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The Newsletter for Marshall University

October 24, 2012

Engineering Complex Groundbreaking Set for Monday, Oct. 29

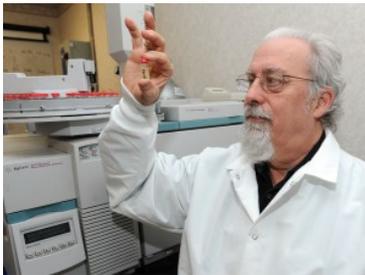
Marshall University will celebrate the start of construction of the \$50 million Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex with a groundbreaking at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 at 1628 Third Ave., where the building will be located.

The ceremonial groundbreaking will take place at the east end of the F Lot, near the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center. Construction on the 145,000 square-foot, 480-foot long engineering complex is expected to take 28 months with the facility opening in February 2015.

The building is named for Art Weisberg, president of Arthur's Enterprises and the founder of State Electric Supply Company. Weisberg made a large gift pledge to the Marshall University Foundation which will help pay for the complex.

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Rankin presents research at international meeting



Dr. J. Graham Rankin, professor in Forensic Science Graduate Program, presented research results at the International Symposium of Fire Investigation Science and Technology (ISFI 2012) meeting at the University of Maryland, College Park, Oct. 15-17.

ISFI 2012 was the fifth presentation of this biennial professional symposium emphasizing the application of modern fire science and technology to fire investigations and analyses.

ISFI 2012 accepted more than 60 papers covering the entire spectrum of fire investigation science and technology. Fire investigation scientists and experts from 10 countries across four continents presented papers. The international gathering was organized by the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI).

Rankin's presentation is based on research by Dana Greely, MSFS (May 2012) who is currently working as a trace evidence chemist for the Hamilton County Coroner's Office in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the Tri-State Fire Academy in Huntington, Greely and Bob Sullivan, Certified Fire Investigator for the Cabell County Prosecutor's Office, performed a number of control burns of gasoline and kerosene on carpet resulting in "pour patterns" sometimes found at fire scenes where such liquids were used as accelerants. Her subsequent measurement of the residual liquids in the burned carpet has overturned the "traditional wisdom" about where to best sample pour patterns at a fire scene.

Greely previously presented her research at a meeting of the West Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators in the fall of 2011 and at the American Academy of Forensic Science in Atlanta last February. "Her presentation in the fall 2011 led to an opportunity to do a full scale burn of a house in Parkersburg used for fire training," Rankin said. Results of that full scale burn confirmed the smaller scale tests at the West Virginia Fire Academy in Huntington and are included in the presentation at the ISFI 2012 meeting.

This research was supported by the cooperative agreement "Interpretation of Ignitable Liquid Residues in Fire Debris Analysis: Effect of Competitive Adsorption, Development of an Expert System and Assessment of the False Positive/Incorrect Assignment Rate," project number 2010-DN-BX-K272 through the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The project is slated to continue through 2013. Five Marshall graduate students currently are participating in the project along with Dr. Nicholas Petraco, an associate professor at the City University of New York. Rankin is the principal investigator of the project.

Storyteller, educator among those recognized with 'Because of You' awards for contributions to coalfields heritage

A retired miner who travels the state telling schoolchildren about the early days of the industry and the coordinator of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College's mine management program were among nine people recognized earlier this month with "Because of You" awards for significant contributions to the state's coalfields heritage. The awards were presented as part of the 2012 Miners' Celebration held Oct. 4 at Tamarack.

