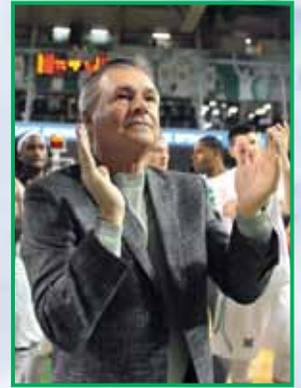


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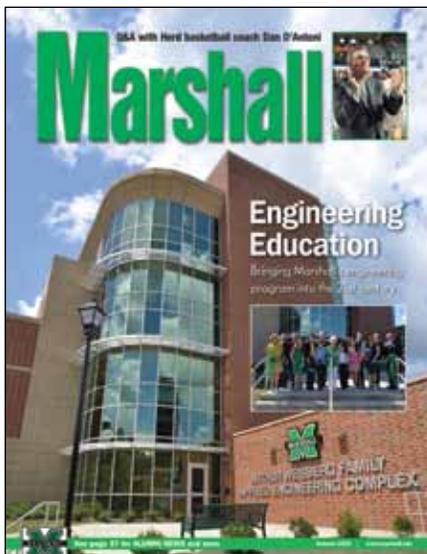
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Summer with President White



President White addresses the Herd faithful at the annual “Paint the Capital City Green” event in Charleston, West Virginia, Aug. 27.



President White joins in welcoming the arriving freshmen as they move in Aug. 19.



At far right, President White helps members of the Weisberg family cut the ribbon at the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex Aug. 13.



President White leads members of the Class of 2019 as they walk to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center for the convocation Aug. 20.



President White congratulates Laura Christopher, who works for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, after announcing that she had been named the Marshall Employee of the Year June 23.



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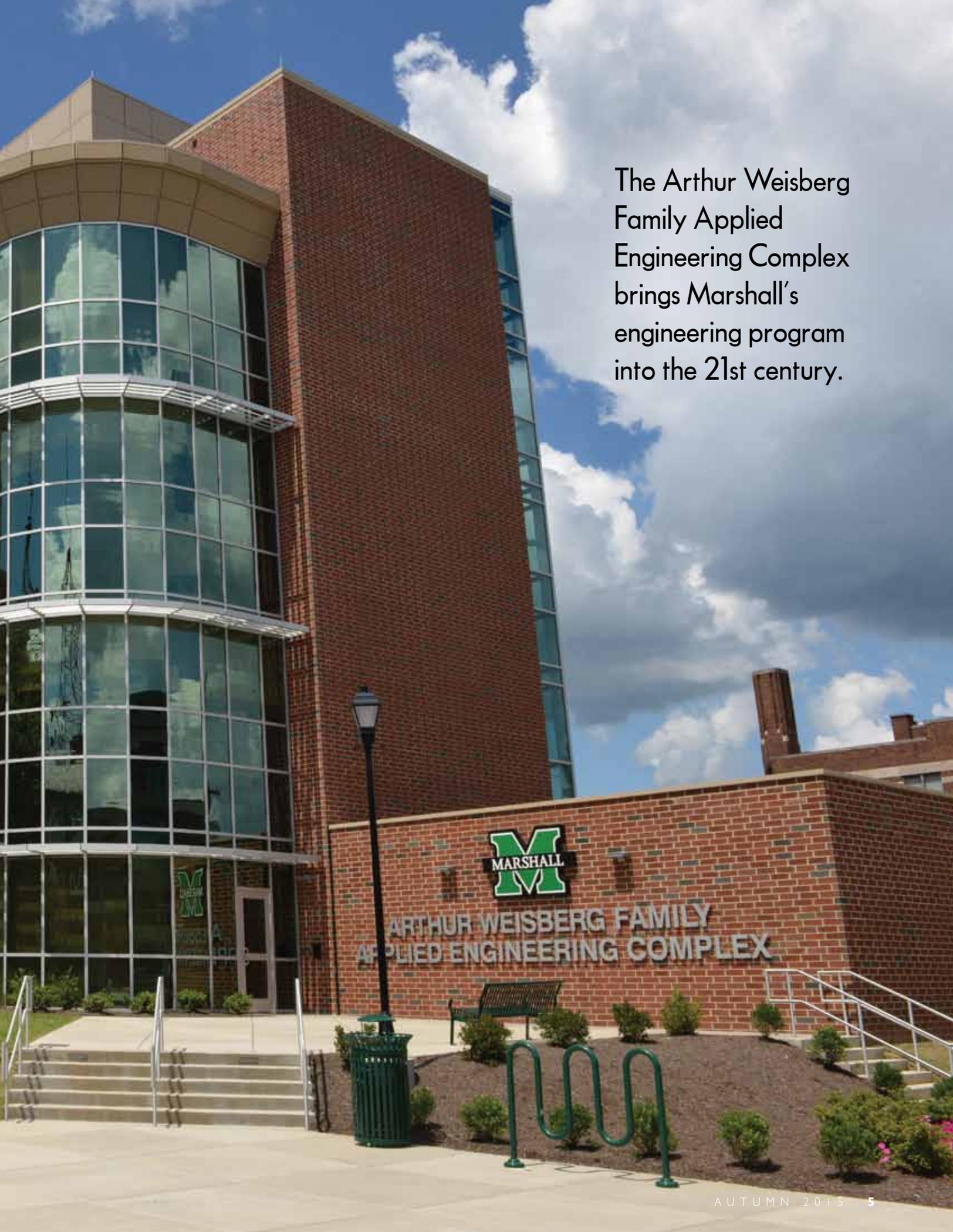


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The Forefront of **ENGINEERING EDUCATION**

By Jean Tarbett Hardiman



The Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex brings Marshall's engineering program into the 21st century.

Take one step inside the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex, look around for a moment, and you can tell it's a place designed for engineers.

You can see it in the sleek, clean architecture, and in the flatscreen TVs on the surrounding walls, flashing university information and photos of the striking, \$56 million facility.

You can see it in the oversized touch-screen monitor that sits in the center of the lobby, which you can tap for directions through the building or contact information for faculty and administrators, and watch a construction time-lapse video speeding through the structure's construction process, from its start in 2012 to the finishing touches earlier this year.

What engineer wouldn't want to see that?

The Aug. 13 ribbon-cutting for this 155,000-square-foot showpiece, a present and future training ground for a leading-edge workforce, was a vision turned reality for a lot of people. Seeing students pour through the doors would have been a thrill for its namesake, the late Arthur Weisberg, president of the Huntington-based Arthur's Enterprises. He died in 2012 after the ground-breaking for the complex, for which he and his family

made a substantial donation. His wife, Joan Weisberg, was among a dozen members of his family on hand at the opening celebration in August, a dream come true for a man who built an enterprise in electrical supplies from the ground up, right here in Huntington.

"I am so happy," Joan Weisberg said. "I look forward to what our engineering school will produce: Highly educated students who will graduate and stay here."

Art Weisberg spoke about his commitment to the project in June 2012.

"Engineering, to me, is the future of America and of West Virginia," he said. "... I love Huntington and I know this gift will make a lasting difference."

There was another whose vision played a powerful role in the massive undertaking, who was unable to see it become reality, the late Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp, who passed away in December 2014. His wife, Jane, was there to celebrate its opening last month with the Weisbergs, U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, U.S. Rep. Evan Jenkins, and the Marshall community.

Kopp's foresight and dedication resulted in more than \$100 million in new academic facilities going up on the north side of Third Avenue, all in less than a decade, Interim Marshall President Gary White said. The new

Ground-breaking for the engineering complex took place in 2012, shortly before Arthur Weisberg's passing.



The university has more than 700 students in its undergraduate engineering, computer science and safety technology programs, as well as its graduate programs in engineering, computer science and technology. Marshall aims to double those numbers over the next 10 years.

complex stands between the Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Laboratories to the west, and the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center to the east.

“It was his life’s work, and we will be forever grateful,” White said.

Something to brag about

When it comes to recruiting new faculty, students and researchers – the brilliant kind who want to stay in front of the curve – things just got a whole lot easier at Marshall University.

Designed by Bastian & Harris and constructed by BBL Carlton, both of Charleston, the new engineering complex offers a testing lab ready to try out the most advanced materials and provide space for designs of bridges, buildings and mining-related structures to be evaluated under real-world conditions. It features a three-foot-thick concrete floor and adjoining wall that allows testing for prototypes that need to be anchored.

The lab’s capabilities are already attracting attention from outside organizations that want to partner with Marshall for research projects.

Classrooms and labs have smart podiums that easily allow professors to display notes, diagrams and information on large screens for the class to see. Throughout the building, there are high-resolution monitors and study group spaces, where students can connect their own devices and collaborate on projects.

And true to its goal of staying in the forefront, the facility also is an example of some of the latest engineering in environmentally sound technology. It has an experimental green roof, installed by more than 90 volunteers, that will reduce stormwater discharge from the complex and give students a chance to study the ecological effects of stormwater.

The four-story complex stretches 480 feet along Third Avenue, and its square footage spans more than

three football fields. Though a “wireless” facility, it has 72 miles of telecommunications wiring, 1 million feet of electrical wiring, and LEED Silver recognition for its energy efficiency.

According to Dr. Wael Zatar, dean of Marshall’s College of Information Technology and Engineering, the university has more than 700 students in its undergraduate engineering, computer science and safety technology programs, as well as its graduate programs in engineering, computer science and applied science and technology. Marshall aims to double those numbers over the next 10 years. Meanwhile, new degrees are expected to be added, including electrical engineering at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and a bio-engineering undergraduate program.

The new facility does a number of great things, Zatar said. It brings programs together under one roof and it puts Marshall in a better position to land research funding. It also has some breathing room, poised to bring on the technologies of the future.

“The building will allow for growth, the addition of new programs and tremendous opportunities for our students,” he said. “The education and experience they receive in this complex will benefit the community and region by providing top-notch graduates to meet the needs of prospective employers in the region and will capitalize on the growing interest in the fields of engineering and technology.”

Making a comeback

As impressive as the engineering program’s comeback has been over the past decade, it’s a course of study that has been on a roller coaster ride in the past 50 years.

It had been a well-established, credible program for decades – with many of its graduates still out there today, changing the world. Then, engineering disap-



THE
ARTHUR WEISBERG
FAMILY

The state-of-the-art engineering complex was unveiled Aug. 13 and those in attendance had the opportunity to tour the facility.



The Weisberg family (right) sits with President White, his wife Jo Ann (left) and Jane Kopp (center) during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

peared at Marshall for about 30 years. By the 1970s, there were other exciting things going on at the university, such as the start of the medical school. Accreditation standards were high for engineering, and Marshall's program hadn't gotten the investment it needed to keep up. Marshall's last engineering student of that era graduated in 1976.

Getting the program back was a mission for West Virginia Sen. Bob Plymale, who knew its worth in giving Huntington and West Virginia an economic edge in the 21st century.

He was the lead sponsor of legislation in 2004 that would again allow Marshall to offer a baccalaureate degree in engineering. After that legislation passed, a four-year program was built and accreditation followed.

The West Virginia Legislature then passed a bill providing \$25 million in funding from higher education bonds. That, combined with the generosity of the Weisbergs, helped bring the new complex into the realm of reality, along with some help from other philanthropists, including Mary H. Hodges, the Baer and Polan families, the BrickStreet Foundation,

J.H. Fletcher & Co., Doug and Sue Ellen Hardman, Charles and Victoria Neighborgall and Shelba Pew. Alum Leonard C. "Lance" Atkins, founder of Atkins Engineers in Florida and a 1970 Marshall engineering graduate, made a three-year gift toward the purchase of equipment.

