New Engineering Complex an ambitious project for Marshall

By GEOFFREY FOSTER

Since its foundation, Marshall University has grown at a constant rate: from teaching and expanding its facilities where the need arises. In a campaign spearheaded by Marshall President Michael Currah, the university is expanding and renovating the campus to a new level. The most significant project is the new Visual Arts Center downtown across from Pullman Square.

The Weisberg family, who have supported Marshall’s academic programs for years, provided the largest amount of funding for the $53 million project. Turner said the late Arthur Weisberg, an electrical engineer and local business magnate, wanted to create opportunities for students in the region. He also needed graduates of these programs to form a fully trained workforce for his businesses. The first step in expanding the engineering facilities at Marshall was the construction of the Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Laboratories, located next to the engineering complex on the 1700 block of Third Avenue.

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As with most college towns, Huntington is a shopper’s paradise. There are many boutique districts located in the West End. There are several shops such as Pullman Square, Heritage Station, and fourth Avenue. Some venues often have live music, such as the V Club and Black Sheep Burritos and Brews. Huntington has its share of bars and clubs. Most of these are located along Fourth Avenue. Some venues often have live music, such as the V Club and Black Sheep Burritos and Brews.

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The Thundering Herd for many, events Marco has represented the cheerleaders. From sketches of Marco to a live mascot that travels to events Marco has represented the Thundering Herd for many, many years. As a tradition that sees no end in the foreseeable future, Marco will always add to the college experience to the young and old when attending a Marshall sporting event. Sarah Stiles can be contacted at stiles8@live.marshall.edu.
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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

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Gallup Chairman Jim Clifton and investigative journalist Steve Hildebrandt recently released a new report entitled "The Purposeful Generation." The report asserts that college graduates are more likely to have a sense of purpose and to be satisfied with their lives than those without a college degree. However, the report also highlights the growing trend of student debt and the impact it has on young adults.

College is your last chance to live before entering the adult world. Your future depends on attending important obligations and classes. Take advantage of this career and it pays you will make during your life.

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### Column

#### Herd Athletics on steady rise

By BRAXTON CRISP

FOR THE PARTHENON

Most everyone who keeps up with Marshall University athletics is aware of the successes of last year’s football team, including the Military Bowl win over Maryland. Based on the wins of a year ago and the returning players such as Rakeem Cato and Tommy Shuler, people across the country are expecting big things from the 2014 Thundering Herd. What may not be as apparent is that football is not the only area in which Marshall athletics has a prime opportunity to shine come the beginning of classes in the fall. In the 2013-14 season, Marshall men’s golf won a school record three events in one season, plus had individual wins from the now-graduated Brian Ananis at the Beastie Invitational and rising sophomore Clark Robinson at the Patriot Intercollegiate. The team wins came at the John Piper Intercollegiate, the Patriot Intercollegiates and the Greenville Invitational.

Head coach Matt Grobe’s squad returns Robinson, and a whole host of other players who get playing time last season to prepare for the first time this fall at the newly-named Tommie Robinson Marshall Invitational at Guyan Country Club in Huntington. Thundering Herd soccer’s second season on Hoops Family Field at Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex kicks off right as classes begin. Last year, the Marshall men’s soccer team had some growing pains, but returns an abundance of players who saw time on the pitch a season ago, plus some new faces as well, to help the Herd compete in what some call the second toughest conference in the country.

For the women’s soccer program, Marshall made its first ever Conference USA tournament last season, and will hope to carry that momentum into a 2014 schedule that includes an exhibition visit from the Virginia Tech Hokies, as well as trips to West Virginia, by the Purpose Builders and the Cincinnati Bearcats. Marshall volleyball hits the court for the Thunder Invitational on the first week of school and are back on campus, hosting Eastern Michigan, University of Illinois-Chicago and University of Virginia.

While head coach Mitch Jaenicke lost 2013 All-Conference First Team Outside Hitter Laura De and Second Team Middle Blocker Sachi Bynoe-McMullan to graduation, he retains Second Team Setter Sammie Rane as well as a strong group of freshmen and sophomores from last year’s squad who all saw playing time.

On top of the fall sports all having a bright future, every sport on campus will have the benefit of the new Indoor Practice Facility that is scheduled to be open for use in August. Fans who have not been to Joan C. Edwards Stadium since the Herd’s regular season ending victory against East Carolina in November may notice something new.

One may call it the smell of fresh cut grass, but in reality it is a brand new AstroTurf playing surface that was installed immediately after classes were concluded for the spring 2014 term.

The field will see its first official competition on Sept. 6 when the University of Rhode Island comes to Huntington for the football team’s home opener.

When all is said and done, there is quite a bit for Thundering Herd Athletics to be excited about in the fall of 2014. Braxton Crisp can be contacted at crisp23@marshall.edu.