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NEWSLETTER

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Cockrille named interim associate dean

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of women's programs and a staff counselor in the Student Development Office at Marshall University, has been named interim associate dean of student activities, according to Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration at Marshall.

Cockrille will serve in the interim position until a full-time dean of students is named.

She will be responsible for planning and coordinating activities in the offices of Judicial Affairs, Greek Affairs, Student Activities, Student Government and Student Legal Aid.

Sporny receives grant

Stanley Sporny, assistant professor of art at Marshall University, has been awarded a \$20,000 Art-in-Architecture Grant by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide art works for the new wing of the Huntington VA Medical Center.

The subject of "water" will be the main theme of Sporny's 12-painting project for the Medical Center's new wing.

"Veterans come to a hospital because they are hurting or have some kind of worrisome health problem," Sporny said. "Through my paintings depicting rivers and streams in the area, I hope to alleviate some of the anxiety they might feel. A feeling of peacefulness can come over the troubled mind when it dwells on water and all it can mean."

Sporny said that more than half of his efforts will be a gift to the veterans. He said the retail value of the art work would exceed \$54,000.

There is also a distinct possibility that The Artist Fund, a venture capital consortium that is marketing art from West Virginia, will back the publication of Sporny's images to further benefit the veterans.

"This is a great, great honor," Sporny said.

Bid suggestions sought

Marshall University's Department of Auxiliary Services is in the process of developing bid specifications for the campus vending machine service.

Mona Arnold, director of Auxiliary Services, requests that any suggestions concerning the placement of new products or new machines, such as microwave ovens or bill changers, be forwarded to her in writing by Feb. 19.

Comments should be summarized by department. Arnold said each suggestion will be considered, though it may not be possible to implement each idea.

"Dr. Cockrille has agreed to assume these additional duties on an interim basis with the understanding that counseling assignments will be shared with other personnel when possible," said Grose.

Cockrille received her bachelor's degree in education from West Virginia State College, her master's degree in counseling from Marshall and her doctoral degree in curriculum development and educational administration from West Virginia University.

Prior to joining the Marshall staff in 1988, she worked at the Pretera Mental Health Center, served as a crisis intervention project director for the Huntington Police Department and taught school in Kanawha, Wayne and Preston counties.

She has been involved in numerous professional and community organizations and has been a member of the West Virginia Council for the Social Studies, the Women In Higher Education Association, the West Virginia Counseling Association, the West Virginia Association for Student Personnel Administrators and the National Association for Curriculum Development. She formerly

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Black History Month events

Monday, Feb. 15--Actor Giancarlo Esposito, who appeared in Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" and "School Daze" will make a presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room. A reception will follow his presentation.

Friday, Feb. 19--A Talent Show will be held beginning at 8 p.m. in Marcos. There will be a \$1 admission charge.

Tuesday, Feb. 23--Joseph Davis, president of the Black United Students' Organization at Marshall University, will make a presentation at 7 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

Thursday, Feb. 25--Gospel Night featuring the Marshall University Mass Choir and choirs from area churches will be held beginning at 7 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room.

Sunday, Feb. 28--A Soul Food Feast will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Campus Christian Center. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased at the MU Office of African American Students' Programs located in Memorial Student Center Room IW25.

To obtain further details call 696-6705.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. MAJED KHADER, reference librarian at James E. Morrow Library, attended the Association of Library and Information Science Education annual conference held Jan. 19-22 in Denver, Colo., and the American Library Association (ALA) midwinter meeting held Jan. 22-28 in

Development grants available

Marshall University's Faculty Development Committee is accepting applications for grants for faculty development activities, according to Dr. Steve Shuklian, committee secretary.

The committee has \$2,000 to help faculty members attend conferences, workshops and seminars that will help them enhance their research, teaching and technical skills. The funds will be used to help faculty members attend meetings for the purpose of learning, rather than for the presentation of papers.

All members of the Marshall University faculty are eligible for funding. Awards will be limited to \$400 per year on a competitive basis. Applicants cannot receive more than two awards in a five-year period. Funds will not be granted to obtain equipment or advanced degrees.

Application forms are available from Stephanie Neal in the Faculty Senate Office, Northcott Hall Room 209A (696-4376).

Completed applications should be sent to Donald Hall, Human Development and Allied Technology, Harris Hall Room 343D. The application deadline will be March 1.

Projects funded through this cycle of grants must be completed by Sept. 30.

To obtain further details contact individual college representatives to the Faculty Development Committee.

Internship established

The AFL-CIO has established a Labor Research Internship Program to allow an outstanding graduate student to work in the AFL-CIO Economic Research Department for one year beginning July 1, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Marshall University Graduate School.

The salary is \$475 per week. Health insurance coverage for the intern and dependents will be provided. The application deadline is March 1.

To obtain further details contact the Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to express my appreciation for the cards and letters that I received from faculty and staff members following the death of my father on Christmas day.

Sincerely,
Monica Valentovic

Denver. He was asked to serve on the ALA/Social Responsibilities Roundtable, International Human Rights Task Force.

Dr. JOHN W. LARSON, professor of chemistry, was a co-author of a paper titled "Thermochemistry of the Reactions between Adenosine, Adenosine 5'-Monophosphate, Inosine, and Inosine 5' Monophosphate" that appeared in the January 1993 issue of the Journal of Chemical Thermodynamics.

Dr. EARL Z. DAMEWOOD, associate professor in the Management Department, had an article published in the December 1992 issue of the refereed journal, Journal of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation. His co-author was Jack W. Taylor. The article deals with using operations management/linear programming in the case mix of cardiac services.

STANLEY SPORNY, assistant professor of art, was a featured artist among galleries from more than 100 countries at the recent Miami International Art Exposition. More than 50,000 art aficionados attended the event. Adrienne Belafonte Biesemeyer, director of The Artist Fund, said, "Stanley Sporny literally put West Virginia on the map. People from all over the world were asking about him and where he worked. It looks like we have more than three galleries, two in New York, who are interested in Sporny's paintings, both the Carnival series and the landscapes." The Artist Fund, headed by Carl Frischkorn and directed by Biesemeyer, is a group of venture capitalists based in Charleston. The Artist Fund backs artists who live in West Virginia and tries to boost the careers of West Virginia artists on an international scale.

Ricard elected to post

Dr. Jose I. Ricard of Marshall University has been elected president of the Cabell County Medical Society.

Other officers elected were Dr. Philip R. Stevens, president-elect; Dr. G. William Lavery, vice president; Dr. Jack R. Steel, secretary, and Dr. Elaine M. Young, treasurer.

Ricard is an associate professor of family and community health at the Marshall University School of Medicine and head physician for Marshall's athletic teams.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a past president of its West Virginia chapter. He has practiced family medicine in Huntington since 1969, and has been medical director for Huntington State Hospital. He received his medical degree from Havana University in 1960.

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served on the boards of directors of Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Contact Crisis of Huntington.

Cockrille also has served on a number of Marshall University committees and has developed various counseling programs for women and victims of assault and sexual abuse.