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Cabell-Wayne Animal Shelter in need of volunteers

By **LILLIE BODIE**
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The Cabell-Wayne Animal Shelter seeks volunteers while housing approximately eighty cats and one hundred dogs. The shelter just ended their cat season, in which an abundance of strays were given to the shelter. They were able to supply homes to seventy cats.

"In order for this to be a good shelter, you have to have volunteers," Martha Cummings, volunteer of twenty years, said. "I hope the public will step up and come down and volunteer, it doesn't have to be everyday, but even once or twice a month."

The shelter does not put any animals down because of space, which creates an even higher demand for help.

"In the past they were put down but now they are not, unless due to extreme illness," Cummings said. "Six to seven years ago they were putting six thousand animals down a year, and nobody said a thing, and I want people to care now, I want them to take pride in their animal shelter."

Former music professor at Marshall University, Linda Dobbs, said, "It's contagious because you want to do what you can to help, and I had to set aside time once I quit teaching in order to take part in helping the animals. There is a desperate need for volunteers, all of us have lives, and folks like Courtney Cross and the nucleus of rescuers are looking for people to foster the animals, and volunteers through social media and fundraising."

Courtney Cross, newly appointed director of the animal shelter, said she has always had a passion for animals and this job is like a dream.

Cross said volunteers are needed for all animals in the shelter all the time.

"We need volunteers to walk dogs everyday, the shelter opens at 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but if I'm here I'm more than happy to have people come walk dogs at anytime," Cross said. "And the cats are completely on volunteer basis, and need help as well."

Cross said to eliminate diseases and contamination the shelter has created a procedure that all volunteers must abide by and practice.

"We vaccinate every animal as soon as they come in," Cross said. "And every volunteer will be trained at first on how handle the animals, on a procedure that we are following to eliminate illness in the shelter and to cut down on any contamination. At the shelter we want to protect them from bad things happening to them, and give them shelter, and help them be adopted to a loving home or sent to rescues, while having

there vetting completed. And help lost animals be reunited with their family."

Cross said the shelter hopes to raise money to improve conditions and hire employees to help the animals.

"Our humane organization we formed in order to be able to help the shelter is WWVARA, which is in the process of raising more money, to hire a kennel tech and eventually hire someone to be a kennel worker for the cats," Cross said. "My goal is to have a medical director and vet tech, who will weight the animals on intake and vaccinate them so the office worker doesn't have to do that and enter the data into our system."

Currently, the shelter is working on a new program with the animals: a new life in New England, where they take seven dogs from the shelter to the northeast where they will be adopted. The two main rescue groups that work with shelter are Advocates Saving Adoptable Pets and One by One, which raise money to help take care of a lot of the vetting and medical needs and help connect these animals to rescue and new homes through adoption events.

Volunteers can contact Courtney Cross at 304-544-5891, or can register at the Cabell-Wayne Animal Shelter.

"Animals mean love and the fact that they love you and we can love them, and they need us means we need to step up and speak for them, because they can't speak for themselves," Cummings said.

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Campus group aims to provide support for transgender students



Members of a new student group, TransLAYtion, meet together on the Memorial Student Center plaza. The group aims to create a safe space for students who identify as transgender by establishing a sense of community amid obstacles.

By JOELLE GATES
THE PARTHENON

TransLAYtion, a student led support group, aims to create a safe space for students who identify as transgender by establishing a sense of community amid obstacles.

“When the rest of the world is calling us gross, the ability to have this group helps us feel like we’re supposed to be here,” Mason Coleman, a junior visual arts major, said. “It validates us and makes us feel like we matter.”

With only two LGBTQ organizations on Marshall University’s campus, Ian Clark, a senior sociology major and co-facilitator of the group, said it is important for every queer identity to have a space on campus.

“Marshall often labels itself as being LGBTQ inclusive, but a lot of that inclusion stops after LG,” Clark said.

As the group begins to initiate conversations on making campus more gender inclusive, Cas Simpkins, a first year visual arts major, said finding friends within the group has already impacted his experience on campus.

“Being able to talk to other transgender students face-to-face is better than going on the internet and connecting with faceless people,” Simpkins said.

Despite the group providing a sense of community for students, Coleman said there are still many obstacles surrounding bathrooms, housing and inclusion.

“It’s scary to be transgender at college,” Coleman said. “Sometimes I use the men’s restroom, but it’s always terrifying.”

With conversations surrounding bathroom policies spreading throughout the nation, Eli Cooper, a senior psychology major, said Marshall should provide students with more gender-neutral restrooms.

“Gender-neutral bathrooms should be everywhere,” Cooper said. “It’s not much help when they’re spread out over campus.”