Of the Weisbergs, Plymale said their gift was "unbelievable."

Art and Joan Weisberg are as true an example of the Greatest Generation as you'll ever find, he said. They demonstrate perfectly how to give to others for the benefit of all.

"When you have that much passion, it bleeds over to everyone," Plymale said. "This could almost have the same kind of impact that the medical school had on Marshall University." □

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Set the **Wheels** *in* **Motion**

School of Kinesiology program gives children with special needs a chance to 'lose the training wheels' and master the bicycle.

At first glance, it's a classic scene: children riding in a tightly controlled circle, sometimes a little uncertain, but smiling and laughing as they develop the feel for how to handle a bike. Proud parents look on, happy to see their children mastering such a milestone. But an observer of this happy scene would notice that, in place of the standard rear wheel, these bikes have a tapered roller bar. They would also notice that each of the children is accompanied by a volunteer who runs alongside the bike, giving words of encouragement and quickly reaching out if a child needs support.

The children on the bikes all have a special need, such as Autism or Down Syndrome. They are participating in the fifth annual Lose the Training Wheels camp, a partnership between the Marshall University School of Kinesiology and iCan Shine, a nonprofit that promotes physical activity for children with special needs. The idea to host a Lose the Training Wheels camp at Marshall came to Dr. Gregg Twietmeyer, associate professor in the School of Kinesiology, when he saw a brief video about the program.

By Molly McClennen

Photos courtesy of the College of Health Professions

“I thought, if I were a special needs kid or a special needs parent, would I want me to start something like this here, or would I want me to say ‘I’ve got research to do. I’ve got teaching to do. I’ve got enough on my plate.’ The answer was, I needed to do this.”

Studies show that 80 percent of the special needs population never learn how to ride a two wheel bike successfully. The Lose the Training Wheels camp reverses this number. At the end of the week, 80 percent of its participants have learned to ride a bike. Twietmeyer credits this success in part to the special bikes used in the camp. Designed by an engineer, the bikes are fitted with a tapered roller in the back that stabilizes the bike to prevent it from falling over while still providing the exercise necessary to master the balance skills needed to stay upright on a traditional bike. The bikes ridden on the first day of camp are fitted with rollers that are nearly flush with the ground. After the children master riding with these rollers, camp staff replace the rollers with a new set, with a higher degree of taper. By gradually decreasing the amount of support provided by the rollers, children learn to balance on the bike. By gradually reducing the support provided by the rollers, much of the stress and fear children feel during their first ride without training wheels is eliminated.

Being able to ride a bike provides physical activity for the children, but perhaps the most important benefits are emotional rather than physical.

“It’s good socially. It promotes peer inclusion,” said Twietmeyer. “Kids are aware. If you can’t ride a bike and you’re 12, and your sister can ride, and she’s 6, you will not



Volunteer Evan Gooding follows along as Brady McCloud pedals with ease. Lose the Training Wheels helps participants gain valuable motor skills, as well as benefit them socially by promoting peer inclusion.



Haley Reed masters the training course during the 2015 camp.

Being able to ride a bike provides physical activity for the children, but perhaps the most important benefits are emotional rather than physical.



Andrew Gooding steadies Ben Reed as he learns to ride a bike during the 2015 camp.

go outside and play with the other kids when they are riding bikes. And you certainly are not going to go out and ride a bike with training wheels and get laughed at. You're going to stay inside and play video games."

Kaitlyn Canterbury, a Marshall graduate who volunteers with the camp, said she returns to help because she has seen what mastering the skill does for the children.

"I can't imagine if I couldn't ride my bike. I love it," Canterbury said. "It's part of childhood, but it will also help them in the future, with commuting places they need to go, with becoming independent."

Marshall students volunteer at the camp, including many from the College of Health Professions. Dr. Komika Toma, assistant professor in the School of Kinesiology, said the camp helps students apply the concepts they learn in class.

"Riding a bike is a motor learning skill," Toma said. "It's good for the students to see how people learn motor skills. And I want my students to see how physical activity stimulates the brain and makes people happier."

Janna Wells, a graduate student in sports administration who worked the camp as part of her graduate internship hours, said the joy of the children and parents make her want to return next year.

"It's awesome to see the kids' reaction, the smile on their faces, to see the parents start to cry when they see their child riding," Wells said.

Hosting the camp requires community sponsors and many volunteers. Participants pay a registration fee of \$100 for the week-long camp. A limited number of scholarships are available. Each year, the camp can host as many as 35 participants.

With Twietmeyer leaving Marshall this fall, Dr. Liz Casey, assistant professor of health sciences, has agreed to coordinate next year's camp.

"It's important that the camp continue," Casey said. "It's life-changing for some of these kids."

Parent Andrea Castillo, whose daughter is attending the camp for a second year, echoes that statement.

"I'm so thankful that Marshall hosts this every year," Castillo said. "It really benefits the kids. I hope people will continue to support the camp, by donating or by coming to volunteer so they can see the kids and how much this does for them." □

Molly McClennen is a freelance writer who divides her time between Huntington and Chicago, where she attends graduate school at the University of Illinois.

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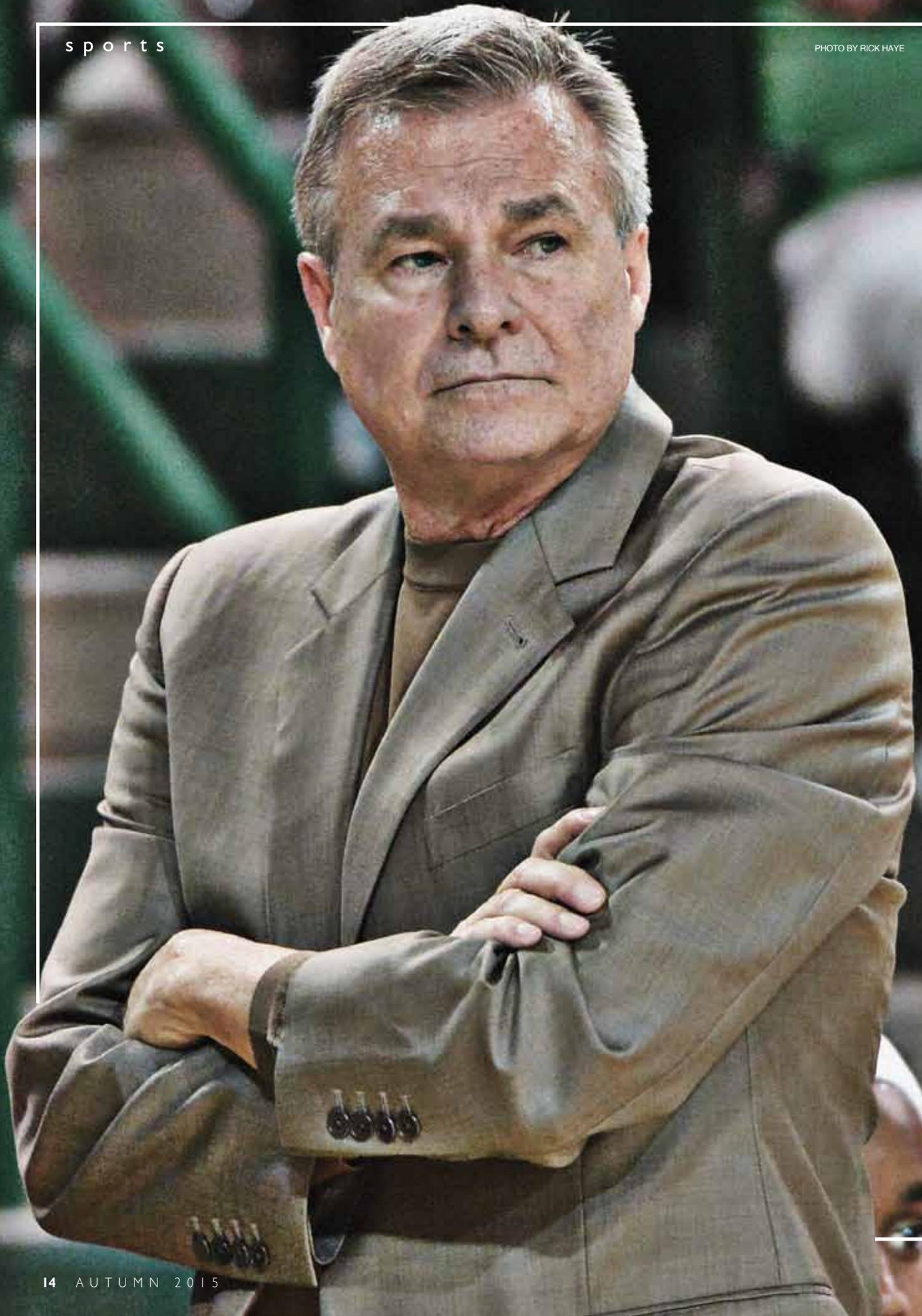
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Q&A

Coach Dan D'Antoni on his college career, the Iron 5, the Memorial Field House, the politically charged 1960s and this year's Thundering Herd squad.

Past & PRESENT

It's easy to see how Dan D'Antoni has settled into his job as head coach of the Marshall men's basketball program. It's 8 a.m. on a summer day and D'Antoni's sporting blue jeans and flip flops. His green T-shirt is emblazoned with a Marshall logo inside an image of the state of West Virginia. Clearly he's proud of his state and his school.

Dan D'Antoni is a proud son of Mullens, West Virginia, where the D'Antoni name has become legendary. He was a star player for the Mullens Rebels before heading to Huntington to play for Ellis Johnson and the Thundering Herd. After a Hall of Fame career playing for the Thundering Herd from 1967-1970, D'Antoni came back to coach his alma mater. In between there was a long coaching stint at Socastee High School and then on to the NBA where he was an assistant to his brother, Mike, with the Phoenix Suns, New York Knicks and the Los Angeles Lakers.

D'Antoni's first season with the Herd ended with an 11-21 record. He has revamped the roster and brought an upbeat, perimeter-based offense, which is predicated on movement, spacing and outside shooting.

Marshall Magazine contributor Keith Morehouse sat down with D'Antoni to ask him about growing up in Mullens, his glory days at Marshall, the politics of the 1960s, and a coaching career that has brought him full circle back to West Virginia.

By Keith Morehouse



D'Antoni played for Marshall from 1967-1970 and was part of the "Iron 5" - an unstoppable force on the court that brought the team many wins.

Q: How did you find your way from Mullens to Marshall?

My uncle, Andy D'Antoni, had played at Marshall. Back then Marshall was like California, a long way from Mullens. You really lived inside your own sphere. I had dreams of playing in college somewhere but no real path on how to get there. We were playing against Pineville High School and Ellis Johnson came down to see Dallas Blankenship play, who was a very good high school player at Pineville. But somehow I must have caught Ellis' eye. After the game they said, "There's a coach here to see you." I didn't know who he was to be honest with you. Coach said, "I came here to see Dallas Blankenship but I came to this locker room first because I want you to be my point guard for the next four years." Considering I had no other offers I said, "Yes."

Q: What was the atmosphere like at the Memorial Field House in the late 1960s?

You could feel the fans' passion and that created a great atmosphere - there's no question. We created a buzz and started getting some national attention. We were out to prove something and people rallied behind us. We got a lot of support from a lot of prominent local businessmen like Doc Hagley and Dr. Gerry Vanston

and Dr. Pete Proctor - they all wanted us to be successful. Their entertainment came through basketball and their passion drove our passion. The fans made us feel so special and we wanted to play well for them. It was a family atmosphere, but it was loud in there. Those were great times.

