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We Are...Marshall!

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Marshall, Dow Open Gate to Progress

An access gate separating Dow Chemical's South Charleston Technical Center and Marshall's South Charleston campus was opened last week in a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Governor Bob Wise, MU President Dan Angel, and Dow Vice President Peter Berner.

"When we join a higher education institution such as Marshall and a global industry leader such as Dow together, it is a powerful step for building a foundation for the future of West Virginia," said Gov. Wise.



Marshall President Dan Angel (left), Gov. Bob Wise (center) and Dow Vice President for West Virginia Operations Peter Berner cut the ribbon to the gate between Marshall's South Charleston campus and Dow's South Charleston Technical Center.

The opening of the two campuses is the initial step in an enhanced partnership between Dow's West Virginia Operations and Marshall University.

"Although this is simply the beginning of our journey, we are very excited to be taking the first step in our ongoing vision of growth," Berner said. "We realize the importance and value of having an academic partner as we strive to create a Technology Park at our Technical Center. This relationship will serve as a competitive advantage for all parties involved."

According to Angel, "Marshall University and Dow share a vision of enhancing the research environment of the region and expanding economic development opportunities throughout Advantage Valley. Working collectively, Marshall and Dow will make more effective use of our adjoining campuses as we facilitate emerging opportunities for collaboration and growth."

A task force that includes representatives of Dow, Marshall and the Chemical Alliance Zone (CAZ) is currently developing a strategic plan to support additional growth.

The task force has identified various immediate and long-term opportunities for partnership, including the utilization of laboratory facilities at the Dow South Charleston Technical Center to support Marshall graduate programs and associated research, use of Marshall's South Charleston facilities and faculty to provide additional

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Cammy Holley is Employee of the Month

Cammy Holley, Administrative Secretary, Senior in the College of Information Technology and Engineering (CITE) has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for November, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

She has been with CITE since its formation in 1998. Prior to that, beginning in 1995, she was employed by the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences (CEGAS), then part of the MU Research Corporation.

She was nominated by George Carico, Elizabeth Hanrahan, James W. Hooper, Bill Pierson and Jonathan

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Cammy Holley (right) receives the plaque commemorating her selection as Employee of the Month from Lance West, Vice President for Alumni Development and Assistant to the President.

Marshall Artists Series Offers Gift Packages

Looking for just the right gift for that special person? Want to avoid the crowds and traffic jams at the mall? If so, the folks at the Marshall Artist Series say they have just the solution for your gift giving dilemma. Tickets for an assortment of upcoming shows will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the box office in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center through Dec. 20.

Tickets can be reserved by calling ext. 6656 and using a Visa or MasterCard.

On tap for the spring semester are these productions:

- **Fosse**, the celebration in song and dance of famed dancer/choreographer, Bob Fosse, will be presented Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. The show includes rarely seen dance and musical numbers from Fosse's earliest works, and many numbers that have never before been seen on stage.
- **Madame Butterfly**, presented by the London City Opera, is the classic opera by Giacomo Puccini, which tells the tale of love and betrayal in Nagasaki, Japan in the early 1900. It will be presented Monday, March 3 at 8 p.m.
- **Marcel Marceau** is appearing as part of his final U.S. tour. Marceau's name has become synonymous with the highly refined art of the mime which uses facial expression and dance-like movement to evoke a mood, character or situation. He will appear Wednesday, March 12 at 8 p.m.
- **Frank Sinatra, Jr.** conducts a 36-piece orchestra which features classic Sinatra music with original Nelson Riddle arrangements. The concert closes out the 2002-2003 Artists Series on April 14 at 7 p.m.

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educational opportunities for Dow employees, continuation of working partnerships in association with the CAZ and other higher education institutions, and innovation of projects that advance the shared interest of Dow, Marshall and other regional organizations in biotechnology research and development.

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Campaign Receives Bolin Gift, Nears Halfway Point

Marshall University has received a gift of \$575,000 from the estate of Elsie Falwell Bolin for a scholarship named for herself, her late husband, Adron E. Bolin, and her late sister, Mary F. Garnett.



