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Kopp addresses future, challenges in State of the University Address

By MARCUS CONSTANTINO

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Marshall University president Stephen J. Kopp stood before a crowd of deans, faculty members and hundreds of online viewers as he reviewed Marshall-University’s successes over the past year and recognized forthcoming challenges during the annual State of the University address Tuesday during the fall faculty meeting in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theater at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

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By DION WOOD

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Cabell-Huntington Health Department is working to combat a highly contagious bacterial disease by supplying free vaccinations to the community.

Last week, a student at Preston Elementary in Huntington was exposed to whooping cough and showed symptoms of the infection.

Pertussis, known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious bacterial disease that causes uncontrollable, violent coughing, which often makes it hard to breathe.

The infection in humans is known as “whooping cough” because of the sound produced when a person infected tries to take a breath.

The upper respiratory infection is a serious disease that can cause permanent disability and even death in children.

Elizabeth Ayers, a public health educator at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, said adults are the carriers of the infection and often do not recognize that they have it and pass it on to children.

Symptoms resemble those of a common cold. Specific signs of whooping cough are severe coughing, vomiting, runny nose, slight fever and diarrhea.

Coughing can be so severe that it will make the person vomit.

Ayers said everyone should get the pertussis vaccination, Tdap, because of the severity of the infection for children.

“I highly recommend everybody to get a Tdap vaccination, especially if you are going to be around children or infants,” Ayers said.

Dana Reffy, an employee in the oncology unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital, said she wanted to get the vaccination as quickly as possible.

“Working in the hospital, I know how easily children get sick. I could not imagine them getting worse by bacteria that

Health Department offers whooping cough vaccines

By LAUREN TURNER

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A local artist is hoping to showcase Huntington’s art scene all year long.

The Huntington Art Walk encourages all local artists to showcase their work for the people of the downtown Huntington area.

This free event is a chance for artists to gain exposure in the region and promote their art.

Glen Beery, owner of artwalk.info, started the Art Walk to promote local art and culture in the greater Huntington West Virginia Region.

“With these walks, we would like to raise the public awareness and appreciation of the arts in this area. At the same time, it helps promote downtown Huntington businesses,” Beery said.

He also said the event brings art directly to the people, many of whom might not have the opportunity to visit art galleries.

The Art Walk is an opportunity for exhibitions, performances, and promotes regional artists.

“The participating artists might not have any other public venue available to them,” Beery said. “It can be great exposure for their art.”

Marshall students who are artists can book one of the official venues to display their art.

Sean Piwarski, a Marshall graduate student from California who currently is working towards his PhD in biomedical sciences, displayed his unique style of spray painting during the previous Art Walk.

Piwarski was one of the artists who chose to give a live demonstration of his painting.

“I wanted to find a way to actually get the word out there that this kind of painting exist,” Piwarski said. “I just like to do it, so why not share it with everybody else?”

Piwarski said when he was a child living in Las Vegas, he was inspired by a man spray painting Spiderman.

The deadline for artists planning to participate in the Art Walk is one week prior to the date of the event. Beery said the next scheduled Art Walk will take place on Thursday, October 18, but all artists booking must be completed by October 11.

“We hope to make this a year-round event, without any seasonal interruption,” Beery said.

The Art Walk takes place every third Thursday each month. It begins at 5 p.m. and goes until at 9 p.m.

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Artists showcase work at Art Walk

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Multicultural sorority coming to Marshall

By JOSEPH PRINCE
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President Barack Obama spoke at the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday in New York City.

President Obama condemns U.S. protests, defends Arab Spring strategy

By RALPH RICHER and MARYHELEN WHITHE
TRENTON, N.J. — The U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday debated a draft resolution that would “call upon the Arab States to continue their efforts to address the root causes of the 2011 Spring” revolutions and called for an end to armed conflict and a return to normalcy.

Obama told the assembly that the United States was “deeply concerned” about the situation in Libya, Syria, Egypt, and Tunisia, and urged all countries to work together to support the democratic transition.

Obama also said that the United States would continue to support the governments of the region, and called for a diplomatic solution to the crisis in Syria.

Throughout his speech, Obama emphasized the importance of respecting human rights and the rule of law, and called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Obama’s remarks were met with widespread support, with many members of the assembly expressing their congratulations to the United States for its continued commitment to international peace and security.

Obama’s address was the first of several speeches he will deliver during this week’s U.N. General Assembly, and was followed by the speeches of other world leaders, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and President Barack Obama of the United States.

Anne Romney appeals to female voters

By ALEXANDRA WHITAKER
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Local television crews covered the GMU Gym at Marshall University on Wednesday, when a summit titled “Women & the Economy” was held.

Several female politicians and economists took part in the event, which was organized by the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the Women’s Global Economic Network (WGEN).

The event was intended to encourage women to participate in the economy and to promote policies that would help to address the gender pay gap and other economic challenges faced by women.

Several speakers addressed the audience, including NOW President Kim Gandy, who said that the event was an opportunity to discuss the importance of economic empowerment for women.