While there are still challenges that transgender students face, the group agreed many solutions to these issues could be solved with basic education.

“Coming to college exposes you to all kinds of people,” Gabe Brown, a junior biology major and co-facilitator of the group, said. “Since society sometimes has a negative opinion on us, it would be beneficial [for Marshall] to provide students with information on transgender identities.”

In addition to gaining more resources on campus, Clark said he would also like to see more transgender students be involved in the solutions.

“Efforts made by cisgender people may not be executed the right way with no input from trans people,” Clark said. “Our voices help.”

Although the group has just held their first meeting of the year, O’Ryen Mattas, a first year member of the group, said he is excited for the future.

“This could be a gateway for more trans people to be more comfortable to come out,” Mattas said.

For students who may be coming to terms with their trans identity, Coleman said to never be afraid to look for help.

“Reach out because someone on campus has to know something connected to us,” Coleman said. “You’ll find a community with us.”

The group will be meeting once a month in the LGBTQ office and will be announcing the date of their next meeting in the coming weeks.

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College of Science receives \$400,000 grant

By SAM PHILLIPS
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Marshall University’s College of Science was awarded a grant worth nearly \$400,000 by the National Science Foundation for the purchase of a new advanced microscope.

The microscope will primarily be used for research purposes, but it will also be used as a teaching tool for Marshall students, as well as K-12 students in Huntington. The microscope will be a field-emission scanning electron microscope, a machine that can view surfaces at the nanometer level.

“We started working with the grant in October of 2017,” Rosalynn Quiñones, the principal investigator for the grant and an assistant professor in the chemistry department, said.

Quiñones said there is a microscope of this type on campus, but the images it produces are of poor quality due to it being nearly 20 years old.

Quiñones is one of eight faculty members from Marshall’s College of Science that participated in the grant, and was joined by representatives from West Virginia University, the University of Charleston and scientists from Alcon Laboratories.

Quiñones also said it was a stroke of good fortune that the grant was accepted. Only around 25 percent of grants that are submitted to the NSF are accepted, and of those, only about 20 percent are first-time submissions.

There are already several research topics planned for when the microscope is installed, including research on minerals, nano-particles and arachnids such as spiders and scorpions.

“Marshall students will be able to do hands-on research – something we weren’t able to do,” said Quiñones.

The microscope’s usage will not be limited to the College of Science, however, as there are plans for other Marshall students to use the instrument, as well as using the microscope as a teaching tool for children and teens.

“We have included in the grant that K-12 [students] can use the instrument,” said Quiñones.

Michael Castellani, the chair for the College of Science, said the microscope should arrive in December, and the college is hoping to have the microscope installed by January of 2019. In addition, Castellani said scholars from other universities, including West Virginia University, will be using the microscope.

“These things aren’t for one person to use,” Castellani said. “When you’re buying something that costs 400,000 dollars, you want as many people in as many places to use it as possible.”

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Huntington's Kitchen continues cooking class series for community

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Ramen noodle eaters can rejoice as Huntington's Kitchen features an event aimed to help the community learn to cook.

Huntington's Kitchen in Pullman Square sponsors monthly classes with the purpose of educating the community on how to cook fresh, healthy, homemade dishes. The classes are part of the "20 Things Everyone Should Know How to Make" series, showcasing foods such as chicken, quiche and sushi.

"This is a great place to come and learn the basics of how to do anything cooking related," Marty Emerson, chef manager, said.

Attendees were of varying ages at this month's event, all with different cooking experiences.

"You do not have to know how to cook at all to come to this class. I will teach you," Emerson said. "You're never too old to learn how to cook."

Ron Schelling, a 70 year old attendee, said he agreed with Emerson. He said he liked being able to have a night away from home to enjoy the city.

"I love to try to cook and learn new things," Schelling said.

Destiny Smith and Kaitlin May, two Spring Valley High School seniors, have attended events at Huntington's Kitchen for a few years, and they said they now have experience in cooking. They said they have enjoyed learning to cook for themselves and their families.

"More people our age should get out and do stuff like this," Smith said.

Smith also said Huntington's Kitchen gives her the chance to interact with older people and make new friends.

"It's nice that there are things that offer quick entertainment in the evening after work," Holly Mathis, a nurse at Marshall Health, said.

Mathis said Huntington's Kitchen is a good place for Marshall University students to learn outside of the classroom in order to branch out.

As of now the fee for the class is \$20, but it could potentially be discounted for Marshall students in the future, Emerson said.

The remainder of Huntington's Kitchen events can be found online at huntingtonskitchen.org.

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Chef manager Marty Emerson (right) teaches cooking class to community members at Huntington's Kitchen.