Q: Tell us about your teammates from 1967-1970 and why did the press call you the "Iron 5?"

Ellis Johnson wasn't a substitute coach - once you got on the floor you were on the floor. The lineup was Bob Allen, George Stone, Bob Redd, Jim Davidson and myself. If we weren't way ahead and you didn't get in foul trouble you didn't come out. I loved it. I didn't want to come off the floor because I was afraid someone was going to take my job - so we became the Iron 5.

Q: A reliable source told us there was one occasion when you were kicked off the team, but George Stone went to the coach and got you reinstated. Is that true?

Oh boy. [Laughs] We were in New York for a tournament and friends from Huntington were coming to the hotel. They didn't have anywhere to stay and it was like

4 a.m., so we ended up letting some people crash in our room. Well, Ellis did a room check and said, “We just can’t have this.” He said he was going to kick me off the team. But George pulled him aside and said, “You can’t do that. We couldn’t turn all these people away.” It was a little more innocent than everyone thinks it was.

Q: What are your memories of playing with George Stone, whom the late Ernie Salvatore called one of the five greatest Marshall players of all time?

He didn’t put the ball on the floor. He was a spot up player who could shoot quickly and he was tough. He took a liking to me because I could do the dribble in his game and get him the ball where he needed to have it. He liked to play board games and I liked to play board games – Scrabble and Monopoly – and we would play cards together. We just liked doing those things and we formed a bond. I think our games complemented each other’s and it worked out well.

Q: What were some of your big games that you remember?

I don’t remember stats exactly, but if I remember correctly I had a big game against Houston – 24 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists. They were ranked No. 1 and we played them in Madison Square Garden. I had a big game against Nebraska and that was right after Ellis threatened to kick me off the team, so I made sure I played well and stayed.

Q: The late ’60s saw some rather colorful and unique fashion trends. Were you a sharp dresser and what do you recall wearing back then?

I was from Mullens and we were limited in apparel. My idea of cool was blue jeans, a T-shirt and a letter jacket. I tried. I remember Pat Brady (former Herd player) became my roommate and he was a dresser. He had some of those beautiful platform shoes. I thought he was cool. So I went out and bought me a pair of candy apple red platforms. But, I would only wear them in my room. I was never brave enough to wear them in public.

Q: The Civil Rights movement was just winding down during your years at Marshall. What do you recall about that time in Huntington?

They said George and I were the first black-white roommates at Marshall. We weren’t trying to do anything, it was just two guys that played together and liked each other. I think people tried to make more of it than there was. George lived it all his life. He was probably the only black guy in a white area many times. Once I felt like they respected us, and you were a fair-minded person, there weren’t a whole lot of problems.

Q: Were there protests about the Vietnam War on campus?

They had a big protest down at Old Main. There was a furniture store to the right and the students had gathered there. I just went down to see what was going on. I was on a bike. They brought in an elite team of state troopers. They formed a wedge. There were probably 1,000 students there and they shot some tear gas over top of me. I turned around and I saw this wall of tear gas coming back toward me and back toward the students. I took off and the state police were picking off kids running that way. But I was just far enough away to get out of there or I would have been caught up as a protestor, which I wasn’t. I was a watcher!

Q: You have gone from Mullens to coaching and traveling around the world. In your opinion, how has the world changed since 1970?

I think kids went outside more back then. Now there’s social media and portable video games. Back then people rubbed elbows more, flesh to flesh instead of thumb to wire to thumb. That changes your ability to relate to people. I used to say to dad, “It didn’t seem like we had a lot of money,” and dad said, “We had enough.” There wasn’t the stress that finances seem to put on people nowadays. Entertainment was cheap because it was basically getting together with people.

Q: What’s it been like competing and coaching in the NBA with your brother Mike? And tell us about your philosophy of coaching?

It came naturally. It wasn’t anything we had to work at. We competed as kids but there was no jealousy. Mom used to say, “Winning has a price and there are some prices you don’t pay to win,” such as cheating and ruining relationships in order to win. We’re competitors but there is a price I won’t pay to win. I think life holds a little bit more to it than just winning and losing.



Coach D'Antoni promises a faster-paced game and a quality program as he enters his second year of coaching at his alma mater.

Q: What can the fans expect this season from the Thundering Herd?

A faster-paced game. A lot of the offense will be the same, but I think it will be a quicker pace. And on defense we will be adding lots of pressure and trapping. Our team will start the defense immediately when the opponent has the ball.

Q: Who are some of the players to watch this season?

To start, we have some returning players that will be exciting to watch – Justin Edmonds, Austin Loop and Ryan Taylor. We have senior James Kelly, who is extremely talented. Then we have a slew of newcomers including three West Virginians – Jon Elmore, Stevie Browning and C.J. Burks. And we expect improvement from foreign recruits Ajdin Penava and Aleksandar

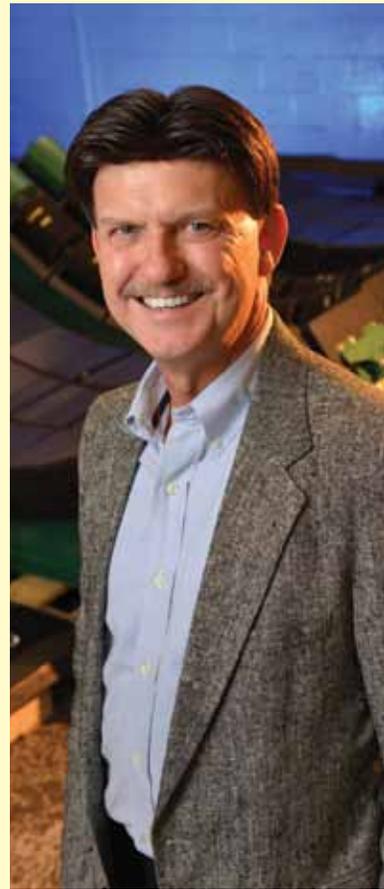
Dorzić. So from top to bottom the level of play will be vastly improved this year.

Q: What are your long-term goals for the Marshall basketball program?

I want a quality program with quality kids. And I want a program that will put up a lot of “Ws.” A lot of wins that will get the fan base excited. But I want the fans to be proud not only of a winning team, but the types of individual players we have as well. I want to recruit young men who will be real student-athletes; that will one day become good alumni who will come back and support this program. That’s what Huntington, Marshall and West Virginia deserve. □

Keith Morehouse is the sports director for WSAZ NewsChannel 3 in Huntington.

By James E. Casto • Photos by Rick Lee



LOCAL **IMPACT**

Meet the sons and daughters of Marshall University who have established successful, local businesses.

For some, entrepreneurship calls to them from an early age. For others, it is a calling they discover later in life. For these Marshall graduates, the latter is true. Originally on different career paths from the time they entered college, and even after, these local business owners eventually found

their passions and joined or established businesses in Huntington. Though their fields may differ - from baking to construction to graphic design - their principles of running businesses that bring growth and prosperity to the community unite these Marshall graduates with a common bond.



ANGELA HOLLAND SMITH GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS

In 2001, Angela Holland Smith and her husband, Todd, begged a local bank for a \$25,000 loan so they could buy screen-printing equipment and establish a fledgling business. The loan officer had some misgivings about their request, but she nevertheless approved it.

Soon the young couple was busily printing custom-designed T-shirts in her parents' Ceredo garage. They named their new company Graphic Solutions and in their first year did \$28,000 in gross sales.

In the years since, Graphic Solutions has grown dramatically. The company grossed \$785,000 in sales in 2014. Over its 14-year history, it's done more than \$4 million in total gross sales.

Angela and Todd met at Marshall University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in legal studies and Todd earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Married at the Marshall Campus Christian Center in August 1992, they have two children, ages 19 and 21, who work in the family business.

Angela worked as a paralegal and Todd as a Hurricane police officer for several years before they decided to open their business.

"Todd's natural artistic talent was helpful in learning graphic design computer skills from the Cabell County Career Technology Center," Smith said. Meanwhile, she used her legal background and social skills to do all the administrative legwork and customer development necessary to get the business started.

Moving out of her parents' garage, they set up shop in rented space at the busy intersection of Fifth Avenue and 31st Street. In 2005, they bought their current 8,000-square-foot building.

In April 2014 the couple started an online business, Velocity Sportswear, which specializes in high-end T-shirts and apparel with designs promoting activities like swimming, cycling, running and lifting.

In July 2015, they purchased state-of-the-art, automatic screen-printing equipment, which Smith said has "quadrupled our production efficiency."

The company's customers include schools, sports groups, small businesses and restaurants like Hillbilly Hotdogs, churches and other groups. It's employed as many as a dozen people at a time, in a mix of full-time and part-time positions.

Smith attributes Graphic Solutions' success to "long hours, hard-working employees, loyal customers and large doses of prayer."

JAMES LEACH E.P. LEACH & SONS

James Leach, the president of E.P. Leach & Sons, represents the third generation of his family to head the Huntington construction company.

The firm's roots reach back to the 1920s when his grandfather, E. P. Leach, and C.R. Neighborgall formed a partnership as Neighborgall and Leach Construction Co. Both men had sons and as the boys grew older the partners decided it would be best to go their separate ways.

The senior Leach organized E. P. Leach & Sons in 1946, when his sons James E. and Charles E. returned home from service in the Army.

In the early 1950s, the firm moved into a building at 1424 Fourth Ave., where it's still located. Among the company's projects in its earliest years were the Cammack Children's Center, the old A&P Supermarket at Fairfield Plaza and Our Lady of Fatima School.

Today, James Leach - born James E. Leach Jr. - is following in the footsteps of his late father, grandfather and uncle.

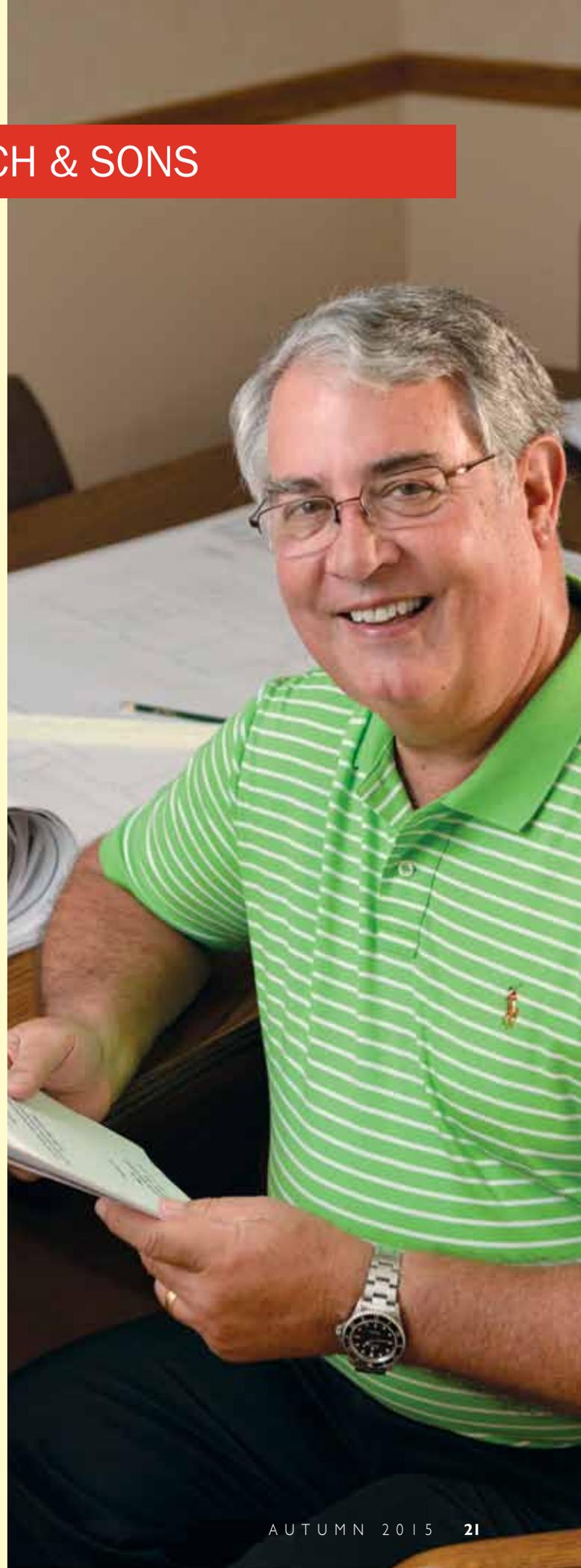
Thinking he might go to law school, James Jr. earned a bachelor's degree in history from Marshall University. But his "greatest accomplishment" at Marshall, he said, "was courting Sheila Baxter, the student body president." Today, James and Sheila Leach have two sons, James III and Ryan, who are learning the business.