“Economic empowerment is key to achieving gender equality,” Gandy said. “By providing women with the tools and resources they need to succeed, we can help to create a more just and equitable society.”

The event included a panel discussion on the role of women in leadership, with panels on topics such as entrepreneurship, education, and political participation.

The event was attended by representatives from a variety of organizations, including NOW, WGEN, and the Department of Women’s Studies at Marshall University.

The event was also sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center at Marshall University, which provides support and resources to women in the greater Huntington area.

The event was free and open to the public, and was attended by over 100 people.

Romney, Obama have competing ideas to bring down college tuition

By REHIS SCROOF
MCCLATCHY NEWS SERVICES
WASHINGTON — Should money for federal student grants be cut back or eliminated?

Should families be able to spread the cost of tuition and pay for private schooling if they want to?

Should the federal government consider a new college savings plan?

The answers to these questions are at the heart of the budget debates that are occurring in Congress.

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has proposed cutting federal student aid to help with the budget deficit.

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has proposed increasing federal student aid.

Romney, who is running for the Republican nomination, has made cutting federal student aid a centerpiece of his campaign.

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MU softball falls to NPF All-Stars

By CAITIE SMITH
THE PARTHENON

Cold weather and rain made just two of the visits to the Appalachian Power Park on Tuesday evening. The Marshall University softball team traveled to Charleston for an exhibition matchup against the National Pro Fastpitch All-Stars. The NPF is the only professional women's softball league in the United States. During their back-to-school tour, the NPF selects women from the league to compete at each stop. This game's roster featured three former Olympians as well as two former Thundering Herd stand-outs.

MU started out hot in the bottom of the first inning, giving up four errors and giving up four runs. Marshall first baseman Andi Williamson took the rubber to start the game for the All-Stars. Andi Williamson, a Harris, West Virginia, native, posted a 1.5 ERA during the 2012 season with 38 strikeouts. Williamson had the added benefit Tuesday of a local cheering section, as many Lincoln County Little League softball teams were in attendance to cheer her on. Staying the pot even more, the first batter Williamson faced was her assistant coach, Amanda Williams. Williams is the all-time leader in doubles and runs for Marshall and has been the assistant coach since 2001. The Herd started out strong and unimpeachable, but later fell to the high of an Olympic-caliber team, giving up four errors and only managing three hits.

MU softball falls to NPF All-Stars

By JOE TASCHLER
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL (MCT)

It does matter, and if a referee's blown call allowed the Packers to win as a member of the All-Stars, she said, “it helps me win the tournament.”

“People were texting me good luck which really helped my mind game, it feels great to have a lot of people that really do believe in me,” Simsiriwong said.

“Having those people who believe in me there for the duration of this tournament meant a lot to me,” Simsiriwong said. “People were texting me good luck which really helped my mind game, it feels great to have a lot of people that really do believe in me.”

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Don't let the future make you lazy

There is an article on CNN about self-driving cars now being legal in California — seriously?

We have got to see this crazy law that does not drive ourself from point A to point B?

Apparently yes.

There are probably many out there who would love to be able to get where they need to go without actually having to look where the road lies or anything like that just a decade ago. But self-driving cars seem like a huge step forward with the designs replacing generals in floating chance in the movie “W.E.”

Next thing you know we will have to walk a hand to
down the way on the other side — oh wait.

There may come a day when we do not have a green of flash to oh — wait.

The day may even come when you do not have to push
drivers to open them — oh wait.

Self-driving cars may be great to start.

But before you get too excited there are very much more not only that a lot of people to come and help shoppers to get out a little faster so we should expect self-driving cars to be flawed. Having to wait a little longer while someone scans your eaves dropping on you or that could be using 70 mph on the interstate is something else entirely.

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MU welcomes new sports council

Kopp announced that the Higher Learning Commission recently selected Marshall to participate in a comprehensive focused study of the Degree Qualifications Profile, a program that seeks to find the competency of the average recipient of four-year degrees.

"I can think of no more better validation of the hard work and dedication that we do," Kopp said. "Every day that each of you do on top of everything else you are doing, to tackle that project to an exemplary level, where we are confirmed as one of you... truly is a testament to what we are and what we've accomplished."

Kopp commended physical plant staff on the speedy cleanup and repair of campus facilities after a derecho storm struck southern West Virginia on June 30. Kopp said forty feet of rainfall was torn off of Old Main during the storm and that the university is working with the Higher Learning Commission to determine who paid for $47,399 in repairs, an amount nearly triple what is expected to nearly triple what is expected to be a capital expense for the university.

"The reality is we have an incomparable responsibility, as both stakeholders and shareholders in public higher education, to pioneer and validate more effective and efficient processes to govern their organization."

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Kopp also recognized the turbulent economic times for higher education funding. He cited that in 2010, the average state per student four-year tuition cost was $10,162 per year, but by 2020, that amount is expected to reach $24,000, an amount nearly equal to the average household income in 2009.

"What we are seeing as a result of that goal is not yet to be determined. But in many ways, that's the challenge being put higher education.