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The scholarship, which is for students with a demonstrated financial need, is the result of a residual bequest made to the Marshall University Foundation. The gift was presented by BB&T, which is Bolin's trustee.

The gift brings the total of Marshall's Campaign for National Prominence to \$49,200,000, or nearly half of its goal of \$100,000,000, according to Dr. H. Keith Spears, co-director of the Campaign.

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MU Scholarship Fund Receives Gift from Gunnoe Family

Marshall University will receive a gift from the family of George H. Gunnoe Sr. for an endowed scholarship for a student in Marshall's undergraduate engineering program. The planned gift will be the result of a two-life Charitable Gift Annuity with The Marshall University Foundation Inc. George H. Gunnoe Jr. and his wife, Virginia "Buzz" Gunnoe, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., will receive a yearly income from the gift and, upon their deaths, the remaining balance of the annuity will establish the endowed scholarship.

"The George H. Gunnoe Sr. Scholarship, named in honor of my father, will award students who excel at

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In Memoriam: Sonny Richardson

Worthy Owen "Sonny" ("Rich") Richardson, who was employed for 30 years at Marshall before his retirement in 1995, died Dec. 2 at his home.

At the time of his retirement he was the day supervisor of the Custodial Department.

Charles Newsom, Manager of Building and Campus Services, remembers Richardson as "a really great guy, very easy to work with. He would do anything anyone needed without questioning. He was helpful to everyone."

Richardson attended Raceland First Assembly of God and was known as an ardent MU sports fan. He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Doug Knipp of Ashland, Ky., and Stacy and James Bond of Huntington; four grandchildren, Kia Richardson and Josh, Heather and Heath Knipp; one great-grandchild, Madyson Ray Freeman; sister Gayle Bunch of South Carolina; brother-in-law Millard Henry of Florida; and extended family, Mia Wilson Knopf and Lisa Wilson Adkins.

Profile: Sharon Rutherford

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Sharon Rutherford

People planning to retire typically dream of retiree type things—travel, plenty of leisure activities, time to explore favorite hobbies or take up new ones, finally getting around to reading that 785-page book that’s perched on the coffee table for the past three years.

But if you work in the payroll department and you plan to retire there’s another bonus, and it’s a beauty.

Thanks to Sharon Rutherford, Director of Payroll and Sponsored Programs, a wonderful tradition of presenting a hand-made quilt to those setting off into retiree sunset started a few years ago. It’s been so popular the good natured Rutherford, who makes all the quilts, can’t foresee ending the tradition. There would probably be an uprising on the staff if she did.

An entirely self-taught quilter, she started quilting on a whim in 1986. The craft quickly became an integral part of her life. Deftly turning out about five quilts a year is a prodigious feat, but one she approaches with the same disciplined determination she applies to her job. To date she’s produced more than 80 quilts in every imaginable color and pattern, and has given more than half of them away.

“I try to spend at least an hour every evening working on a quilt and more on the weekends,” she says. “And I never start another one until I’m finished with the first. I don’t like having unfinished projects around.”

Having a helpful husband who willingly cooks dinner and pitches in with household chores is a big plus, she admits.

She got interested in quilting shortly before she joined the payroll staff in April of 1997. “I had been a knitter and when I do anything I jump into it obsessively. I was a jogger for a while and in December I was looking around for something to do and decided to try quilting after a relative gave me a quilt. I had no experience at all in quilting but I thought, ‘well I can do that.’” And sure enough she could.

Using books and magazines as a guide, she recalls that her first project really wasn’t very good. In fact, “It was awful,” she says with a laugh. “But I kept at it and I got better.”

Actually, from time to time she’s made a quilt that really didn’t capture her fancy. “Even if I don’t particularly like it, I finish it and then give it away. But the people who get them always seem to like them,” she says, which is probably an understatement considering they’ve just received an exquisite hand crafted treasure.