"After I graduated from Marshall, I went to graduate school at West Virginia University for one semester and then was drafted," Leach said. "When I got out of [the] service, Sheila and I wanted to get married, so I started working for my dad. He told me if I was going to join the business I was going to learn it from the ground up. So I joined the carpenters' union and was out in the field for 18 years. It was great experience. Early in the 1990s, I came into the office to work."

The company has 10 full-time employees and hires additional union construction workers as needed.

Over the years, Leach has had a close relationship with Marshall, doing a number of projects, including, among others, the renovation of the old Science Hall, construction of the former Welcome Center that's now the Public Safety Building, the \$1.9 million upgrade of Edwards Stadium in 2013 and a newly completed \$1 million upgrade at the Harless Dining Hall.

Currently, the firm is busily working on a major renovation at Wayne High School, a building it originally built in 1960.



PAULA VEGA PAULA VEGA CAKES

At age 5, little Paula was waiting on customers at her daddy's Barboursville grocery store, running the cash register and counting change.

Today, a grown-up Paula Vega is still waiting on customers - now at her popular business, Paula Vega Cakes, located at 308 9th St. in downtown Huntington.

Vega started baking as a young girl, carefully taught by her mother. The older she got, the more she baked.

A graduate of the former Barboursville High School, Vega spent three years at Marshall University pursuing a business degree before she took a different career path. When her mother was stricken with a serious illness, she decided to become a nurse, which she did, earning her degree as a registered nurse.

But she never stopped baking. "I baked for church functions, for family and for friends. It was just a hobby, but I loved it," she said.

As an RN at Cabell Huntington Hospital, she started baking for members of her medical family. "I'd bring in red velvet cake for all of us - anything to spice up the day. One day someone offered to pay me to bake a cake for a shower. After the shower, I got three more orders. Soon I got so many orders I had to reduce my hours at the hospital."

After 19 years as nurse, the lure of the kitchen proved irresistible. "I loved nursing and I miss it, but I finally traded in my syringe for a piping bag to fulfill my love and passion for putting smiles on people's faces."

In 2010, she opened a bakery counter inside the Third and Ninth Deli Market on Third Avenue, across from Pullman Square. Her creations were an immediate hit with sweet-toothed customers. Her cupcakes proved especially popular. "Cupcakes seem to have a universal appeal," she said.

Pressed for space at the deli, she moved around the corner to her own shop, where she typically sells 65 dozen cupcakes a day and does two to five wedding cakes each weekend. "For Valentine's Day this year we did 120 dozen cupcakes and sold out in a matter of hours."

The shop has grown to a dozen employees and Vega said she's again running out of room and thinking about relocating.

"I love downtown Huntington and am determined to stay in the downtown, but it would be great to have a place with some parking."



JUDD ROSEBERRY RICHWOOD INDUSTRIES

For nearly 40 years, many of the world's busiest mining operations have turned to Huntington's Richwood Industries for help in solving their bulk material handling problems.

Founded in 1976, Richwood designs and manufactures conveyor belt accessories. It offers a wide range of items but its primary product is a belt cleaner that cleans off the materials that stick to the conveyor belt as it operates.

Over the years, Judd Roseberry and his brother-in-law Richard Stoll partnered to build Richwood into a world-wide leader in the materials handling industry. Stoll died in 2006, and Roseberry is now the company's sole owner. "I feel very privileged to say that," he said.

Born in northeastern Ohio, Roseberry went to Youngstown State University for a year before a visit to Huntington convinced him to enroll at Marshall University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business, with an emphasis on management and accounting.

"When I graduated, Richard gave me half of the company he had started with \$200 in cash and a \$5,000 credit line," Roseberry said. "I did whatever needed to be done but mostly I kept our books, putting to work the accounting skills I learned at Marshall."

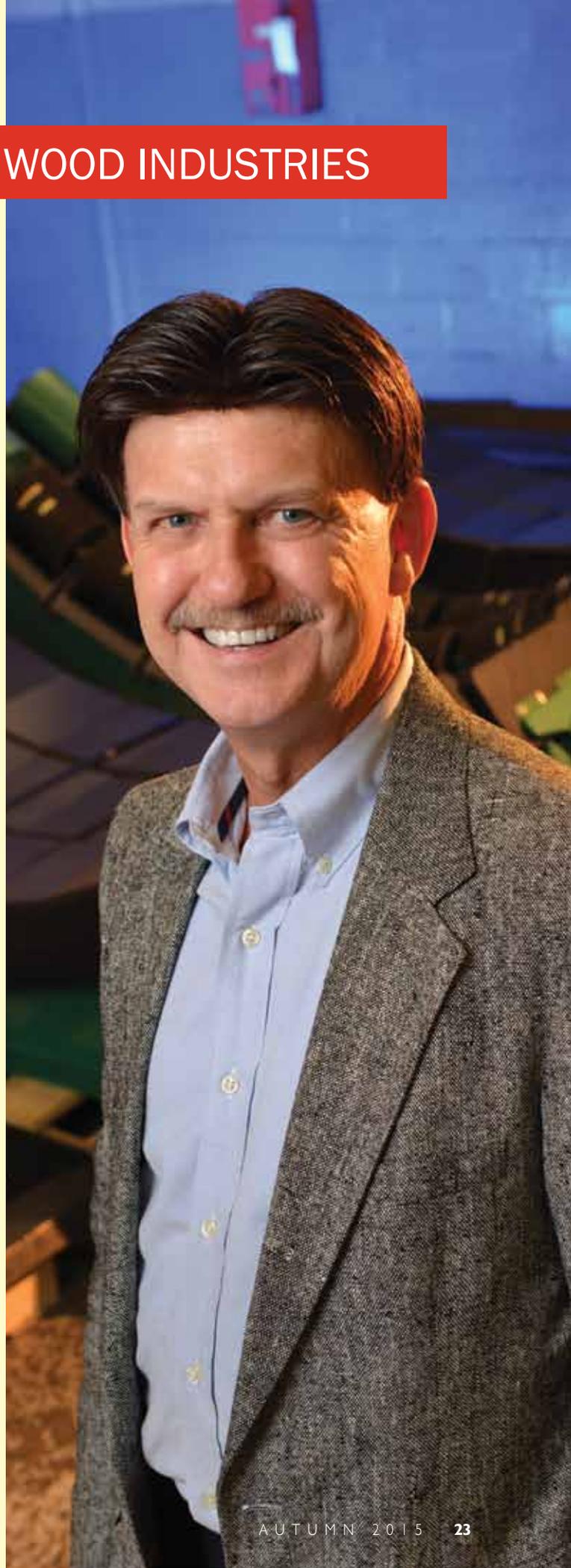
The fledgling business started out selling lumber and wood pallets. Later, it became a distributor for coal mining equipment. At first, Stoll and Roseberry were the company's only employees. By 1979, they had added a handful of workers. Then, in 1980, they lost their distributorship and literally had to start over.

"We found ourselves back at zero, so we decided we would start making our own products instead of selling somebody else's," Roseberry said.

Today, Richwood employs 200 people and sells its products across the nation and around the world. It started with a big order to China and now exports to a list of 10 foreign countries, from Canada and Mexico to Indonesia and Ireland.

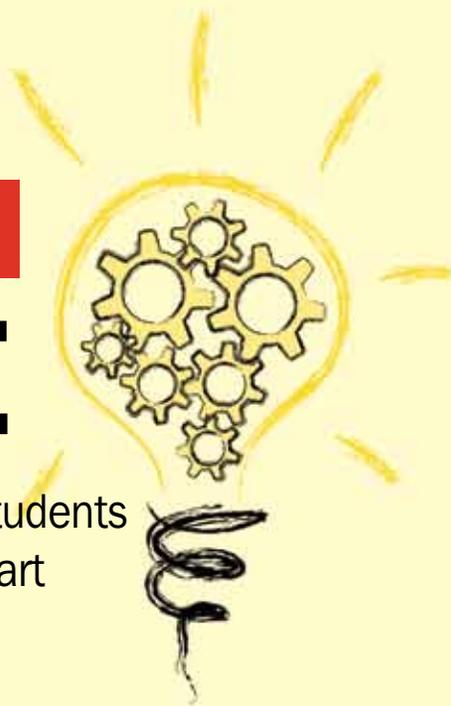
"Currently, 46 percent of our business is with the coal industry," Roseberry said. "Our second largest market is copper mining. Iron ore, gold, anything that uses conveyor belts is a market for us, as long as they have enough volume to make it worth our while."

Richwood has four buildings in Huntington, with its main building at 707 W. Seventh St., a machine shop at 740 W. Sixth Ave. and a rubber shop at 1900 Eighth Ave. "And we've just acquired another building on Madison Avenue," Roseberry said.



INNOVATION FOR

THE FUTURE



Marshall's minor in entrepreneurship helps students hone their skills and lay the groundwork to start their own businesses.

By Rebecca Stephens

Marshall students hoping to start their own businesses can start planning for their future with a minor in entrepreneurship in the Lewis College of Business at Marshall University. The program, which was established in 2004, requires students to complete a minimum of 15 credit hours including courses in accounting, management, marketing, a business elective and an internship in entrepreneurship.

"The entrepreneurship programs gathered momentum nationwide when leading universities had very successful programs and it's become its own professional field," said Dr. Haiyang Chen, dean of the Lewis College of Business. "We at Marshall are in agreement that we should have such a program with our own characteristics to improve students' mindset and unleash their innovative potential."

Chen said the ultimate goal is to expand the minor into a major.

"Part of the American culture is the 'can-do' spirit and that drives to innovate and create something new for society," Chen said. "That's why we're really excited about the idea of developing the entrepreneurship minor into a full-fledged major. We want help students get out of their comfort zones and meet new challenges."

Chen said the Lewis College of Business faculty is encouraged to use more experiential learning techniques in order to give students a more hands-on experience. Students have the opportunity to join student clubs to engage them on campus, as well as complete internships and other community service related activities. Not everything will be gained through textbooks."

Chen said the program is not specific to the Lewis College of Business, and it is a cross-discipline, cross-campus collaboration that requires students to gain knowledge and experience in other fields, such as technology.