The Miners' Celebration was a cooperative project of the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences at Marshall University; the National Coal Heritage Area; Strategic Solutions LLC; the United Mine Workers of America; the West Virginia Coal Association; and the West Virginia Division of Energy, Office of Coalfield Community Development

Those honored at the celebration included (with links to YouTube videos about each honoree shown at the ceremony) Bill Alderman, assistant professor and coordinator of the mine management program at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College ([Educator of the Year Award](#)); John W. Brown III, former president of Brown Equipment and Machine ([Equipment Innovation Award](#) – posthumous); Chuck Farmer, president of Rouster Wire Rope and Rigging ([Equipment Innovation Award](#)); Clarence Martin, chief executive officer/chief financial officer of State Electric Supply Company ([Management Professional Award](#)); Kenneth Perdue, director of safety operations at Alpha Natural Resources ([Safety Professional Award](#)); Fred Powers, storyteller and retired miner ([Community Involvement Award](#)); Page Reed, owner of Emerald Marine Products Corporation ([Engineering Award](#)); Linda Raines Torre, owner of Decota Consulting Company Inc. ([Women in Mining Award](#)); and Art Weisberg, owner and founder of State Electric Supply Company ([Community Investment Award](#)).

McDowell County native and bestselling author Homer Hickam, who wrote “Rocket Boys” and other memoirs about growing up in the mining community of Coalwood, also was on hand to accept a special “Spirit of the Coalfields” award. The program concluded with a [salute to the community effort](#) to build a memorial to the victims of the Upper Big Branch mine disaster. The monument, which stands along state Route 3 in Whitesville, was dedicated in July.

Approximately 200 representatives of the state’s mining industry gathered for the conference, which also highlighted successes in coalfield community development.

Sponsors included Marshall University, State Electric Supply Co., the West Virginia Division of Energy and *West Virginia Executive*. Contributors were Alpha Natural Resources, Brickstreet Insurance, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP and *The State Journal*.

For more information about the 2012 Miners’ Celebration or the “Because of You” awards, contact Dennis Jarvis at ext.6-3506.

Diversity symposium to take place Nov. 3

A Diversity Symposium to explore issues of diversity in classrooms and society will be offered Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both the Huntington and South Charleston campuses. The symposium is sponsored by the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development, the Literacy Education program and the College of Education.

The sessions will be held in the Academic Center building on the South Charleston campus and in Smith Hall 154 on the Huntington campus. The symposium is open to all Marshall students, faculty and staff, as well as public and private school teachers. Presenters will share a “toolbox” of ideas and experiences to participants to enhance their effectiveness as teachers in K-12 classrooms.

A continental breakfast begins at 8:15 a.m. and lunch will be included at no cost to participants. The symposium is free, but participants must register by Monday, Oct. 29. For more information, contact Dr. Isaac Willis Larison at larison@marshall.edu. To register go to the symposium website at www.marshall.edu/diversitysymposium.

[Click to view event schedule.](#)

Yeager Symposium lectures to address national security

This year's Yeager Symposium, presented by the Society of Yeager Scholars, includes two lectures on *The New Terror: Emerging Threats to National Security*.

The first one features Dr. Jason Morrissette, a political science faculty member who will speak on "The Politics of Fear: Domestic and Lone-Wolf Terrorism in the U.S." at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, in Room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.

Morrissette has expertise in world politics, conflict and security, post-Soviet and environmental politics. He was the 2010 recipient of the Pickens-Queens Excellence in Teaching Award.

Laurie Garrett, a Senior Fellow of the Global Health Program at the Council on Foreign Relations, will address "Bioterrorism: the Modern Peril" at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, in the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

Garrett has won the Polk, Peabody and Pulitzer prizes for her outstanding work and research. She is the author of several books and served as a script consultant for the major motion picture, *Contagion*.

The lectures are free and open to the public.

Reminder: Tabyshalieva to speak Friday

As part of the Women's Studies Colloquium series, Dr. Anara Tabyshalieva, assistant professor of history, will speak on *Defying Victimhood: Women and Post Conflict Peace Building*, Friday, Oct. 26, from noon to 1 p.m. in Drinko Library 402.

[Read story from Oct. 17 newsletter.](#)

Grant to support mine safety research at Marshall

The Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences (CEGAS) is receiving \$96,306 from the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration to support mine safety research.

Researchers at CEGAS will use the grant funds over the next year to develop a computer program to perform mine ventilation network planning calculations. The program will simulate a mine's ventilation system and its response to altered conditions, including external influences such as temperatures and internal influences such as mine fires.

The CEGAS researchers plan to incorporate the program into a virtual mine safety training academy to produce realistic mine emergency response exercises.