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SGA discusses House of Representatives proposal

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Marshall University's Student Government Association met 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18 in the Memorial Student Center Room 2w22 to discuss the House of Representatives proposal.

The main topic on the table was the concept of a House of Representatives that was proposed two Senate meetings ago by Student Body President Hunter Barclay and Vice President Hannah Petracca.

"The central idea behind this proposal is to promote more interaction between the Student Government Association and student organizations," Petracca said.

Abbie Short, the cabinet member representing athletics, said some organizations are already interested in the idea of a House of Representatives.

"The Club Sports organization approached me and asked me about the House of Representatives," Short said. "They wanted to know about it and wanted to know how they could get involved."

Under Barclay and Petracca's proposal, SGA would consist not only of the student Senate, but also a House of Representatives made up by representatives from student organizations. These representatives would be able to draft legislation

and review funding request bills before those pieces of legislation move to Senate for approval. The House of Representatives would require a quorum of 20 percent of the 203 student organizations on campus to physically present in these meetings, or be able to vote by proxy.

Petracca and Barclay drafted a resolution for the senate to look over and bring up comments, questions and concerns.

"Keep in mind when you read the resolution and make comments that with this draft, we have taken into consideration your concerns from the last meeting," Petracca said. "Kindly take into consideration that we took you all into consideration."

The draft generated discussion and debate.

Jo Tremmel, Senate Parliamentarian, said she was concerned with the deadline.

"This draft gives us until the end of this fall semester to draft a Constitutional amendment, including by-laws," Tremmel said. "That's more time than a month, but it's still not enough time."

Senator Tanner Drown said the House of Representatives might create a bias when it comes to the issue of funding.

"It may give way to that 20% showing up and pushing funding in the direction of their own

interests," Drown said.

Senator Jacob Gressang suggested getting the input of more student organizations before the proposal moves forward.

"I really like this idea, but maybe we could create a survey similar to the one we made available to students about Jenkins Hall," Gressang said. "That way, we can get meaningful feedback."

Benjamin Stein is a senator and is also involved with Marshall University's Campus Activities Board. He said he likes the idea of a House of Representatives to bridge the gap that exists between CAB and SGA.

"I think this idea is great to get students involved in student government, and also to get students to serve as CAB liaisons," Stein said. "It's a great way to bridge that gap that exists between student government and our organizations."

There was a move to close discussion after an hour of Open Forum. No conclusion to this proposal was reached this week, but Barclay said it is a work in progress.

"We are continuing to get your feedback and build upon this idea," Barclay said.

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Marshall looks to grow in community outreach



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In partnership with the Office of Community Outreach and Volunteer Services, the Golden Girls non-profit organization will be accepting donations throughout the month of September in an initiative called Collection for a Cause. Members of the Marshall University community can donate items such as body wash, college ruled notebook paper, adult coloring books, makeup and more. The purpose behind Collection for a Cause is to help the young women who are a part of the Golden Girls group home be properly prepared for the new school year.

The Golden Girls non-profit works to help girls age 12-18 who suffer from neglect, sexual abuse and abandonment. Their current effort is to make sure young women have the proper supplies to be empowered and prepared for the new school year.

Will Holland, director of community outreach and volunteer services at Marshall, began working in the LEAD center in November 2017 and said he saw potential for growth.

"I wanted to incorporate a pattern

of elements, for each month to have a theme, for each month to have a program, for each month to have a special event and then ultimately have a collection for a cause," Holland said. "So, that formula will continue throughout each month, but the cause will be different each month."

Holland said he hopes the community outreach and volunteer efforts gain more awareness among the Marshall community so they can grow.

"Anytime a partner wants to jump on board, that's amazing," Holland said. "It will help us get the word out."

Students as well as faculty and staff can drop off items at Drinko Library, the Rec Center and the LEAD Center, which is located in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center.

"Anytime we can help a community with different needs or a different background than us, it can be an eye-opening opportunity for some," Holland said. "The need is there, the need is true, and this is a good way to help solve some of that."

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Red Flag campaign sparks relationship violence discussion

By **JOELLE GATES**
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Sponsored by the Women and Gender Center, the Red Flag Campaign aims to spread awareness and information on student resources throughout campus.

"This is a national campaign that helps bring awareness to the warning signs around relationship violence," Claire Synder, program coordinator of the Women and Gender center, said. "The idea is that if you see a red flag you should reach out to potentially help someone in a vulnerable position."

Starting Sept. 17, the center will be planting small red flags all over Marshall University to ensure students come across them while on campus.

"[The office] generally does this campaign through the fall to start off the year by bringing attention to safety issues," Synder said. "The period between freshman move-in and fall break can be a prevalent time for violence on campus."

In addition to spreading awareness, Synder said

the center would also like to destigmatize conversations surrounding various warning signs.