The BB&T Center for the Advancement of American Capitalism has funded a grant for the support of the entrepreneurship program since 2008. The Lewis College of Business is working with business and government leaders in the community to create an environment and opportunities for students to start new business and create new jobs.

"We will give our students everything we have to help them succeed and we want them to come back to help other students," Chen said. □

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Changing the Game

The Buck Harless Student-Athlete Academic Center focuses on the minds of Marshall's student-athletes.

When Mike Hamrick took over as his alma mater's athletic director in 2009, he brought with him a vision of bettering the lives of all his student-athletes both on and off the playing field.

Hamrick's vision has become a reality through his dedication and that of around 1,000 men and women who donated time and nearly \$38 million to complete the Chris Cline Athletic Complex. Named after the campaign's key benefactor - mining executive, philanthropist and Marshall alumnus Chris Cline - the complex was officially unveiled last year on a brand-new, NFL-quality indoor football field. As Marshall's new academic year gets underway, the full scope of Hamrick's vision is becoming crystal clear.

"This isn't just about the practice facility; this is the total package," Hamrick said. "We have the indoor practice facility, yes, but we also have the sports medicine facility and the academic facility. What we have created here is a place where our student-athletes can have all their needs met without having to travel all over campus to do so."

By Shane Arrington • Photos by Rick Lee

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STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC CENTER



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While Hamrick said he wants to focus on all three key facets of the new complex, he said he can’t overlook the importance of the indoor training facility. In addition to a full-size football field, the facility boasts the Jeff Small Track, which surrounds the field, and batting cages and other netting which drop from the ceiling when needed. Hamrick said the indoor facility not only benefits Marshall athletics, but also the local economy, as shown when the site hosted two large invitational track meets earlier this year.

Even though the indoor training facility is the most talked-about addition to the Chris Cline complex, Hamrick said he cannot stress how proud he is to have it combined with the new home of the Marshall University Sports Medicine Institute and the Buck Harless Student-Athlete Academic Center. He said all the pieces together create a perfect combination to enhance both the bodies and minds of Marshall student-athletes.

Future Marshall athletes visiting campus for the first time may view the indoor training facility with awe, but the parents of those young men and women will typically be more impressed with the equipment found within the sports medicine institute, Hamrick said. The facility houses a wide variety of physical therapy equipment, including underwater and anti-gravity treadmills, multiple hydrotherapy tools and a dedicated staff of medical professionals to focus on taking care of any problems Marshall’s student-athletes may incur.

“Before we had our sports medicine over at Cabell Huntington Hospital,” Hamrick said. “It could be disorganized sometimes but now it’s all under one roof, which is a great benefit to our student-athletes. Not all the young men and women understand the importance

of this, but their parents do. They want the best for their children, and this shows them Marshall is committed to providing just that.”

With the training facility and sports medicine institute taking care of player’s athletic performance, Hamrick said he doesn’t want anyone to look past the work that has gone into the focus on enhancing their academic performance. The Buck Harless Student-Athlete Academic Center is unlike anything he’s ever seen, Hamrick said.

In the past, Marshall student-athletes could be found huddled inside a small computer room, where half the computers usually didn’t work, in the Shewey Building or scrambling around the Huntington campus looking for a computer to finish a paper or study. Not any more. The new academic center boasts a computer lab with 64 computers, a massive 75-seat auditorium equipped with a large video monitor, a 34-computer “quiet” computer lounge and a host of other amenities.

Tara Helton, director of the Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program for academic advising, told *Herd Insider* that this new center is an academic game changer for Marshall’s student-athletes.

“I never thought I’d see anything like this,” Helton said. “Absolutely not. It was always talked about, but even when you started hearing about the Vision Campaign ... until you saw it and you walked in and it was finished.”

Helton said the student-athletes have been more than impressed with the changes, saying some players have mentioned how the atmosphere creates a space where they legitimately want to sit down and get to work.

While the new indoor training facility, sports medicine institute and academic center show where Marshall



Freshman basketball player Kelsey Riley (right) meets for advising with Jillian Boys in the Buck Harless Student-Athlete Academic Center.

has come, and its continued commitment to bettering the lives of its student-athletes, for visitors to truly appreciate everything they must tour the new Marshall Athletics Hall of Fame.

The room features plaques and memorabilia from key university student-athletes, as well as two large interactive displays that people can use to watch videos about Marshall heroes such as Chad Pennington and Randy Moss. In the middle of the hall of fame stands a memorial dedicated to those who lost their lives in the plane crash on Nov. 14, 1970.

As a student-athlete himself, playing Marshall football just a few years after that fateful day, Hamrick said everything that has come from the Vision Campaign has been personal for him. He said he remembers playing for a university still fighting so hard to rebuild that it

couldn't offer its student-athletes the basics of tutoring and a proper weight room. While things had greatly improved from what he had as a student to when he came on as athletic director, he said he wanted to make sure things got even better.

"I just wanted all our student-athletes to have what I never had," Hamrick said. "These young men and women work hard both on and off the field, and I think it's important we strive to make them the best they can be. I think we have made this look easy, but it's been years of hard work, late nights and the commitment of so many people to make this happen. I always knew we could do this, but I did worry about others not seeing the vision. But when Chad Pennington and Mike D'Antoni came on board, I knew we were going to be OK."



The Chris Cline Athletic Complex offers facilities that cater to the body and mind of Marshall's student-athletes from an NFL-quality, indoor football field, to the top-notch classrooms and study areas in the Buck Harless Student-Athlete Academic Center.

After Chris Cline's large donation, things could have been rushed, but Hamrick said it was the late President Stephen J. Kopp's desire to do things the right way that kept everyone on track to creating a top-notch complex that larger schools, and even some professional organizations, would look at and say "wow." He said he wishes Kopp, who died suddenly last December, could be here to see the completed project, but knows he would be proud of what the Marshall community came together to accomplish. □

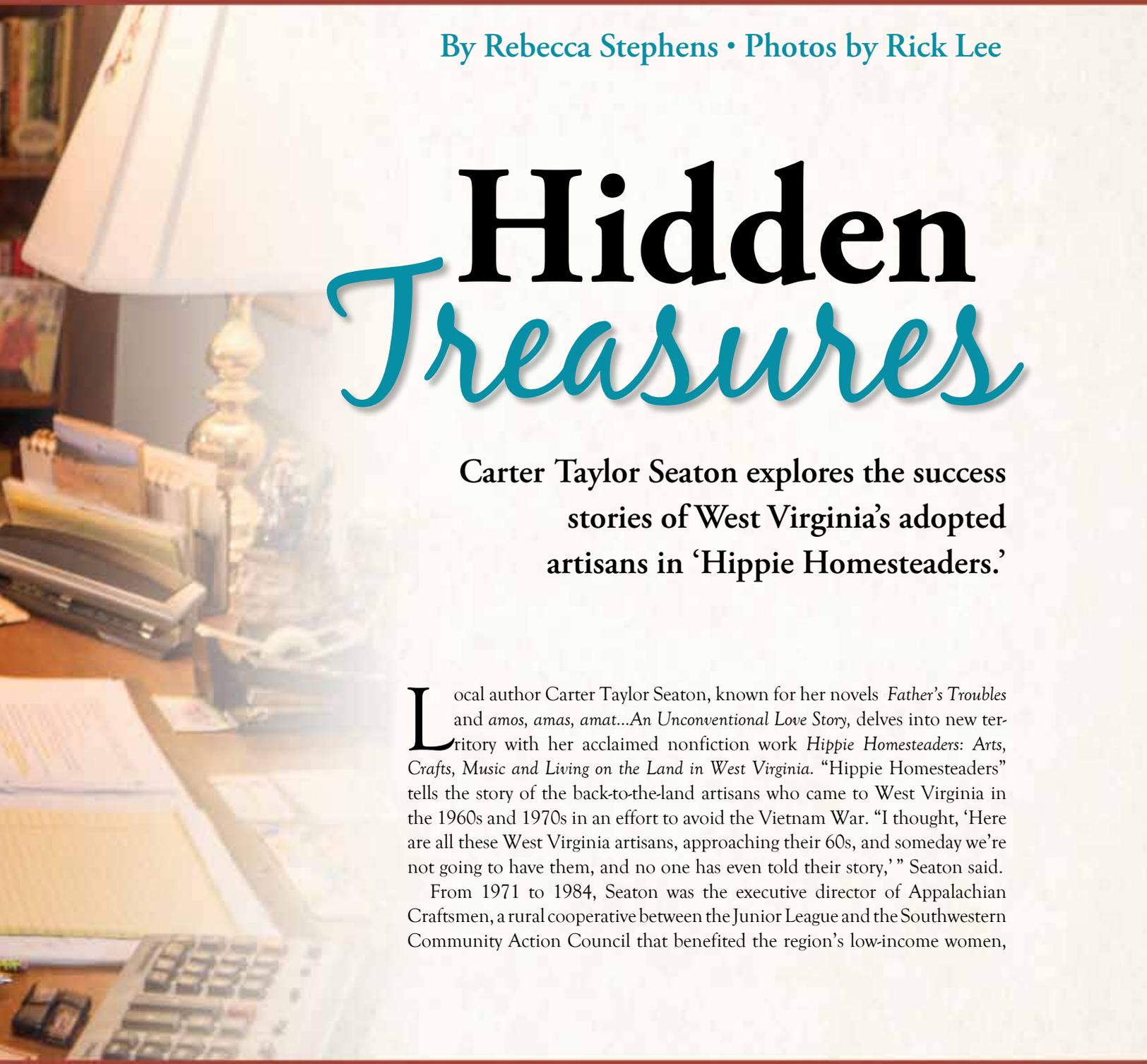
Shane Arrington is a freelance writer with more than 10 years of civilian and military journalism experience. He received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Marshall University and his master's in integrated marketing communications from West Virginia University.

Chris Cline Athletic Complex

The finishing touches were put on the Chris Cline Athletic Complex in September when three giant bronze-plated bison were installed on a reinforced concrete pad adjacent to the drive-through next to the Marshall Athletics Hall of Fame and the new Marshall Sports Medicine Institute. The statues were a part of the Vision Campaign contribution made by Cline, a coal entrepreneur. Created by noted Athens, Georgia, artist Stan Mullins, the bison are very hefty. Each weighs in the 3,000-pound range and the rock pedestals for each weigh in between 17 and 20 tons. They took shape as 3-D foam molds that were covered by clay in Colorado before being coated with a bronze patina. Each buffalo began “life” in 60-80 pieces, which were then welded together and ground down into the finished product. The process took 14 months to complete, and then the bison were delivered by flatbed trucks down Third Avenue before multiple cranes lifted them into their Herd home.







By Rebecca Stephens • Photos by Rick Lee

Hidden Treasures

Carter Taylor Seaton explores the success stories of West Virginia's adopted artisans in 'Hippie Homesteaders.'

Local author Carter Taylor Seaton, known for her novels *Father's Troubles* and *amos, amas, amat...An Unconventional Love Story*, delves into new territory with her acclaimed nonfiction work *Hippie Homesteaders: Arts, Crafts, Music and Living on the Land in West Virginia*. "Hippie Homesteaders" tells the story of the back-to-the-land artisans who came to West Virginia in the 1960s and 1970s in an effort to avoid the Vietnam War. "I thought, 'Here are all these West Virginia artisans, approaching their 60s, and someday we're not going to have them, and no one has even told their story,'" Seaton said.

