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Locker Room Construction to Start Soon

Construction on much-needed new locker and team meeting rooms for Marshall University's men's and women's basketball programs will begin within the next couple of weeks, Athletic Director Bob Marcum announced this week.

Marcum said the locker rooms will be located under the south stands in Cam Henderson Center, Marshall's basketball home since 1981. Each locker room will be 3,100 square feet.

"This project will assist our men's and women's basketball programs in being more competitive in Conference USA," Marcum said. "It is a continued effort to improve our venues to make us more competitive in the conference. We all know that new facilities can assist in recruiting efforts."

Exact cost of the new locker rooms has not yet been determined, but Marcum said it could be in the range of \$2 million. Marshall has about \$800,000 of the money in hand, \$600,000 from its facility enhancement fee included in ticket sales and \$200,000 from a donor. The Marshall athletic department and the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., will begin a major fund-raising effort to pay off the balance.

"The locker room project just goes to show the commitment our University has to our basketball program," men's Coach Donnie Jones said. "When kids come on campus, their first impression of commitment is usually the facilities. This will show-

case to our players and incoming recruits not only our commitment to success, but that of Marshall University."

Marcum said it has been several years since the current locker rooms were last "spruced up." The new ones, he said, will be first class. Plans call for theater film rooms, lounges for players and coaches, locker rooms for players and coaches, flat screen TVs, kitchens and large storage areas to be included in the new locker rooms.

"Not only is this a really-needed project, but it also will allow us to improve the accommodations for the visiting teams," Marcum said. "We will take the present home locker rooms and turn them into the visiting locker rooms."

Women's Coach Royce Chadwick said the new locker rooms are important for a number of reasons.

"This is another side to our joining Conference USA," he said. "We travel to places like UCF and see their outstanding facilities. Now, when UCF comes here, they will leave here saying Marshall's facilities are second to none. They will be in our old locker rooms and they will say, 'they've got really nice facilities at Marshall.' Perception is reality."



An artist's rendering of the new basketball locker rooms, which will be under construction soon.

Scholarship Honors Former Herd Kicker Who Died in Plane Crash

The Marshall University Foundation, Inc., has established the Marcelo Lajterman Memorial Scholarship in memory of the former Thundering Herd place kicker/punter from Lyndhurst, N.J., who died in the Nov. 14, 1970 Marshall plane crash.

Lajterman was 19 when he, along with 74 other people, died in the crash. His brother, Mo Lajterman, who began a fund-raising campaign to establish the scholarship, attended Friday's annual memorial service at Marshall, along with other brothers Tito Lajterman and Abe Lajterman, and cousin Adrian Steingart.

The family presented a check for \$1,000 to the Marshall Foundation to start an expendable merit scholarship under Marcelo Lajterman's name. The family's goal is to create an endowment at Marshall to honor Lajterman's memory. The fund will become endowed when a minimum of



Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp, middle, accepts a gift from the Lajterman family Friday, Nov. 14 before the annual memorial service on the Memorial Student Center plaza. From left are Adrian Steingart, Abe Lajterman, President Kopp, Mo Lajterman and Tito Lajterman.

\$15,000 is received. Until then, the foundation will support a yearly \$1,000 merit scholarship.

While in Huntington, the family also presented a gift of a miniature statue of Marcelo Lajterman to Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp.

During what he called "a very special moment" after attending the premiere of "We Are Marshall in December 2006, Mo Lajterman said he and his family began talking about what they could do to honor their late brother's memory.

They created the Marcelo Lajterman Memorial Scholarship Fund which resulted in raising enough funds through a golf outing to award two scholarships in their home state of New Jersey.

"The next thing we thought about was doing an endowment for Marshall University," Mo Lajterman said. "We (the

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Staff Council Vacancies Filled

Three vacant positions on the Classified Staff Council have been filled after an election held last month.

Elected were Virgil Crockett, Physical Plant, Group 10; Cynthia Obregon, Bursar's Office, Group 40; Okey Napier, Psychology, Group 50. A vacant position remains in Group 10 Administrative/Managerial.

The new Staff Council members will serve from Dec. 18 until June 30, 2009.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Professor of Physics **Dr. Thomas E. Wilson** gave an invited seminar on Nov. 7 to the University of Stuttgart's *Institute for Semiconductor Engineering* titled "Progress on the coherent generation of terahertz acoustic phonons by resonant absorption of nanosecond-pulsed far-infrared laser radiation in silicon doping superlattices." The institute's director, Dr. Jörg Schulze, has agreed to collaborate with Wilson by providing improved silicon doping superlattice samples to be fabricated by the institute's renowned silicon molecular beam epitaxial systems. Schulze also expressed an interest in developing further joint MU/U-Stuttgart proposals with Wilson to DARPA and NATO to fund new efforts in phonon-controlled quantum electronic

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Note of Thanks

Thanks go to our Marshall Family for your thoughts and prayers, your cards and calls, during the loss of our sister Tina Johnson Perrault. It meant a great deal to us.