"Young women ages 18-24 experience the highest rates of interpersonal violence," Synder said. "It's important that students are able to recognize warning signs and reach out to each other."

If faced with an experience connected to relationship violence, Kailey Rigdon, graduate student and assistant to the Women and Gender Center, said students should be vocal and find campus resources.

"Be sure to help their friends find the right resources," Rigdon said. "Being there and being supportive of someone is the best thing you can do."

In addition to the red flags, the Women and Gender Center will also be running a series of posters across campus to help raise awareness.

Flags will be on display until Sept. 28 and will tie into the Women and Gender Center's 'Let's Talk Title IX' event Sept. 25 on the Memorial Student Center plaza from 11 to 2 p.m.

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Red flags are set up on campus to represent the warning sign of violence in relationships.

Herd football returns to field for rematch against NC State

By **MORGAN GRIFFITH**
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Marshall football (2-0) returns to Joan C. Edwards Stadium Saturday for its 7 p.m. matchup against NC State (2-0).

"I think it's a great opportunity for our program, our community and our fan base to showcase Marshall University on a national stage," Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said. "What better way to do it than to have an excellent ACC team coming in here."

Though NC State has not played Marshall in Huntington, the teams have played four times at NC State's Carter-Finley Stadium. Most recently, Marshall and NC State faced off last season in the first of a home-and-home series. In the game, the Herd held a 20-10 lead over the Wolfpack in the second quarter. NC State then scored 27 unanswered points to close out the game and defeat Marshall 37-20.

Both teams are coming off of an unexpected bye week due to Hurricane Florence. The Herd was scheduled to play South Carolina at Williams-Brice Stadium, while NC State was scheduled to host West Virginia University at Carter-Finley Stadium last weekend.

NC State's offense has a new addition, as redshirt sophomore



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Redshirt senior running back Anthony Anderson (right) and junior long snapper Matt Beardall (left) lead the Herd out of the tunnel before Marshall's home opener against Eastern Kentucky.

tight end Cary Angeline. Angeline (6-foot-7, 254 pounds) transferred from USC and was ineligible to play the Wolfpack's first two games. Angeline provides Wolfpack redshirt senior quarterback Ryan Finley with another target in a passing game that averaged 367.5 yards through two games. Holliday said Finley is the Wolfpack's offensive spark.

"It starts with the quarterback Finley," Holliday said. "He's thrown over 80 balls and completed 74 percent of them. A lot of people have him picked to be the number one player in the draft, and when you watch him on tape he doesn't make a bad throw."

The Herd's leading offensive player, redshirt senior wide receiver Tyre Brady, has experience against NC State. Last season against the Wolfpack, Brady finished with 11 catches for 248 yards and a touchdown. Brady's yard total broke a Carter-Finley Stadium record, and it was also the fourth-most receiving yards in a single game in Marshall history. NC State head coach Dave Doeren acknowledged the Herd's offense in a press conference this week.

"Offensively, they have a great receiver (Brady) that we really struggled against a year ago," Doeren said. "The newest part of their team is their quarterback (redshirt freshman Isaiah Green), and he's a young guy that is playing well—five touchdowns and one interception."

Doeren is 3-1 in road games against Group of 5 teams while at NC State. Holliday has a 3-10 record against current Power 5 teams, with a 1-3 mark at home.

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Iowa State to wear helmet decals for slain golfer

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State football players will wear a decal on their helmets to honor slain school golfer Celia Barquin Arozamena during Saturday's game against Akron.

The Spanish golfer was found dead Monday morning in a pond at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Des Moines. Investigators say she was attacked earlier in the day while playing a round alone.

Barquin was Iowa State's 2018 female athlete of the year. A homeless man has been charged in her death.

Football coach Matt Campbell said Tuesday had been a tough day for the community. He called Barquin's death a "cowardly act of violence." He says the helmet decal will feature Barquin's initials and is the least the team can do to honor her.

Quarterback Zeb Noland says the death has hit the university's athletes hard, and that he feels terrible. He says he wishes there was "more we could do to try pull the pain away from the people who truly, truly feel it."

A homeless man charged in Iowa with killing a top amateur golfer from Spain has a history of violence and drug use dating to his teenage years.

Court records show that since 2014, 22-year-old Collin Daniel Richards has been charged with abusing a former girlfriend, using a baseball bat to smash a vehicle window and burglarizing a gas station.

He's now charged with first-degree murder in the death of Celia Barquin Arozamena. He was ordered jailed Tuesday on a \$5 million, cash-only bond.



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Marshall head coach Doc Holliday leads his team into Joan C. Edwards during the pregame Thunder Walk. The Herd participates in the Thunder Walk before every home game.