"Without any public mandate in Washington or at the state level, as a nation, we are backing into privatizing higher education," Kopp said. "That's one of the realities that's out there."

As Marshall faces a possible 4 x 5.0

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Kopp said to the faculty. "I congratulate each student and their commitment to ensuring that the university an exemplar for the entire campus community to actively participate in the development of the campus and as an academic institution."

The groundwork ceremony for the Arbor Weisburg Family Applied Research Center was held on Oct. 25. The $50 million project will allow university students to live on campus and more nearly allow students to see the standards that stakeholders hold at improving Marshall as a campus and as an academic institution.

The federal government has paid for the increase in in-state four-year tuition cost to $47,399 per year, an amount nearly triple the average in-state four-year tuition cost of $15,000 in 2002.

"The federal government has used money and waivers from the requirements in the 2002 No Child Left Behind education law to give greater support to states for states to agree to improve schools, like raising standards, rewarding good teachers and removing poor ones. They want to less than 1 percent of what the nation's poor ones. They want to less than 1 percent of what the nation's needs children the ability to succeed to Congress to change legislation doing."

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The turmoil in the Middle East, the deepening civil war in Syria and the standoff over Iran's nuclear program have given Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney girot to criticize Obama, and the president defended his record.

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the harmony the White House had hoped would flourish after it supported popular uprising last year in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and elsewhere.

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Marshall geography professor loves to travel

By JEREMY BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Perhaps appropriate for a professor of geography, Josh Hagen has spent his time living in an impressive roster of places.

He was educated in the Midwest. As an undergraduate, he attended the University of Northern Iowa, earning degrees in political science and geography. From there he went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he attained a master's degree and a doctoral degree.

He lived in Germany for two years while conducting his doctoral research. Now for nearly a decade, this professor has been employed in Appalachia.

"I have moved around quite a bit," he said. Though he has taught at Marshall since 2001, traveling is still one of his passions, and it is in a passion his profession permits him to pursue. He admits that he tries to visit Europe about every other year.

This year, Hagen was in Europe again. Once the summer he went across the pond as a Fulbright Scholar. As part of a training course for college professors teaching courses in Europe, the Fulbright Committee arranged a study seminar for Hagen. For two weeks, split between Berlin and Brussels, he met with government officials, academics, members of trade organizations and people from non-profit agencies to discuss issues facing today's Europe. They focused on things like the Euro crisis, international relations between European countries and the high unemployment rate among young Europeans.

"I am interested in experiencing new places and learning about new cultures and bringing that back and incorporating it into my classes," Hagen said.

Besides geography of Europe, the course he researched during his Fulbright Scholarship, Hagen teaches a more general critical thinking course on the subject as well. This semester, he also teaches Introduction to Human Geography.

In addition to opportunities for travel, he said being a professor affords him flexibility and variety. Although he spends each school year teaching and writing, new semesters bring new courses and fresh issues to discuss.

"The topics vary, so I am not teaching the same class, I am not writing about the same things," he said.

However, Hagen said the most rewarding aspect of the profession is not variety. It is not even the opportunity to travel that is most satisfying to him.

"The most rewarding thing is when students realize how valuable a geographic perspective can be," he said. "How can they help them address and solve problems related to urban planning or environmental management in a whole range of issues."

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MU geology professor receives NSF grant to study in Egypt

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Aly El-Shazly, associate professor of geology at Marshall University, has received a National Science Foundation grant to study banded iron formations in Egypt.

Most banded iron formation deposits were formed before what is referred to as the great oxygenation event, which occurred around 2.5 billion years ago, El-Shazly said.

"What is interesting about the Egyptian ore deposit, is that all of them were considered to be formed after this great oxygenation event.

"We’re trying to understand how these actually formed, the conditions under which they formed and what might have caused them to form," El-Shazly said.

"The 13 banded iron formations are exposed in the eastern desert of Egypt and are scattered around an area of almost 30,000 square kilometers," El-Shazly said. "Studying the formation of these ore deposits will also help researchers understand the tectonic history of the formation of the area due to the movement of the Earth’s plates."

Several Marshall students and graduate assistants have assisted El-Shazly in his research over the years including three students who have already graduated and two undergraduate students who work with him now.

"Once we bring back the samples, we examine them under a microscope, identify all of the minerals and analyze the minerals using the scanning electron microscope here in the College of Science," El-Shazly said.

"We’re also undertaking whole rock chemical analysis with the students," he said. "El-Shazly said he hopes to take one of the undergraduate students to Egypt with him this December to map and collect samples from the banded iron formations.

"I have been only once; I did the field work last March. The original plan was to have an undergraduate student accompany me on that trip; unfortunately, because of the political turmoil in Egypt following the revolution in 2011, we were not able to get the paperwork necessary for the student to go." El-Shazly said.

"The topics vary, so I am not teaching the same class, I am not writing about the same things," he said. However, Hagen said the most rewarding aspect of the profession is not variety. It is not even the opportunity to travel that is most satisfying to him.

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