Linda Beaver
Karen Kirtley

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Profile: Joe Vance



Joe Vance

His house's location is a duffer's dream—it sits just five yards from the 15th tee of a rolling golf course, he has a prized golf ball collection that easily numbers over 600, and he doesn't even play golf.

In fact, Joe Vance, who is the longtime manager of the Marshall Bookstore, has so many golf balls that he rotates displaying them in two display racks which hold 144 balls each. And there are no duplicate logos on the racks.

Back in the 1980s, when he bought his home in Lavalette, it was adjacent to lush farmland, which by the 1990s had been bought up and converted into a golf course. "It gives me a 900-foot back yard that I don't have to mow," he quips. The golf ball collection began when erratically fired balls sometimes found their way into his yard and weren't retrieved by their owners. "Most of my collection I've found, but now friends and family bring me golf balls, so it's grown over the years. But to date I've only found one with a Marshall logo" he says.

Virtually any group can order specially imprinted logo golf balls for businesses, charitable groups, campaigns, or causes. That includes colleges and universities such as Marshall, he explains. In fact, the Marshall logo balls are available in the bookstore.

Vance just marked his 36th anniversary as a bookstore employee. After growing up on a farm in Wayne and graduating from Wayne High School, he earned a degree in business management from Marshall. A couple of part-time jobs as a student helped point the way to the bookstore, which in 1967 was located in a cramped space in the basement of Old Main. "I got a job moving books from there to the women's gym, where they were sold because it allowed for more space," he remembers. He also put in a stint working in the Registrar's Office, where registering for classes without the benefit of present-day computers was a lengthy process that could certainly try your patience, he says.

A few months after graduation he came back to the bookstore for good. Now housed in the Memorial Student Center, it's a visible part of the heart of the campus. Open seven days a week, they're closed only on Christmas Day over the holiday break. The bookstore is a bricks-and-mortar establishment that provides a range of traditional services including textbooks of all sorts, office supplies, gift items and numerous miscellaneous items, Vance says. And although the bookstore itself is operated by the Follett Higher Education Group, Vance is a Marshall employee.

In addition to students, the store actually sees a steady flow of visitors as alumni and college friends who come to campus for various events often stop by. Many former students bring their children and grandchildren back for a visit. And there are two somewhat unexpected groups that are growing, he notes.

"It's fascinating that there are individuals who have no connection at all to Marshall but who saw the

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Coordinator of Marketing and Branding Named



Mallory Haye Jarrell

Mallory Haye Jarrell has been named Marshall University's Coordinator for Marketing and Branding effective Nov. 10.

In this position she will be working with licensing and branding across all campus platforms. She will work with the Collegiate Licensing Company of Atlanta to ensure continuity in all aspects of the university as well as with other university marketing and public relations projects.

Jarrell earned two degrees from Marshall, a B.A. in Journalism/Public Relations and a M.S. in Human Resources. She worked both as a student assistant and graduate assistant in University Communications.

To contact her, call ext. 6-3490 or e-mail her at haye1@marshall.edu.

'Grow With Music' Starts Spring Registration

Spring registration for "Grow With Music," a popular program for children ages birth to 5 and their parents, is underway. A discount applies to registrations that take place before Jan. 10, according to Joni Pappas, director of the program, which is offered through the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Marshall University.

"My 3-year-old daughter is currently enrolled in her second session of 'Grow With Music' and continually looks forward to attending every week," said Lisa B. Ross, parent of one of the participants. "I have seen her laugh, sing and dance so happily and with joy."

Classes are available for babies from birth to 18 months; toddlers from 18 to 36 months; 3 year olds, and 4 and 5 year olds. Parent participation is required in the classes for the baby, toddler and 3-year-old categories and optional for the 4- and 5-year-old category. Classes take place in the daytime and early evenings on Mondays through Wednesdays. A maximum of eight children is accepted per class and children with special needs are welcome.

Pappas said the 45-minute sessions are designed to enhance a child's cognitive, social/emotional, speech/language and physical development by using age-appropriate music activities and movement.