Rutherford painstakingly cuts the quilt pieces and sews them by machine. But the quilting is done strictly by hand and she admits it took a lot of practice to develop the tiny stitches that are the hallmark of the true quilter.

Quilting isn’t difficult, Rutherford insists. It just takes patience and an attention to detail. And she finds that many of the qualities necessary for a successful quilter are traits that she uses in her job daily. Her accounting and

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Thompson.

In their nomination they wrote, “Ms. Cammy Holley is one of those employees who is only missed if she isn’t here. Fortunately she is seldom absent from her duties as Administrative Secretary for the College of Information Technology and Engineering. Cammy is so proficient in her work and goes about her duties in such a quiet, pleasing and professional manner that it is easy to take for granted the high quality of her work and to overlook the tremendous volume of work she performs.”

They noted, “There is no one outstanding achievement that one can point to that makes Cammy such an outstanding asset to CITE and to Marshall University—it’s *everything* she does and the way in which she does her job....Cammy exemplifies so many Marshall employees who, through their dedication and commitment, make such a difference for the University and the students. By honoring Ms. Cammy Holley...we will be honoring all those other unsung heroes that make Marshall University a truly exceptional place.”

They add, “With two undergraduate programs and five graduate programs in CITE there is a constant stream of student inquiries to the Dean’s office. Cammy handles all the inquiries with grace and poise, ensuring that people receive the correct information, or are directed to the correct area for their undergraduate or graduate question.”

It was noted that Holley serves as administrative support for the College Dean, the Assistant Dean, the Instructional Technologist, the Division Chair of Information Technology and Technology Management, the Director of the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences, and several program coordinators.

Her skill in juggling myriad duties, while deftly dealing with numerous other demands on her time, earned her high praise. “Her responsibilities include such areas as textbook orders, working with undergraduate and graduate student files, and resolution of orders that need that special touch....She makes the job seem easy when it most certainly is not.”

For being named Employee of the Month, Holley was presented with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100. She will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Laura Wyant, professor in the Department of Adult and Technical Education, presented a paper, “A Comparison of Economic Development Strategies in the USA and Honduras,” at the annual Association for Career and Technical Education convention in Las Vegas Dec. 11-15.

At the same convention, **Dr. Howard R.D. Gordon**, also a professor in the Department of Adult and Technical Education, presented a paper, “Statistical Significance Tests and Other Statistical Issues: Perceptions of AVERA Members.”

Joan St. Germain, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance, won first place in the wreath/stocking/door hanging category at the Festival of Trees held Nov. 23-28 in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Her winning entry was a mantel swag entitled “Hearth-Light.”

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math backgrounds are definite helps. "It's mathematical; it's geometry; it takes a lot of perseverance and follow-through."

She has practiced those traits in her personal life. Growing up in Cabell County, she went on to receive an associate degree from Edison State College in Ohio. After marriage, she worked for the Hobart Corporation in Troy, Ohio, as a staff accountant in the consolidation department. Following a divorce, she moved back to West Virginia in 1985 with her two teenaged children, Bryon and Jaimie. In addition to her job as a MU payroll accountant, she began work on her bachelor's degree, which she completed in 1993. In fact, she and daughter Jaimie graduated together. Since then, Bryon, who earned his undergraduate degree from Marshall in 1989, and Jaimie have both gone on to earn master's degrees from Marshall. "And they are both working in the fields in which they got their degrees!" their proud mother says.

The move back to West Virginia took a happy turn for Rutherford, when it brought about a reunion with her high school sweetheart, Gary. The couple married and now live in the country near Lesage in a home filled with handmade furniture crafted by Gary. He has made end tables, bookcases, blanket chests, china cabinets, entertainment centers. "You name and he can make it," she says with quiet pride. Of the hand crafted furniture and the homey quilts, she says, "We love the country life. We're old-fashioned, make do people."