From 1971 to 1984, Seaton was the executive director of Appalachian Craftsmen, a rural cooperative between the Junior League and the Southwestern Community Action Council that benefited the region's low-income women,



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which eventually became an independent, private non-profit. During her time as executive director, Seaton attended the annual Mountain State Arts and Crafts Fair, where she met and befriended many of the artisans whose stories she tells in “Hippie Homesteaders.”

“Back then, I didn’t really question why they had come here,” Seaton said. “It wasn’t until the 1990s that someone asked me and said, ‘That might be a good idea for a book,’ so ‘Hippie Homesteaders’ has been a story I’ve wanted to tell for quite some time.”

Seaton credits Don Page, who then worked for the Department of Commerce, and Tim Pyles, then coordinator of the crafts program at Cedar Lakes, for agreeing with her conclusions that the state would have been different without the artisans, including the theory that Tamarack, West Virginia’s tourism hot spot, may never have come into existence.

“It was really affirming to have that idea of mine supported,” she said.

From 2005 to 2007, Seaton traveled the Mountain State on weekends with a tape recorder. She followed the West Virginia hills up many back roads and hollers, meeting with more than 40 artisans eager to tell their stories.

“Every single visit was special because it was a chance to connect to a story I felt I was part of,” Seaton said. “I am a West Virginian by birth, and I lived through that time and was very familiar with the troubles of that era.”

Seaton said there is something unique about a person who chooses West Virginia as his or her home, and finds success in his or her art career.

“We tend to celebrate when artists are born here, but not when they came here and lived, in many cases, a hardscrabble life that they chose and still became successful.”

Seaton, an alumna of Marshall, said her journey to graduation was not the typical road of most college students. She attended classes on and off for 15 years, during which time she was working for Appalachian Craftsmen, but eventually completed her undergraduate career with a dual degree in English and business.

Seaton majored in English because it was something she always enjoyed growing up.

“I believe that in order to be a good writer you have to be a good reader, so I think it worked out very well for me.”

Seaton was honored at this year’s Alumni Awards Banquet when she was presented with the 2015 Award of Distinction from the College of Liberal Arts.

“That was quite a surprise,” she said. “I was so thrilled by it. To be honored by the college from which you graduated was truly special to me.”

Since “Hippie Home-steaders” release, Seaton has turned her full attention to completing a biography about Ken Hechler, as well as freelance writing and fleshing out ideas for future books.

With the success of three books, Seaton’s passion and talent for writing evident and it’s easy to see if there’s a story worth telling, she will certainly tell it. □

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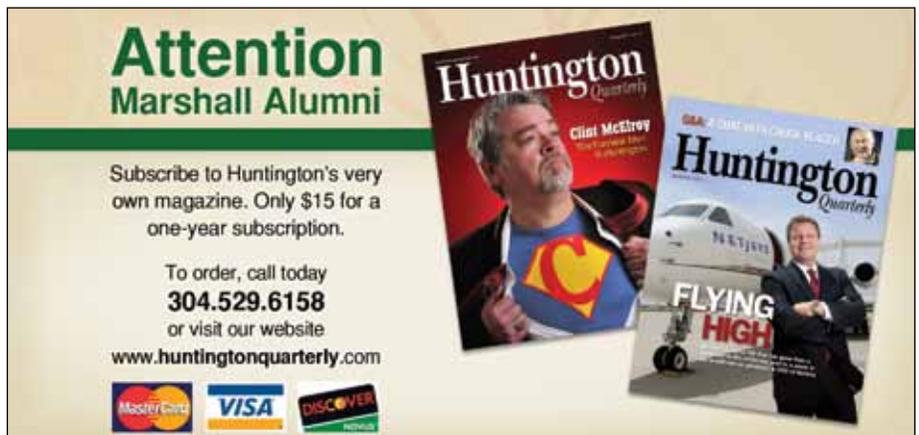


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A MESSAGE FROM BENJAMIN M. SANDY

MUAA National President, Class of '07 and '11



Fellow Marshall Alumni,

I would like to open by stating how honored I am to serve as the president of the Marshall University Alumni Association for the next two years. I certainly “bleed green” and it runs in the family – my family consists of 12 Marshall alumni, including my wife, Jessica. We met while attending Marshall and now live in Vienna, West Virginia. I am looking forward to my term as president and I hope to build on the momentum that our past president, Bernie Coston, provided.

I believe in the saying that “if you’re not constantly improving, then you’re going to fall behind.” In the last year and a half, Marshall has been charging ahead of the competition by opening numerous incredible facilities. These new features on the Huntington campus help recruit students and demonstrate to the nation that Marshall University is committed to providing a great education and the best student experience possible. In August, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the \$56 million Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex, a unique, state-of-the-art facility. Last fall we saw the opening of the Visual Arts Center, the Chris Cline Athletic Complex and the Buck Harless Student-Athlete Academic Center – all impressive.



The Alumni Association is also always looking for ways to improve and connect with our fellow alumni. That’s why I encourage everyone to “like” our official page on Facebook – it’s a great way to know what’s happening at Marshall and you can always send us a message with ideas and suggestions. Alternatively, you can email

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us at alumni@marshall.edu. The members of the Alumni Board of Directors are dedicated to continually improving the organization and meeting the high expectations of alumni across the world.

With the academic year well under way, there's one weekend many alumni circle on their calendars each fall – homecoming! This year's theme, "Blast from the Past: A Tribute to the '80s," will be a lot of fun. I fully expect to see some really big hair-dos and acid-washed jeans during the homecoming parade, which will be Thursday, Oct. 22. The excitement will come to a crescendo on Saturday afternoon, when our football team will square off against the University of North Texas. There are so many events scheduled from Thursday through Sunday, I would suggest you visit our website (www.herdalum.com) and plan accordingly.

Thank you for reading and especially for your contributions toward our alma mater. It's a wonderful time to be an alumnus of Marshall University, where exciting things are happening!

Benjamin M. Sandy, '07 and '11
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2016 Alumni Award Nominations

Deadline for submissions is Jan. 15, 2016

The Alumni Association proudly recognizes achievements of distinguished alumni, friends and students by presenting awards at its annual Alumni Awards Banquet. Past honorees have included outstanding educators, successful business people, prominent scientists, sports and entertainment personalities and ordinary people with extraordinary devotion to Marshall.

The Awards Committee makes its decision based on nominations received on or before Jan. 15, 2016. Nominations received after that date will be considered for 2017.

CATEGORIES:

Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna: Given to Marshall alumni for outstanding national achievements in their particular field of endeavor.

Alumnus/Alumna Community Achievement: Given to alumni for success in their particular field of endeavor and personal contribution to their respective communities. (A Marshall alumnus/alumna is any former student who has received academic credit at Marshall University and whose class has graduated.)

Distinguished Service: Given for loyal and unselfish service to Marshall. This award is NOT limited to Marshall alumni.

The Young Alumni Award: Presented to an alum who is 35 years old or younger, is an active member of the Alumni Association, shows outstanding achievement in his or her field of endeavor, has a personal commitment to his or her community and demonstrates service to Marshall University and its students. This award is not open to members of the MUAA board.

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For a list of past award winners or to submit the name of an individual you believe to be qualified as a nominee for one of the awards, go to www.herdalum.com and go to "Alumni Awards" under the "Who We Are" menu. This nomination form must be received in our office by the above date. The Awards Committee will review the qualifications of nominees and select the recipients.

Award winners will be asked to submit a number of photos for a video presentation during the Awards Banquet. Please make sure the nominee would be willing to submit these photos within two weeks after notification of having won the award. He/she must be able to attend the Alumni Awards Banquet in April.

Please include the following to support your nomination in order to provide the selection committee with as much information as possible:

1. An explanation of how your candidate fulfills the criteria for the award category for which he/she has been nominated;
2. The nominee's vita/résumé, including career highlights, volunteerism, honors and awards, community service, professional organizations, publications, etc.;
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Get ready, Herd fans...the '80s are coming back to the Huntington campus!

Marshall University is excited to step back in time during Homecoming 2015 with this year's theme – Blast from the Past! So dust off that boom box, buy a deluxe package of hairspray and find something neon to wear, because Marshall is heading back to the '80s!

In addition to a rockin' '80s theme, Homecoming 2015 will be filled with activities for students, alums and Herd fans of all ages with a full week of activities beginning on Sunday, Oct. 18, and leading up to the 2015 Homecoming game against North Texas on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m.

This is your opportunity to throw on some green and white, reunite with old friends, check out the Huntington campus and cheer on your Thundering Herd! For a full list of Homecoming 2015 activities, visit HerdAlum.com. We hope to see you at as many homecoming events as possible!

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

COLOR MY COLLEGE 5K

1 p.m.

Kicking off Marshall's Homecoming Week, the Color My College 5K puts a new twist on the color run trend that is sweeping the nation by coming to Huntington and using the Kelly green and white!

MONDAY, OCT. 19

OFFICE DECORATION

All Week

All campus offices are asked to decorate using the "Blast from the Past" theme. The offices will be judged on Thursday and prizes will be awarded at the Friday, Oct. 23, Picnic on the Plaza. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories. Visit www.HerdAlum.com for more info.

THUNDERING POMP COMPETITION

All Week

Student organizations will be asked to create a 'pomp' piece to be used in the Homecoming parade float. Judging will take place on Thursday, Oct. 22.

PENNY WARS

All Week

Student organizations with the most pennies in their jars will win their respective categories. The winning organization will receive half of the money collected, the other half will be donated.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

CANNED FOOD ART

Noon

Student organizations will be tasked with building a self-sustaining structure out of canned food related to the Blast from the Past theme.

UNITY WALK

5 p.m.

All students, teams, organizations, residence halls, faculty, staff and community members are invited to walk the campus perimeter and show their Marshall Pride!

MEET THE COURT

6:30 p.m.

Meet the candidates for Mr. and Miss Marshall. Voting begins immediately following the Unity Walk.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

SO MU THINK YOU CAN DANCE?

Noon

Show off your sweet 1980s dance moves on the Memorial Student Center Plaza!

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

HOMECOMING CAR BASH

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Take out your frustration in a healthy way by joining WMUL for its annual Homecoming Car Bash on Buskirk Field!

HOMECOMING PARADE

6:30 p.m.

Join us in a celebration of Marshall University during the annual Homecoming Parade! Floats, marching bands and everything you love about parades will fill the air, this time under the lights on Thursday night!

YELL LIKE HELL

6:30 p.m.

Student organizations participating in the parade show their pride and see which group has the most spirit.

THE BURN SHIRT & PEP RALLY

Following Parade

A new tradition! Students can bring shirts from rival schools to be burned in the bonfire, followed by a pep rally with players and coaches!

WE ARE MARSHALL: THE MOVIE

9 p.m.

A free showing of “We Are Marshall” on Buskirk Field on an inflatable screen.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

PICNIC ON THE PLAZA

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Marshall’s largest and most exciting on-campus Homecoming party returns! The Marshall University Alumni Association will be throwing a party with free food, drinks, music and lots of fun.

PARENTS & FAMILY WEEKEND WINE RECEPTION

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Post-registration wine reception and family photos in the rotunda of Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

PARENTS & FAMILY WEEKEND FAMILY NIGHT

5:30 p.m.

Join us for a special tailgate in the Kroger parking lot across from the soccer stadium, leading up to a men’s soccer game against nationally ranked New Mexico.

BLACK ALUMNI RECEPTION

7:30 p.m.

Meet and greet reception at the Pullman Plaza Hotel.

ALUMNI CONCERT GALA

7:30 p.m.