The Greenbrier welcomes Williams sisters for Champions Tennis Classic



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Serena Williams prepares to hit a return shot during her match against sister Venus Williams Saturday afternoon at the Champions Tennis Classic. Serena lost the match in a third set tiebreaker.

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**
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The Creekside Champions Tennis Classic took place last weekend at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Among multiple professional participants were tennis icons—and sisters—Venus Williams and Serena Williams. Venus appeared in the tournament for the third-straight year, while Serena participated for the first time. Marat Safin, Carlos Moya, Kevin Anderson, and Marcos Baghdatis competed alongside the Williams sisters Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, Serena and Venus faced off in a singles match, with Venus winning in three sets. After Venus won the first set 6-3, Serena answered with a 6-2 set win and tied the match. Venus won the tiebreaker 10-8 and defeated her sister for the 13th time on record.

“We play around the world, but we don’t get to play in towns and cities like this,” Serena said following the match.

Later in the tournament, male tennis professionals Anderson and Baghdatis competed in a singles match. Anderson, who is ranked No. 5 in men’s singles by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), won the match in three sets.

“One of the main reasons you play this exhibition is to make the crowd happy,” Baghdatis said. “You want to make them enjoy it and that’s one way of me enjoying it personally. That’s why I wanted to come here and give that to the crowd.”

Sunday began with the Legends Singles Match between male professionals Moya and Safin. Moya, who won the 1998 French Open, defeated the former ATP No. 1-ranked Safin 2-1 (6-3, 3-6, 1-0).

After Moya won game one and Safin won game two, Moya broke the tie in game three. In the

fourth game, Safin was up 40-15 and Moya started a comeback to even the match. Moya answered in game five with another win and took the first set lead, 3-2. However, Safin answered with a win in game six. Game seven went to Moya and game eight went to Safin. Moya took game nine and the first set.

Safin took the second set, 6-3, over Moya. Safin started off with a 3-0 lead before Moya won his first game. Safin would go on to take games five, seven, and nine to win the second set.

The tiebreaker went to Moya, who won the set, 10-7. He would maintain the lead for the entire game.

Later in the day, Venus Williams and Baghdatis faced Serena Williams and Anderson in a mixed doubles match. It was an exhibition match in which players performed dance moves and trick shots. Baghdatis interacted with the crowd by telling jokes and performing secret plays with Venus. At one point, Serena brought her daughter onto the court.

The first set went to Serena Williams and Anderson with the 7-5 win over Venus Williams and Baghdatis. The second set also went to Serena Williams and Anderson (6-3) on a comeback from Venus Williams and Baghdatis’ 2-0 game start.

“We’re taking a little bit of a break,” Anderson said. “Obviously we’re still here and still competing but I think the general atmosphere is a bit more relaxing than being on the tour. It’s a nice little getaway.”

This is the seventh year that The Greenbrier has played host to the Champions Tennis Classic.

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Updates to HerdZone app provide rewards for students supporting student-athletes

By **MADISON DAVIS**
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While nearly all Marshall University students enjoy the university’s big sports such as football and basketball, other sports are often overlooked.

The HerdZone Gameday app is over a year old but it was recently upgraded by a new company. The app’s newest addition is a rewards program feature that students and Herd fans can use.

When entering some events, app users will be able to scan a code with the app and receive points. During other games, the

code will be announced and can be typed in on the app.

Aaron Goebbel, Marshall’s associate athletic director for external affairs and one of the creators of the app, said he believes this app will help students to be more involved and support all their peers.

“The idea behind it is really to get students to be competitive,” Goebbel said. “They’ll be like ‘Oh hey I’m going to a volleyball game so I can scan my code or wait for the code to come over the PA and get 15 points.’”

The app developers are in the works of

making the app relevant for students who may not be sports fans. Receiving points will soon be available at student affairs events such as Screen on the Green and various lecture series. Developers are also in talks with restaurants such as Fat Patty’s and Bojangles where users will not only be able to redeem points, but also exchange them for discounts.

On Marshall’s end, points can be used to redeem basic retail items such as shirts and tumblers. With a higher number of points, users can redeem larger prizes such as Nike shoes, caps and gowns and even be

put in to a drawing to win a trip to travel to a bowl game with the football team.

Goebbel said developers believe the app is a good way to understand how students enjoy their college experience.

“We’re creating competition, making all of our sports relevant and making people think that they should support all of our programs,” Goebbel said. “At the end of the day, we want more people to come to the events that usually fly under the radar.”