Currently they share their home with a boisterous, 75-pound mixed breed dog that showed up at their door last March—a shivering, starving puppy. Her name, Rowdie, says it all, Rutherford says ruefully.

If the country life can be quiet and peaceful, that's not always true of life in the payroll office. "I love my job, but sometimes it's frustrating," she admits. "I'm not sure employees of the university realize what it takes to get a payroll done. I use the analogy of the payroll office as an episode of Star trek. You know there is some anomalies, some force that is going to cause you problems, you don't know what it is going to be or where it comes from, you don't know how to fix it, you just know that payday is on the 16th!"

But for the payroll staff, getting the checks out on time is the number one goal. And that's not always as easy as it sounds. "There have been days when the day before payday I drove to Charleston and picked up the checks so they would be ready for distribution the next day. I will do anything to get the payroll out on time as long as it's legal. And I have been known to speed a little on the interstate," she says sheepishly.

Rutherford attributes the seamless flow of checks to the teamwork of "a great staff." She gives them much credit for the workings of the payroll department. "I have an excellent staff. We're all learning, all the time. We've had two new systems in the past three years so we really are still learning."

She likes to make time when possible for some hands-on instruction for quilting novices. Although she never took a quilting lesson, her expertise is invaluable to beginners and she's eager to share her knowledge with them. So impromptu quilting sessions have sprung up in the lunchroom. Anyone is welcome to attend and both men and women have been bitten by the quilting bug. Projects range from a wall hanging to a full-size quilt. There's something for everyone, she says. "If you're interested in learning, just show up and we'll give you a lesson."

And one more thing about Rutherford's quilts. They're not for sale. Never have been, never will be. She makes them for the sheer joy of creating them, and generously hands them out to family, friends and co-workers. Although she is very modest about her largess, lucky recipients treasure them and know that they are gifts straight from the heart.

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Elsie Bolin received her secondary certificate from Marshall in 1920. She later received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and her master's degree at Columbia University, taking time to study opera while in New York. She taught high school French and Latin in Charleston for 40 years, then lived in Oak Hill and Kenova. During the 1937 flood she helped transport meals cooked in Charleston school kitchens to Huntington residents. She died in January 2001 at age 98.

"The gift from Elsie V. Bolin is just incredible," said Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, Vice President for Development. "An educator with 40 years experience and a deep love of Marshall, Ms. Bolin had the foresight to remember her alma mater in her estate plans after taking care of her other priorities. As a residual beneficiary, the university will be able to establish a significant scholarship program to serve students 'forever.' We are so appreciative of what Ms. Bolin accomplished as an educator and so grateful for her loyalty and generosity. Generations of students will be in her debt."

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traditional engineering studies and also exhibit characteristics important for success in the business world," said Gunnoe.

George Gunnoe Jr. attended Marshall College from 1937 to 1939, studying engineering under A.E. McCasky. He was the first student to win the Delta Rho Beta (honorary engineering fraternity) academic award in 1937. He would go on to graduate from The Ohio State University in 1941.

He worked as an electrical engineer for General Electric for 41 years, including involvement with the well-known Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tenn., in charge of test equipment for producing uranium and plutonium. He also worked as a troubleshooter of submarine technology with U.S. Navy Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, who was in charge of the Navy's nuclear program, and as a manager for GE for six years.

"We are proud and pleased that George and Buzz Gunnoe have remembered Marshall University and the early role it played in George Gunnoe Sr.'s outstanding and eventful engineering career," said Betsy Dulin, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering. "Gifts such as these enhance the opportunities for future engineering students and help move our college and its undergraduate engineering program to new levels of growth and academic excellence."

The recipient of this non-renewable scholarship to be established by the Gunnoes will be selected at the end of his or her freshman year based on a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.25 or greater; participation in on-campus engineering activities and clubs; teamwork and communication skills; and high ethical standards.

More information about the George H. Gunnoe Sr. Scholarship and about planned giving opportunities at Marshall University may be obtained by calling Lynne S. Mayer at (304) 696-6440.