Dr. Tony Szwilski, director of CEGAS, will serve as the principal investigator on the grant. He will be supported by research associates Dr. Jack Smith, who also serves as co-principal investigator, and Justin Chapman, as well as IT services manager Mark Lewis.

"This program, which we call VFIRE, will be a unique educational and training tool," Szwilski said. "Using the Internet, students and trainees will be able to log into a virtual underground mine from anywhere. They will be able to perform realistic mine emergency response exercises in collaboration with other participants, while interacting with a simulated ventilation system. We are confident VFIRE will be an innovative product that will have numerous applications including mine safety and training."

The grant is being awarded through the Brookwood-Sago program, which provides education and training within the mining industry. The funding is used to develop and implement training and related materials for mine emergency preparedness, as well as for the prevention of accidents in underground mines.

"We can never over-emphasize the importance of training, especially in the area of mine emergency response," said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, when the awards were made last month. "These grants enable organizations that are dedicated to mine safety to develop programs that may one day save miners' lives."

The Brookwood-Sago program was established through a provision in the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006. The grants were named in remembrance of 13 men who died in two explosions at the Jim Walter Resources Inc. No. 5 Mine in Brookwood, Ala., in 2001, and 12 men who died in an explosion at the Sago Mine in Tallmansville, W.Va., in 2006.

Cindy Canterbury named Employee of the Month



Cindy Canterbury, Financial Aid Counselor Sr., has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for August, according to Michelle Brown Douglas, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

An employee for almost eight years, she was nominated by Deanna L. Stewart of Housing and Residence Life.

In her nomination Stewart wrote that Canterbury goes beyond her call as an advisor in financial aid and noted that when Stewart's daughter, a student, was having health issues in 2009, Canterbury was always available to answer questions and gave invaluable counsel so that she could continue her education. "I was constantly calling Cindy, asking questions on what we needed to do ... not one time did she come across as agitated or non-professional ... you could almost see her smile on the phone. Cindy not only gave financial aid support but emotional support as well. She always greets everyone with a smile, which I think is important. She has the professional, emotional and communication skills that are important when dealing with students and staff. I have witnessed her while in the office dealing with other students and staff and have always been impressed with her character."

Canterberry was presented with a plaque and a check for \$100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

School of Journalism celebrates opening of Marvin L. Stone Reading Room



A ribbon cutting Oct. 19 marked the official opening of the Marvin L. Stone Reading Room, located inside the Parthenon newsroom in Smith Hall. Terry Stone, Marvin Stone's widow, was on hand to cut the ribbon.

"He would be so proud," she said of her late husband as she addressed the crowd.

Marvin Stone was a 1947 Marshall alumnus, graduating from the School of Journalism. He was best known as Editor-in-Chief of *U.S. News & World Report*, and had a career in journalism that spanned 40 years.

The Marvin L. Stone Reading Room has many items on display, including some of his papers and personal items. Those include letters from Presidents Jimmy Carter, George Bush and

Ronald Reagan, and press credentials that gave Stone access to many major events. Students can access Stone digital archives from the reading room.

The newsroom was packed with students, staff, faculty and guests, including Marvin L. Stone's cousin, Michael Clark, and his daughter, Jamie Stone, for the ribbon cutting. The reading room formerly was used by journalism broadcast students for editing.

"The students are curious about the room back here," said Dr. George Arnold, a former MU journalism professor and colleague of Stone's. "They want to know more about Marvin Stone."

And they will, said Janet Dooley, interim dean of the School of Journalism.

"We, as professors, can tell the stories, but here, with gifts from the Stone family and several items lent from the (Marvin) Stone collection (in the Drinko Library), we're surrounded by only a few of the markers of his career and life. His legacy becomes very real and tangible to visitors."

Terry Stone said her husband was very dedicated to Marshall.

"I think it was the fact that he learned so much and he was appreciated so much, even as a student," she said. "He was a typical newsman and I reveled in the fact that he knew people, helped people and did what he wanted to do. It just made me very proud of him."