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EDITORIAL

The double standard of celebrity addiction



Andrea Grimm, 30, of the North Side neighborhood in Pittsburgh, holds a candle during a vigil for rapper Mac Miller, Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Blue Slide Park in Pittsburgh. Blue Slide Park was the name of Miller's debut studio album. He died last week in California. (Matt Freed/Post-Gazette via AP)

The death of rap legend and Pittsburgh native Mac Miller on Sept. 7 brought grief-stricken listeners from all over the world onto social media almost immediately, mourning the loss of yet another life. Miller, found dead of an apparent overdose, is just one more celebrity gone too soon, taken by the same drugs that have been plaguing our country, and specifically our community, for years. Miller's death came not long after popstar Demi Lovato's overdose and hospitalization on July 24 of this year.

Of course these incidents are tragic. Both Miller and Lovato have openly struggled with substance abuse and while Miller lost his battle, Lovato continues to receive support from her family, fans and strangers on the

internet from the comfort of her rehabilitation center.

Yes, these incidents are tragic, but they happen every day. All over. And to people who may not have support or funds to check into rehab. It happens to those whose lives essentially do not matter to us. In 2017, West Virginia's Health Statistic Center reported a record number of fatal overdoses in the state; Cabell County led the pack with 183 deaths. That's 183 people gone in an instant, 183 souls now forgotten. There are no community-wide memorials for these people, no trending hashtags or commemorative articles. Instead, their names live on in degrading Facebook updates, "At least there's one less drug addict on our streets!"

This may be true, but there's also one less mother, brother, cousin or friend. Watching Miller's life being memorialized and seeing hollow words of encouragement to others struggling with addiction plastering my timeline brings conflicting emotions but also hope for the future.

When will we, as a community, begin to treat addiction as a disease instead of kicking an addict while they are down? When will we begin seeing all addicts, not just those whose names appear in tabloids or as click-bait, as people who deserve to live past the age of 26?

While Miller's untimely death is tragic, it allows us to look in the mirror as a society and hopefully realize that people struggling with addiction deserve a life, too.

SMIRL MEETS WORLD //

By **RILEIGH SMIRL**
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Last week I talked about how stressed out I was and what I did to alleviate some of that personal stress. You would think I would have cleared up some of that stress by now, but that seems to be the beauty of college: you're never really done working on something at any point. Maybe over winter break or summer, but not during the semester. In an attempt to practice some self-care this weekend, I let some of my work accumulate, leaving me in need for self-care, which was caused by the self-care. Is anyone else confused?

Out of an attempt to help myself through this exceptionally stressful start to the week, I thought I'd create a list for you and me, both of steps that I have discovered (mostly over the course of today) help me get work done in an efficient, yet not too rushed way.

Best of luck to all of you if you're going through some stressful nights as well. I made it through what has appeared to be the most stressful part of my week so far, and I hope you all can maybe follow one or two of these steps to do the same.

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Make lots of lists! I have found that when I can write out all of the things I have to do that are pressing and due the soonest, as well as the ones that I can take my time on, it helps me schedule out my time most efficiently, which is my next step.

Schedule out your day as closely as possible, and always add in some extra time. It may sound silly to pencil in 45 minutes to complete one assignment that may take only 15, but if you're anything like me and you start to get distracted and procrastinate even at crunch time, then you're more than likely going to use every bit of those 45 minutes.

Turn off your phone! If you need your phone on, then download a focus app! I have one called "Forest" where you can set a timer for yourself, and as long as you're still in that app and not using anything else on your phone, you grow a little tree for working!

Finally, still try to put forth your best effort. I know it's easier at midnight to just throw some words on a paper and call it finished, but what's the point in making an effort to do it at all if you aren't going to do it well?

// Media representation matters, even for redheads



By **AMANDA LARCH**
COPY EDITOR

Representation is important: there's no doubt about that. From characters in television shows to elected officials, everyone can and should have someone they look up to that looks like them. I am a natural redhead, and sometimes I feel as though redheads are often overlooked. One of my biggest pet peeves is that there is no redhead emoji while every other possible hair color and skin tones are available. (Which of course is a great thing; my point is: why were redheads never considered in the first place?) Should I choose the brunette or blonde emoji to express myself? Trick question because neither of them are accurate, and I don't want those to be my only options. Yesterday, it was rumored that with the new Apple iOS update, redhead emojis would finally be introduced, but as I eagerly updated my phone, waiting for the results, how disappointed I was when I quickly opened my messages and found no redhead option waiting for me. How long have we had access to emojis- quite a few years. That's quite a few years where I have felt unrepresented and neglected.

I know this probably sounds silly so far, but it is important to me. Redheads are already a rarity in the world and in the world of mass media, and I would never want anyone else to feel like they're not important because they're different and can't see themselves represented in meaningful places. A simple task of sending a text reminds

me that people like me weren't deemed relevant enough to be included. In all my twenty years, I have suffered so much teasing and rudeness because of my hair color. I absolutely hate it. In middle school, it really affected my self-esteem.