Join us for a special performance at Smith Music Hall for all alumni of the Marching Thunder.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

ALUM RUN

8 a.m.

Join your fellow alums on a run from Pullman Square to campus with multiple age groups.

MU ALUMNI TAILGATE

11:00 a.m.

Tailgate with the Marshall University Alumni Association! Food, drinks, music and fun on the field beside Harless Dining Hall leading up to the big game!

HOMECOMING GAME VS. NORTH TEXAS

3:30 p.m.

Join us as The Herd battles North Texas in a crucial Conference USA matchup.

HOMECOMING STEP SHOW

After Game

Annual step show at the Keith-Albee to wrap up Homecoming Week!

BLACK ALUMNI DINNER & DANCE

9 p.m.

Dinner and dance with a theme of “Jeans & Bling” at the Memorial Student Center, room BE5.

Touma family to serve as grand marshals in Homecoming Parade



Dr. Joseph B. Touma and his wife, Dr. Omayma Touma, have been selected as the grand marshals for the 2015 Homecoming Parade on Thursday, Oct. 22.

A renowned ear and hearing specialist in the region for more than 40 years, Joseph Touma has helped restore hearing for thousands of hearing-impaired patients in the Tri-State area. But his impact reaches far behind those patients, as both Marshall University and the entire city of Huntington have prospered because of his generosity and guidance.

Joseph Touma served on the faculty at the Marshall University medical school and has financially supported numerous programs surrounding the university. In addition to his work as a physician, Joseph Touma is credited with helping lead a revitalization of downtown Huntington. He purchased and renovated buildings near Pullman Square and helped form the core of downtown development. One of his buildings houses the Touma Museum of Medicine, showing the history and advances in medicine over the past century and beyond.

Born in Damascus, Syria, both Joseph Touma and his wife, an accomplished physician in her own right who previously served as director of the Cabell County Health Department, traveled to the United States in the late 1960s. After visiting 15 other cities, the Touma family settled in Huntington, West Virginia, in 1971. Since then they have been changing the lives of patients and altering the path of both Marshall University and Huntington.

The couple received *The Herald-Dispatch* "Citizens of the Year" award in 2000 and were both inducted into Marshall University's Business Hall of Fame in 2001.

Marshall University is proud to have Joe and Omayma serve as this year's Marshall University homecoming grand marshals.



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ON THE MOVE

A glimpse into the world of the Marshall University Alumni Association.



In August, the MUAA gave a special presentation at the Woodlands retirement community and surprised the residents, many of whom are former students and professors and other avid supporters of the university, with official status as an alumni club. The brand new Woodlands Alumni Club will proudly be a part of this year's Homecoming Parade.



The Marshall University Alumni Association enjoyed a brand new event in August with the debut of the Marco Cornhole Classic and Marshall Family Fun Day presented by Huntington Bank. More than 20 teams participated in the inaugural event, with superheroes, inflatables, music, food and more making for a fun summer outing.



MUAA traveled to Clearwater, Florida, in July to show its support of the St. Pete/Clearwater Marshall Alumni Club during Marshall Day at a Clearwater Threshers baseball game. More than two dozen Herd supporters came out for the event.



The Marshall University Alumni Association was a proud supporter of the grand opening of The Greenbrier's Center Court at Creekside in June. Dozens of Marshall alumni came out to support Jim Justice and The Greenbrier at a special exhibition tennis match between Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras.



Nationwide Insurance, a proud partner of the Marshall University Alumni Association, hosted the MUAA and other alumni chapters around the country at the Memorial PGA golf tournament at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio, in June. The MUAA took the time to represent the green and white while the world's best golfers took to the course.



Randy Shobe (second from left) and Dale Shobe (second from right) from Point Pleasant won the inaugural Marco Cornhole Classic Aug. 1. They beat out more than 20 other teams to win a trophy and customized Marshall cornhole set. They are shown with Matt Hayes (far left), Marshall's executive director of alumni relations, and Tom Bailey from Huntington Bank.



Please share your news with us by sending it to the Marshall University Alumni Association; One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, W.Va. 25755. *Preference will be given to active alumni;* other news will be printed as space allows and should be received within six months of the event. For more Class Notes, go to www.marshall.edu/alumni.

1960s

Richard “Dick” Ardisson (B.B.A. '69) was recently elected chairman of the board of the Fort Knox Federal Credit Union, the largest credit union based in Kentucky, with 87,000 members throughout central Kentucky and around the world. He has been a credit union volunteer for 17 years, having previously served on the loan review committee and as the board secretary, treasurer and vice chairman. Ardisson is a Certified Credit Union Director, having completed coursework sponsored by the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management and the Credit Union Executive Society. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel, having been commissioned at Marshall, then worked as a defense contractor in 2011. He and his wife Marilyn (B.A. '68) live in Radcliff, Kentucky.

1970s

Robert E. (Bob) Gregg (B.A. '70) was granted the American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity (AAED) President's Award for exceptional service and professional achievement in diversity and equal employment opportunity at the group's 2015 conference in

New Orleans. The award recognizes his work in civil rights and EEO for 40 years. He was instrumental in developing some of the first race relations, disability, sexual harassment and bullying programs and regulations in the U.S. Gregg has developed race relations programs for military bases worldwide and served on legislative committees and American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity task forces. He conducts seminars on EEO issues throughout the U.S. Currently he chairs the Labor and Employment Practice Group at the Boardman & Clark law firm in Madison, Wisconsin. He serves on several boards and committees, including the board of directors of the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Foundation. While at Marshall he was a member of Gamma Epsilon Fraternity.

Dr. Bobby Barton (M.A. '70) received the highest honor bestowed by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). Barton, professor emeritus in Eastern Kentucky University's Athletic Training program, received the Eva Becker-Doyle Leadership Award at the NATA Clinical Symposia and AT Expo in June. He has been

active in the association for many years, serving in a number of roles, including a position on the board of directors and two terms as the association's president. Prior to becoming the association's president, he served as NATA's District's IX Director and NATA vice president. The Eva Becker-Doyle Leadership Award is the highest honor given to a NATA member for outstanding leadership and volunteerism within the organizations. Barton earned a master's degree from Marshall in 1970, then earned a doctoral degree in adapted physical education at Middle Tennessee University. He worked at Marshall, the University of Florida, Florida International University and the University of Kentucky before accepting a position at Eastern Kentucky as athletic trainer and program director. He was their head athletic trainer from 1979 to 2003. He co-authored Kentucky's legislation on athletic trainer certification, one of the first in the nation. The winner of numerous professional awards, Barton is a member of the Marshall University Athletic Hall of Fame as well as the NATA and Ohio Valley Conference Halls of Fame and the Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society Hall of Fame.

1980s

Dr. Marc Workman (B.S. '82, M.D. '86) is the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award given by the Fort Gay (West Virginia) High School Alumni Association. He received the award at the group's annual banquet held in Louisa, Kentucky, Sept. 4. A primary care physician, he serves residents of Lawrence County, Kentucky, and Wayne County, West Virginia. After graduating summa cum laude from Marshall with a degree in chemistry, he entered the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine where he was awarded the Ciba-Geigy Primary Care Award by his peers for most exemplifying the characteristics of a family physician. Workman completed his internship and residency programs at United Hospital Center in Clarksburg, West Virginia, and also trained at the VA Medical Center in Clarksburg as well as West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia. He joined the family practice that he now owns in 1989. A deacon in the Big Hurricane Baptist Church in Fort Gay, Workman has been a volunteer on mission trips to Guatemala and Haiti, where, as the sole physician and aided by locals and nurses from the mission trip, he

provided medical care for needy residents. Accompanied by his family on trips to Guatemala where they helped build houses in rural villages, he often treated over 100 people a day. Last year he went to Haiti, accompanied by his daughter Savannah and a group from Campbellsville University in Kentucky, where they provided health care. Workman resides in Fort Gay, with his family—wife, Michelle, who is a graduate of the Saint Mary’s School of Nursing in Huntington, and their three daughters, Savannah, Mollie and Lydia.

Bruce Deaton (B.B.A. ’84, M.B.A. ’93) has been named director of soccer operations and head women’s soccer coach at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri. He played for the Thundering Herd under Coach Jack Defazio from 1982 to 1984.

Ruth G. Zavitsanos (B.A. ’84) has recently had her second historical women’s fiction book, “Sisters Inn” released to high acclaim, and is currently working on her fourth children’s book, “The Valley Forge Dog,” also a work of historical fiction. While pursuing a journalism degree at Marshall, she received numerous writing awards and has been published in *Writer’s Digest* as well as in *Delaware Beach Life* magazine. Her first book, “Flight of the Little Dove,” a historical romance, received five-star reviews and is a book selection for several independent

bookstores. Her children’s book “The Villa Dog,” received an Epic Award and was a Main Line Today staff pick. Other books, “The Old Fortress Dog” and “The Kona Dog,” were third grade book club selections. Zavitsanos is a member of PennWriters, Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, Valley Forge Romance Writers Group and Romance Writers of America. She and her family reside outside Philadelphia in Chester County.

Mary Elizabeth “M.E.” Yancosek Gamble, (M.A. ’85) chair of the Business, Communications and Media Arts department at Bethany College, was recently named the recipient of the West Virginia Public Relations Educator of the Year Award by the state chapter of Public Relations Society of America. The award recognizes a PRSA member who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of public relations education through college or university teaching. She was recognized at the annual Crystal Awards banquet and gala June 17 in Charleston, West Virginia. Gamble teaches the integrated marketing classes for Bethany College. The college’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, of which she is the adviser, was named “Chapter of the Year” in 2012. The award is officially called the “Dr. Hal Shaver, APR Public Relations Educator of the Year Award” named

for the longtime public relations educator in West Virginia. Gamble worked for Shaver, who was chair of Bethany’s communications department from 1982 to 1990. Shaver left Bethany to become the dean of Marshall’s W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, where he served until his death in 2004.

2000s

Rajia Hassib (B.A. ’10, M.A. ’12) had her first novel, “In the Language of Miracles,” published by Viking in August to national praise and accolades. The book began as her master’s thesis in the Department of English and after graduation she revised it into novel form. *Literary Journal* said it is a “stellar debut...it would be difficult to find a better book for any discussion group. Highly recommended.” *Publisher’s Weekly’s* “Galley Talk” wrote, “Hassib has written a stunning debut novel that explores the bonds of family, the throes of grief, and the ability to alter your dream into something spectacularly different.” *Kirkus Reviews* said in a starred review, “a sensitive, finely wrought debut...sharply observant of immigrants’ intricate relationships to their adopted homelands, this exciting novel announces the arrival of a psychologically and socially astute new writer.” *Booklist* calls the book an admirable debut, adding “Hassib does fine work portraying a family divided by culturally

and generationally divergent reactions to a harrowing situation and the novel builds to a gratifying crescendo as the memorial nears and tensions rise.”

Zachary J. Loughman (M.S. ’05) has been selected Professor of the Year by the Faculty Merit Foundation. He accepted the honor during a banquet in the Culture Center in Charleston, West Virginia. Loughman, an assistant professor of biology at West Liberty University, has taught there for eight years and was honored as West Liberty’s Professor of the Year in 2011 and 2013. Loughman’s research focuses on the natural history, taxonomy and conservation of North American crayfish. He has named three species of crayfish, including *Cambarus hayfield*, which is found in West Virginia’s Tug River basin. Since 1984 the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia has honored an outstanding faculty member at a West Virginia college or university. The winner receives a \$10,000 cash prize, with smaller awards to the other finalists. The Professor of the Year award is presented with financial support from United Bank.