Photo: Terry Stone cuts the ribbon to officially open the Marvin L. Stone Reading Room at Marshall University.

Cyber safety summit to take place Oct. 30

Marshall is sponsoring a free cyber safety summit beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, according to John Sammons, assistant professor of Integrated Science and Technology and director of the Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence.

Sammons said that reservations can be made up to noon Monday, Oct. 29.

The summit will take place in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse and the Memorial Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is for adults, college students and younger students aged 12-14.

During the sessions, participants can learn how to prevent cyber bullying, keep themselves and their families safe online, handle the dangers of social media, keep their information and

computers safe and identify scams. In addition, they can find out how and why criminals target them and more.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Integrated Science & Technology, the FBI, and the Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence.

To reserve a seat, e-mail sammons17@gapps.marshall.edu.

View the program flyer

at http://www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/files/2012/10/CyberSafetySummit_103012.pdf.

‘Octubafest’ begins this evening

Members of the Marshall University Tuba and Euphonium Studio will present solo performances to kick off the annual celebration of Octubafest. The first of two events will be held at 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 24, in the Jomie Jazz Center.

Marshall’s Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble, “Tubonium,” will perform a concert with an array of Halloween-themed compositions to celebrate TUBAWEEN at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, in Smith Music Hall. This year the program will feature a combined ensemble including the Department of Music students and faculty, local high school students and community members. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the festive costumes, decorations and free candy. There will be “kid-friendly” activities and costumes are welcome.

“This year’s tuba/euphonium ensemble is the largest in the history of the university,” said Dr. George Palton, adjunct professor of tuba. “Along with their high school guests, the ensemble will feature nearly 30 tuba and euphonium players in full Halloween costume. Be sure to come early for candy and the legendary pumpkin chocolate chip cookies!”

Admission is free and open to the public. For further information about these events or music at Marshall, call ext. 6-3117 or e-mail Palton at palton@marshall.edu.

Countdown to Commencement is Nov. 7-8

Countdown to Commencement will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 7 and 8, in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

The purpose of Countdown to Commencement is to assist those participating in this year's winter commencement, set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Cam Henderson Center.

"Countdown to Commencement has proven to be very popular among our graduates, both in the winter and the spring," said MU Registrar Roberta Ferguson. "With everything in a central location, it saves them a lot of running as they take care of those pre-commencement responsibilities. We encourage everyone who plans to take part in the December ceremony to come by on Nov. 7 or 8."

Winter commencement is for July, August and December 2012 graduates.

The following services will be available at Countdown to Commencement:

Registrar's Office – Students can verify graduation status, name format, and address for mailing diploma; confirm commencement participation; obtain commencement instructions; receive recognition cords for military service or ROTC; pick up honor cords and tassels (if graduating with academic honors); and have an opportunity to ask any questions related to commencement.

Marshall University Bookstore – Students can be measured for and purchase their caps and gowns, as well as purchase tassels, diploma frames, class rings, graduation announcements and much more. They also can order personalized graduation announcements at this time.

Jostens – Students can purchase their Marshall University Class of 2012 rings. All rings are on sale and priced as low as \$169 for women and \$189 for men.

Classic Photography – Cap and Gown portraits will be taken. There is no sitting fee, no obligation to purchase and free proofs will be available within 24 hours of the sitting.

Framing Success – Diploma frames will be available for purchase.

Graduate College – A graduate admission counselor will be available to discuss graduate programs and assist with the admission process.

Career Services – Students are encouraged to let the Career Center know their post-graduation plans so it can help them along their career paths. Students may stop by the Career Services table to register for JOBTRAX (online job search assistance). Information and support will be available on job-related questions, resume assistance, interview skills and much more.

Office of the Bursar – Students may talk with staff about anything concerning their student accounts, holds, account balances and loan counseling interviews.

Financial Aid – Students may pick up information about federal student loan consolidation programs.

Campus ID Office – Issues regarding students' HigherOne accounts or Points accounts may be resolved.

Alumni Relations – Students can learn about the benefits of a Marshall University Alumni Association membership.

For more information, contact the Office of the Registrar at ext.6-6410.