Today, I have come to love and accept my natural hair. I stand out, I am different, and I like that. I was delighted when I first heard about Disney's fiery red-headed heroine, Merida, because I finally had someone on screen who looked like me. And besides her and Ariel, whose hair color isn't even natural red, I can't think of anymore redheaded Disney princesses or characters. I know it bothered me as a kid not being able to relate to any characters based on hair color, and I truly believe representation in all forms is crucial to personal identity and self-confidence in all walks of life.

Until these redhead emojis are released, I'm still bummed trying to decide which emoji is close enough to me, when I should have never had this problem in the first place. I think it is a problem unique to redheads, and though we may be in the minority, we still exist and deserve the same treatment as everyone else- especially in emoji form. I mean, how cute will they be? And, once the redhead emoji dilemma is finally solved, it'll be a great victory for all redheads. Who knows in what other positive directions it will lead, not just for gingers, but for lack of representation everywhere.

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Senate backs bill to avert shutdown

By **MATTHEW DALY**
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Tuesday approved a wide-ranging, \$854 billion bill that funds the military and a host of civilian agencies for the next year and provides a short-term fix to keep the government open through early December.

The measure includes \$675 billion for the Defense Department and boosts military pay by 2.6 percent, the largest pay raise in nine years. The bill also approves spending for Health and Human Services, Education, Labor and other agencies, including a 5 percent boost for the National Institutes of Health.

Senators approved the bill 93-7. The measure now goes to the House, where lawmakers are expected to approve it next week, days ahead of a Sept. 30 deadline for a government shutdown.

The stopgap bill would not address President Donald Trump's long-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. GOP leaders have said they'd prefer to resolve the issue after the Nov. 6 elections.

When combined with a measure approved last week, the three compromise spending bills would account for nearly 90 percent of annual federal spending, including the military and most civilian agencies.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., called the bill approved Tuesday historic, noting that the package boosts funding for medical research and the opioid epidemic while providing troops with the largest pay raise in nearly a decade.

"We are making real progress here" in approving spending bills before the new budget year begins Oct. 1, Shelby said. "We are going to make the appropriations trains run again."

Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations panel, said he was pleased that the compromise bill eliminates contentious policy riders that he and other lawmakers call "poison pills." Such riders frequently lead to a spending bill's defeat even as lawmakers from both parties agree on a vast majority of spending priorities.

"We did our job and focused on what we should be doing — making responsible, thoughtful decisions about how to fund these federal agencies and leav-

ing controversial policy issues out of it," Leahy said in a refrain that has become familiar on the Senate floor in recent weeks as Leahy, Shelby and other leaders fend off partisan proposals.

Utah Sen. Mike Lee, a conservative Republican, blasted the bill for failing to address right-to-life issues.

"For the second straight year of unified Republican governance — unified pro-life governance — Congress's annual spending bills will include no new reforms protecting unborn children, or getting federal taxpayers out of the abortion business," Lee said.

Despite Lee's comments, under long-standing law and regulations, federal funds cannot be used to pay for abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or when the woman's life is endangered. Planned Parenthood, a major provider of health care services, receives federal family-planning grants and separately provides abortions.

The bill approved Tuesday provides \$147.9 billion for military equipment and upgrades. Of that figure, \$24.2 billion will go toward 13 Navy ships, including two Virginia-class submarines and three fast-moving littoral combat ships. The relatively small ships are intended to operate in congested areas near the shore against small boats and mines.

The bill also includes \$9.3 billion for 93 new F-35 aircraft and more than \$4 billion for Black Hawk, Apache and other helicopters.

The 5 percent boost for NIH is the fourth-straight significant increase for the biomedical research agency. The measure would hike spending for Alzheimer's research to more than \$2.3 billion, essentially quadrupling spending levels from four years ago on a disease that requires hundreds of billions of dollars for dementia-related care.

The bill also would provide a \$206 million increase for treatment of opioid addiction, bringing spending to \$3.8 billion to confront the issue. It would also boost spending for the Head Start preschool program and increase maximum Pell Grants for college education.

The bill extends the Violence Against Women Act through Dec. 7. The law promotes investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

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Alpha Tau Omega goes homeless for Huntington City Mission

By **RACHEL RIDDLE**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Alpha Tau Omega started their annual philanthropy event Sept. 17 outside of the Memorial Student Center. This is the 13th year the fraternity has put on the event.

Members said they want to make it clear the purpose of going homeless is to raise money for Huntington's City Mission.

"This is the largest philanthropy event of the year for ATO," Zach Mitchell, ATO's philanthropy chair, said.