"'Grow With Music' has afforded our 21-month-old a fun and caring place to learn new

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'We Are Marshall' movie who will stop in and buy items, mostly with that logo. They may just be traveling through, visiting in the area or sometimes they just drive in from other places to see where the movie took place and to get a memento to take home. This is growing into a pretty big thing. The other group we're hearing from more and more are the people whose family name is Marshall. They can buy all kind of ready made items with the family name already on them. These are almost always online orders and they come from all over. For example, we just filled an order from the United Kingdom."

Indeed, detailed information about the bookstore and its operations can be found on its various Web sites. "We try to keep up with the volume of phone calls but it's virtually impossible, particularly during peak periods. That's why we encourage people to go to any of our Web sites. All this information is conveniently available online."

One of things Vance likes best about his job is meeting the hundreds of guest writers, both famous and up and coming, who make appearances in the bookstore. "We've had visits from Ronald Reagan, political writer Gore Vidal and Hillary Clinton when she was First Lady. And of course we've hosted Marshall's well-known author, Jean Edward Smith, who wrote critically acclaimed books about John Marshall and FDR, as well as other Marshall authors...It's been enjoyable and entertaining to hear authors of all kinds--novelists, poets, short story and nonfiction writers--read from their works. You get a whole different perspective hearing them interpret their own words."

In his spare time, Vance is an avid gardener, with a small vegetable garden that features variety, not volume, he says. "I like to experiment with a lot of different types of the same vegetable. For instance, I might grow 4-5 types of tomatoes, 3-4 types of beans and maybe several varieties of peppers." He can chuckle now at an experiment he tried years ago in attempting to see how early he could have tomatoes grown from seed. He cultivated them in his home's newly built sunroom beginning in January and had ripe tomatoes by Memorial Day. What he didn't calculate was the tremendous amount of light and heat that had to be expounded to coddle what turned out to be very costly tomatoes. "I probably spent \$75 worth of electricity to get 2-3 pounds of tomatoes. It wasn't very cost efficient but I wanted to see what I could do. When you grow up on a farm, wanting to make things grow just sticks to you," he says philosophically.

Vance and his wife Mary have two daughters, Courtney and Crystal, both Marshall graduates who still live in the area making it convenient for family get-togethers.

In addition to collecting golf balls, he has a growing collection of carved elephants, which started inadvertently when an international student returned from a visit to India and brought him a small elephant as a gift. Others followed and now his collection numbers about 75, many of them gifts from other international students.

And, after 36 years of service in the bookstore, he still has a refreshing take on his job and he likes what he does. "The staff often puts in long days and long weeks. But working together we try to provide the very best service we can, person to person. One of the best things about this job is getting to see people who come to campus, either those coming back or those who are here for first time, who stop in to look around or just to say hello."

Grow with Music

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communication skills through song, dance, musical instruments and even sign language," said Charlotte Hoffman Norris, another parent-participant. "It has also given me, a working mom, a great opportunity to watch and participate in my son's play and interaction with other children and their parents/grandparents."

Pappas is a board-certified neurologic music therapist specializing in early childhood intervention, special education and older adults. She is currently serving as adjunct faculty for the Department of Music at Marshall.

For information on "Grow with Music," persons may visit the program's Web site at www.marshall.edu/commdis/music, contact Pappas by e-mailing pappasj@marshall.edu, or call her at (304) 697-0211.

Scholarship

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Lajtermans and Marshall) became family. We wanted to do something more special. Marcelo would love this ... and his name lives on. This scholarship helps keep his name alive."

The recipient of the one-time award will be a full-time undergraduate student with a 3.0 or higher GPA and financial need, as determined by the Office of Student Financial Assistance. The award may also be used to cover academic expenses beyond tuition.

"We are so honored and humbled to think that this family from so far would still consider giving back to Marshall University in this scholarship manner," said Kristi Arrowood, director of special projects for the foundation. "It also shows that 'We Are Marshall' extends beyond just being an alum or current student. The entire Lajterman family is Marshall family and for generations to come, students who receive this scholarship will learn the history of Marcelo Lajterman and his contribution to the athletic program as well as Marshall University as a whole."

Persons may contribute to the Marcelo Lajterman Memorial Scholarship by visiting www.marcelo23.com. For more information, contact Arrowood at 304-696-3505.

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switches, which would also result in the exchange of Marshall University undergraduate physics and U-Stuttgart Ph.D. students. MU students would thereby have the opportunity to learn modern cleanroom techniques commonly used in the semiconductor industry. (<http://www.iht.uni-stuttgart.de/english/index.html>)