow students who complete the two-year associate degree program in Business Technology at ACC to enroll at Marshall for the final two years of study required for a bachelor's degree in business administration.

"The agreement assures ACC graduates who wish to obtain the four-year degree that they can transfer without loss of credits or having to spend additional time with prerequisites," explained Gilley. "The 'Two-Plus-Two' creates new and expanded opportunities for Ashland students."

Noren is named chair

United States Army Lt. Col. Thomas R. Noren has been named professor and executive director of the Military Science Department at Marshall University, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

A native of Michigan, Noren received his commission in 1975 from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a bachelor of science degree. He received a master's degree in chemical engineering from Vanderbilt University.

His military education includes the Signal Officer's Basic and Advance courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and the Department of Defense Systems Management College, Program Management Course. He recently was selected to attend the U.S. Army War College.

Noren's prior assignments include the Department of Defense assistance operations and training officer for the 33rd Signal Battalion and aide-de-camp to the commanding general for the 172nd Infantry Brigade at Fort Richardson, Ark.

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Environmental incubator opens

Marshall University's Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences has opened its Environmental Management Center.

According to Dr. James West, coordinator and executive director of Marshall's environmental programs, the $450,000 facility should provide opportunities for getting a job or promotion while completing the bachelor's degree at Marshall.

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Dr. James W. Hooper, left, executive director of Marshall University’s economic development programs, presents a plaque to Congressman Nick Joe Rahall II during the grand opening of the university’s Environmental Management Incubator. Hooper recognized Rahall for his support and interest in the state-of-the-art facility.

Environmental incubator in 206 Gullickson Hall

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and the business opportunities that arise from environmental emphasis and regulations.

Hooper said the incubator is expected to help retain existing businesses and the success or failure of existing businesses. I believe this program will have profound benefits for industry and potential new business ventures.

“This project fits in well with the goals and mission of our Center for Environmental Geotechnical and Applied Sciences. It also is an excellent example of the emphasis the university is placing on new technologies and our desire to work with area business and industry to help the community. It also is an excellent example for local families to learn about foreign cultures,” said Edwards.

“Environmental programs can have a tremendous impact on the establishment of new enterprises and can have a positive impact on area business and industry,” said Dr. sundra, associate dean of the MU College of Business, will coordinate the program at Marshall.

"We have enjoyed an outstanding relationship over the years with the military through the ROTC and Military Science programs,” said Doan. “We are fortunate to have had a succession of superlative officers lead the department. Lt. Col. Noreen is another in that distinguished line of commanders. His educational background is first class and his military service is exceptional. We are very pleased he has joined our program.”

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Preschool program set

Marshall University’s Autism Training Center and Cabell County Schools are sponsoring a preschool program for four-year-old children.

Children are being sought to serve as role models for four children with autism. The program will provide a typical preschool curriculum including crafts, music and outdoor play. The program will follow the Cabell County school schedule and will be offered Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. beginning Sept. 9. There will be a fee of $200 per child.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Jennifer McFarland at the Autism Training Center, 696-2611.

CEGAS doing research

Marshall University’s Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences recently was awarded a $60,155 contract by Mason Research Incorporated in Point Pleasant to develop a Health, Safety and Environmental Protocol for the U.S. Navy Fire Support Program, Louisville, Ky.

The first portion of the multi-phase effort involving the development of an initial draft protocol that incorporates mitigating procedures and processes for health, safety and environmental (HSE) impact has been completed, according to Dr. James W. Hooper, executive director of Marshall’s Office of Research and Economic Development.

Dr. Tony Szwilski, who holds a joint appointment as professor of environmental science with Marshall and the West Virginia Graduate College, is the principal investigator for the project.

Szwilski said the work involves the development of environmental safety and health procedures for Naval surface weapon systems.

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Library schedule given

Marshall University’s James E. Morow Library will be closed Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24-25, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The library’s fall full schedule will begin Monday, Aug. 26. The library also will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 31 through Sept. 2, for the Labor Day holiday.