Courtney Vinson (M.A. ’06) has been named the University of Memphis associate athletic director for sport services and senior women administrator. Vinson joins Memphis after a four-year stint as assistant athletic director at the University of Central Florida (UCF).



At Memphis, Vinson will oversee the operations of the Athletics Office of Compliance, including certification, scholarships and the scholarship book process. Also among her responsibilities is serving as the administrator for several sports. Vinson will also be a liaison with academic advising and co-support the operations of the CHAMPS Life Skills program. While at UCF, Vinson created, developed and implemented policies and procedures to ensure institutional rules, which aligned with the NCAA and American Athletic Conference regulations. She developed compliance programming for administrators, coaches, student-athletes and boosters. She also served as the director of

compliance at Clemson University from 2008 to 2011, and the assistant director of compliance at the University of Akron from 2006 to 2008. While at Marshall, Vinson was a compliance graduate assistant.

2010s

Jordan Richardson (B.A. '11) was recently named to Red Alert Politics' 30-under-30 list, a national organization that highlights young, right-of-center leaders who are making a difference on a local, state, and/or national scale and in their communities. He is an attorney and policy associate at Generation Opportunity,

a nonprofit organization that promotes economic opportunity and prosperity for young people. Richardson conducts research on how criminal justice reform, health care innovation and free market principles can improve the well-being of Americans. He received his degree in political science from Marshall summa cum laude with honors.

Shawn Cheeks (B.S. '15) has been awarded a \$5,000 fellowship by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. He received bachelor's degrees in computer science and applied mathematics from

Marshall and will pursue a Ph.D. in atmospheric and oceanic sciences from Princeton University. He is among 57 students nationwide to receive a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship. In addition to letters of recommendation and personal statements, the selection process for the fellowship is based on the applicant's evidence of graduate potential, undergraduate academic achievements and service and leadership experience.



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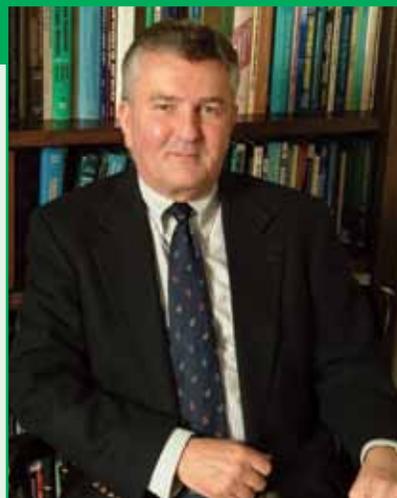
Jeff Madden (B.B.A. 1991)

Jeff Madden (B.B.A. '91) and his wife, Toni, who own a HoneyBaked Ham franchise in Huntington, have been named HoneyBaked's Franchisee of the Year, selected from the more than 400 stores across the country. The award was announced at the annual franchise conference which took place last summer in Atlanta.

The Maddens' store is consistently among the top performers of HoneyBaked's franchise locations in more than 41 states. The Maddens joined HoneyBaked in November 2010 when they bought the Huntington store from previous owners. The Huntington HoneyBaked store employs eight associates year-round and up to 25 during the holidays.

The award is HoneyBaked's most prestigious honor and recognizes the Maddens for their continued operational excellence and leadership, both within the business as well as in their community.

In addition to memberships in many civic groups, they also volunteer with United Way of the River Cities. In 2014, the Maddens started LAH2, or Project "Lend a Helping Ham", with Missy Clagg Browning as a charitable effort benefitting the Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless. The Maddens volunteered to sponsor the program, in which customers can sponsor a meal or give a donation to help feed residents in the local community.



Dr. William Kehoe (M.A. 1973)

A Marshall alumnus who also taught at Marshall from 1971 to 1973 has received a prestigious teaching award at the University of Virginia, where he has been a faculty member for the past 40 years.

Dr. William Kehoe (M.A. '73), who received his degree in economics from Marshall in 1973, was selected for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award from the University of Virginia, where he is the William F. O'Dell Professor of Commerce. As part of the award, Kehoe will receive a \$5,000 cash award, be granted the title of a Jefferson Scholars Foundation Faculty Fellow and be invited to participate in all the programs the foundation holds for its undergraduate scholars and graduate fellows.

In bestowing the award, foundation officials noted, "The testimonials on your behalf from your colleagues and students were simply laudatory, and we find ourselves not only in admiration of your devotion to our vocation, but thankful for it as well."

Kehoe, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, completed other graduate degrees, including a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. He held several management positions with major corporations before joining the University of Virginia faculty.

"I have many fond memories of my good days in Huntington and at Marshall University," he said.

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT HAROLD BROWN (B.A. '57, M.A. '60) died in Huntington July 18. A Huntington High School graduate, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran who served during the Korean conflict in Libya, Tripoli and Ankara Turkey as a weather specialist. After graduating from Marshall, he continued his education at The Ohio State University, Reed College in Oregon and the University of Southern California. He taught natural sciences for 28 years at El Camino College in Torrance, California, where during his tenure his Laboratory Test was written and published. It was used at numerous colleges throughout the country. He was named to "Who's Who in Science" and was further honored when a science lecture hall was named and dedicated in his honor at El Camino College. Upon his retirement, the college named him Professor Emeritus. A member of Phi Delta Kappa at the University of Southern California, he also was president of the El Camino College Teachers Association for many years. A life-long Episcopalian, he served in several capacities at St. Andrews Church in Torrance, and upon his return to Huntington in 1990, was very active in Trinity Episcopal Church, the church in which he married Barbara, his wife of 52 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, a grandson and his twin brother. Memorial gifts may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, Woodlands Retirement Community or Hospice of Huntington.

POTA COSTON (B.A. '80), wife of Bernie Coston, the immediate past president of the Marshall University Alumni Association, died July 3 in Fayetteville, Georgia.

A native of Elkins, she was a Marshall alumna. She was a public official, having been elected vice chairman of the Fayette County Commission after being sworn in earlier this year on Jan. 2.

A resident of Tyrone, Georgia, Coston retired in 2008 after a 29-year career in federal law enforcement. During that time she held several positions of increasing managerial responsibility in the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation business division, with experience in the southeastern and midwestern sections of the United States as well as in Washington, D.C. She also worked extensively with the Department of the Treasury and Department of Justice as well as other law enforcement agencies.

More recently she was a member of more than a dozen civic organizations and active in community affairs, serving as a mentor for young people from all



walks of life. One of the local organizations that benefited most from Coston's involvement was the Association of Village PRIDE, Inc. (AVPRIDE), which specializes in leadership development for teens and young adults. She began as director of career exploration and eventually became director of AVPRIDE's workforce development program, coordinating and participating in numerous initiatives to help youth in the community. She continued as a consultant while serving as a county commissioner.

"To meet Pota was to meet a beautiful, precious lady who never had a harsh, ugly word for anyone," fellow commissioner David Barlow was quoted as saying. "Her memory will forever be linked to Fayette County and I will always remember her as my friend."

She is survived by her husband and their son, Bernie, both of whom live in Tyrone.

JOHN HUNTER WOMACK (R.B.A. '76, M.A. '88), 63, died at his home Aug. 17.

With both a B.A. and an M.A. from Marshall, he spent his early years working in radio and television. He was an adjunct faculty member at both Marshall University and West Virginia State University, and worked in public relations for the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia, Workers' Compensation Commission, BrickStreet Insurance and Midland Trail Scenic Highway.

Active in the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) West Virginia Chapter since joining in 1998, Womack was chapter president in 2003, earned the Practitioner of the Year Award in 2005 and the Chapter Service Award in 2004 and 2010. He has been chair of the chapter's Crystal Awards Committee for a number of years, growing the competition into one of the largest in the nation.



In his honor the chapter will present the inaugural "John H. Womack Chapter Service Award" in 2016.

An avid fan of the Thundering Herd, he had an adventurous streak that led him to whitewater rafting and zip-lining off the New River Gorge Bridge even after he lost his leg to diabetes. He will be remembered for his quick wit and razor-sharp sense of humor.

Contributions can be made in his name to the Marshall University Foundation, 519 John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25703.



Marshall University Alumni Association Board of Directors Nomination Form

The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for 10 of its 30 elected positions on the Board of Directors. The term of office is three years beginning July 1, 2016.

Qualifications:

- Must be an active member of the Alumni Association through an annual gift to the Marshall University Foundation Inc.
- Be energetic and enthusiastic in support of the university and concerned with its growth and potential.
- Be available to attend three on-campus board meetings during the year, and be willing to assist in his/her home area in promoting Marshall and the Alumni Association.
- Nominations must be received by Jan. 15, 2016 to the Office of Alumni Relations
- Attach nominee's curriculum vitae/resume.

Please complete this biographical form in conjunction with your nominee in order to provide the nominating committee with the necessary information to assist them in the selection process.

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Years served on Board (*list dates if previously served*) _____

We are very interested in how the nominee serves his or her community, and any professional awards received. Include civic groups the nominee belongs to, volunteerism and community service projects in which the nominee has been involved, honors and awards he or she has received, and professional organizations in which the nominee is a member (please list all pertinent information to assist the nomination committee, including dates and offices held).

Only a maximum of five items would be listed on the ballot. Please list in order of preference.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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Greetings, Fellow Alumni and Friends of Marshall University:

Can you feel it? The chill in the air, the soft crackle of fallen leaves, the bright hues of the mountain countryside – yes, Fall is here. Soon, pumpkins will adorn neighborhood porches and daylight will be in short supply. But fall also signifies another longstanding tradition here at Marshall University – homecoming!

Homecoming is always one of the most anticipated events on the university calendar. For decades, homecoming has provided an opportunity for alumni, current students and the Huntington community as a whole to come together and celebrate the one thing that we all have in common – our love of Marshall University.

This year, homecoming will have an extra bit of flair to it as we bring back a time that many of us remember – some positively and some not so positively – the 1980s. This year's theme, "Blast from the Past," will bring the 80s back to campus, complete with big hair, bright colors and all of the classic movies, music and trends that made it such a unique decade.

Even more exciting, this year's schedule of activities for homecoming is as exhaustive as we have ever had here at Marshall. Nearly every day there is something new to take part in, both for students and for alumni. Among the highlights is the annual Homecoming Parade, this time on a Thursday night. This year's Homecoming Parade will take place on Thursday, Oct. 22, under the lights and filled with floats catered to different themes from the 80s. You may see a Pac-Man float followed immediately by a tribute to '80s hair bands, Back to the Future or even Star Wars! And this year's Homecoming Parade will end with a bonfire, pep rally and showing of the "We Are Marshall" movie on an inflatable screen on Buskirk Field.

You can also look forward to the Marshall University Alumni Association's annual Picnic on the Plaza on Friday, Oct. 23, and the Alumni Tailgate taking place on Saturday, Oct. 24, on the field beside Harless Dining Hall. There are also student activities throughout the week, office and float judging and, of course, the homecoming game against North Texas on Saturday afternoon. The MUAA is also working to develop ways to get our alumni and fans involved who can't make it in for Homecoming online. For more details on our online fan voting and a complete listing of homecoming activities, visit our website at HerdAlum.com.

This year's Marshall University Homecoming promises to be one of the biggest and most exciting ever held here on the Huntington campus. We at the MUAA encourage you to try to make it to as many events as possible and, if you can't make it to Huntington, support the university and your Thundering Herd online! We look forward to seeing each of you during Homecoming 2015! Go Herd!

Best Regards,
Marshall University Alumni Association Staff

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