Juanita Marley

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McG is considered one of Hollywood’s most sought-after filmmakers, with “Charlie’s Angels” and its sequel among his films. Ivanovsky’s most recent film is “Firewall,” starring Harrison Ford, which has just been premiered.

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The executive producers of the Marshall University Football program are utilizing their institutional expertise for film development.

The story of the 1970 Marshall University football team and the spirited recovery that followed not only not at Marshall, but in the Huntington community, soon will be told worldwide.

Warner Bros. Pictures' Legendary Pictures announced last week that filmmaker McG will direct and Matthew McConaughey will star in the yet-to-be-titled Marshall University football project. It will be produced by Basil Ivanovsky and McG.

Through the combined efforts of the West Virginia Governor’s office, the West Virginia Film Office and Marshall University, a portion of the film will be shot in and around Huntington as well as on Marshall’s campus. Warner Bros. said filming will begin this spring.

“This film is a great opportunity for West Virginia to receive international recognition for the tremendous community spirit and empathy that West Virginia shows when faced with tragedy,” said Gov. Joe Manchin.

Marshall Gets Green Light for Undergraduate Engineering

Marshall University’s Board of Governors, in a special meeting Feb. 2 at the Memorial Student Center, unanimously approved the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.S.E.) program at Marshall.

The new four-year undergraduate program, which will be implemented by fall 2005, will be the only such program in the state, will be housed in the College of Information Technology and Engineering’s existing Division of Engineering and Computer Science.

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The primary objectives of the B.S.E. degree are to build a strong foundation in mathematics, science and core engineering courses; to allow students the opportunity to pursue an engineering area of emphasis; and to provide students a high degree of flexibility through elective courses.

This is a very important step for Marshall University toward establishing a program that will open new areas of opportunity for our students, and it will attract a broader pool of students to the engineering profession.

Owen, who has been at Marshall since September, 1996, was named by Dr. Katerina A. R. Schravy, associate professor of English, and Dr. Fred H. Mader, professor of Management/Marketing in the Lewis College of Business.

Shirley Oden Named Employee of the Month

Shirley Oden, Lead II in Physical Plant, has been named the Employee of the Month for January, 2006, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

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closer to her sisters as well.

People who have family living nearby are so lucky. I’ve always loved being close to my kids and grandchildren.

She was born and brought up on a farm near Lewisburg and graduated from the now defunct Frankford High School. She attended Concord College where she met and after their marriage traveled with him to the University of Maryland where he received his master’s degree to the University of Toledo, where he completed his doctorate. She worked at these institutions as well, juggling young children and job responsibilities.

The Marleys like to travel and Juanita takes vacation time to accompany him on his professional trips when possible. It’s a good way to see the country, she says, and they often spend time on their own exploring new territory. The energetic Marley finds time to play tennis twice a week—“I love tennis!” she says—and still has enough energy left to do regular workouts at the Zone physical fitness center. She likes to garden and she’s good at it. “That’s my Greenbrier County farm experience, I absolutely love being outdoors,” she says with a laugh. She’d really like to raise vegetables but overly friendly deer nosh on anything resembling a vegetable, so she contents herself with deer-resistant plants and flowers.

“I really enjoy working at Marshall, that’s why I haven’t retired,” she says with her trademark cheerfulness. “I like the people I work with and the job that I have. I consider it really fortunate that my husband decided to take the job here 13 years ago. I wouldn’t have missed out on this experience for the world!”

Shirley Oden (center) received the Employee of the Month plaque from President Kopp (left) and Head Football Coach Mark Snyder.
Spring Film Festival Begins Feb. 17

An Australian who overcomes daunting odds to become a champion swimmer strives to connect with one another in an isolating, contemporary world. My Mother’s Smile (Italy): Old memories surface and family tensions rise when an Italian man learns that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is considering his late mother for sainthood. Nobody Knows (Japan): Based on a true story, four siblings are abandoned by their mother in a small apartment in Tokyo and must gradually learn to make their own way. The show times are: Friday, Feb. 17 - 5:30 p.m. - My Mother’s Smile; 7:30 - Brothers; 9:45 - Me and You and Everyone We Know. Saturday, Feb. 18 - 2:30 p.m. - Nobody Knows; 7:30 - Swimming Upstream; 9:45 - My Mother’s Smile. Sunday, Feb. 19 - 2:30 p.m. - Me and You and Everyone We Know; 5:30 - Brothers; 7:30 - Paper Clips; 9:45 - Nobody Knows. Monday, Feb. 20 - 5:30 p.m. - Swimming Upstream; 7:30 - My Mother’s Smile. Tuesday, Feb. 21 - 5:30 p.m. - Brothers; 7:30 - Paper Clips. Wednesday, Feb. 22 - 5:30 p.m. - Nobody Knows; 7:30 - Swimming Upstream. Thursday, Feb. 23 - 5:30 p.m. - Paper Clips; 7:30 - Me and You and Everyone We Know.

Season ticket holders will be admitted 30 minutes prior to each film. Individual tickets are available at the door 15 minutes prior to each showing.

Skiers, Music Fans to Benefit from Package Deal at Canaan

Music-loving skiers and others at Marshall are being offered a package deal to help the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra while enjoying a renowned blues band offer a package deal to help the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra while enjoying a renowned blues band. We are...Marshall!

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In her nomination Schray wrote: “I am very grateful for Shirley Oden’s superb work in Doebly Hall. Ms. Oden works efficiently and productively, and has repeatedly demonstrated leadership, expertise, and sound judgment. She handles admirably high professional standards and probably cares more about the appearance of my office than I do; after my colleagues and I moved some furni­ture, Ms. Oden noticed a spot on 8e floor and insisted on cleaning it to make the work area look better; most recently, she cleaned the floors in my office and the surrounding area and they look spectacular. I look for­ward to her cheerful and upbeat presence on our floor each day.”

Mader said Oden is genuinely friendly and “She has always been considerate of my work schedule needs and has demonstrated concern that somehow her activities might interfere with my work.”

Head football coach Mark Snyder joined President Kopp in presenting a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for $100 to Shirley Oden.