Mitchell said the importance of the event and the fraternity's mission is to raise awareness about homelessness in Huntington.

"We've been doing this for so many years, it's expected," Mitchell, a junior biochemistry major, said. "This is a big deal for us, and we take this week very seriously."

There are 71 members in the fraternity and each of them is expected participate in the event. Members of the fraternity build a structure made out of cardboard and take shifts sleeping and staying in the boxes throughout the week.

The event not only brings awareness to the cause, but it also allows members of the fraternity to be a part of something bigger. Marshall's ATO chapter was the first to start going homeless as a philanthropy event. The event received recognition and ATO Congress, the fraternity's national chapter, has adopted the idea and made it their own by allowing other universities to participate in the event as well.

During the event, the fraternity collects donations for the homeless throughout the Huntington community. Members approach businesses throughout the tri-state asking for donations as well as taking donations on campus where the event is held.

"All the money we make goes straight to the Huntington City Mission to help benefit the homeless in our community," Brigham Warf, junior and public relations major, said.

Warf said anyone can donate. The fraternity shares links to their Go Fund Me account on all their social media platforms, and they said they encourage students and faculty at the university to get involved.

Warf serves as the fraternity's historian, and he said he is passionate about using his platform to create awareness about the important cause.

"A lot of our work gets overshadowed by the stereotypes that surround fraternities," Warf said.

Warf said the community service the fraternity participates in is important to him, and he will continue to help within the community as much as he can.

Raising awareness for homeless is not the only philanthropy event that the fraternity participates in. In February, ATO offers a Valentines Raffle for Hospice of Huntington. The fraternity also participates in smaller community service acts on the weekends.

"We had guys volunteer at the Little Victories animal shelter this past weekend," Warf said. "We do community service every week. There is a lot more to our fraternity than you might think."

Last year ATO's going homeless event raised over \$3,000 for Huntington's City Mission.

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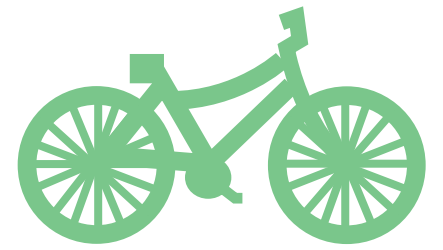
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Starbucks gets wheels on campus



FRANKLIN NORTON | MANAGING EDITOR

Starbucks employees serve samples of nitro cold brew coffee on the Memorial Student Center Plaza Sept. 14.

By GRETCHEN KALAR
THE PARTHENON

The Starbucks Bike took its first spin around Marshall University's campus and was revealed Sept. 14 on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

The bike's operator was giving out free samples of Starbucks' nitro cold brew coffee.

"We will debut the bike sometime this week with a free tasting of our nitro cold brew tap system. It's going to be awesome," Ryan Zipperian, Marshall Dining by Sodexo unit marketing specialist, said.

The bike was to debut on Sept. 13, but Sodexo was informed of issues with the nitrous hook-up.

"Nitrous isn't something you can walk off the street and buy," Cheryl King, Marshall Dining by Sodexo general manager, said.

The Starbucks Bike will be operating in the early fall and spring, as it cannot be operated in cold, winter temperatures.

The bike has on tap and two spouts for the nitro cold brew coffee, a Bluetooth speaker, an umbrella,

three wheels for stability, a bag for cash transactions, a credit/debit card machine and a hashtag located on the side.

The bike will be taking cash, credit and debit. Eventually the bike will be able to take Marshall flex dollars.

"It's definitely a portable store," Zipperian said. "The bike is meant to dispense our cold brew through the tap system which is built into the bike. It is more like a food truck. The location will change week to week and weather permitting."

The bike will not be able to deliver to locations on campus.

"What we want students to know most about the bike is it's out, and watch for it around campus," King said.

The decision to purchase the Starbucks Bike was made by Marshall Dining by Sodexo and Marshall University.

Starbucks and other school dining services are operating bikes such as these on other campuses. The bike was not purchased with tuition dollars.

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Marshall Smashers tournaments promote friendly competition among students, locals

By DOUGLAS HARDING
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students and community members bonded through gaming competition during the Marshall Smashers Super Smash Bros. Tournament Sept. 17.

"Tonight we played doubles brackets," Austin Gaal, president of Marshall Smashers and senior accounting major, said. "Sam Aliff and I won the Melee bracket."

Gaal said he has been playing Super Smash Bros. on his GameCube since he was 8 years old. He took over as club president last fall.

The competition included both tournament and non-competition matches of Super Smash Bros., Melee and Super Smash Bros. Four on GameCube and Wii U.

"We use the standard format for organizing our tournaments," Gaal said. "For most fighting games, this means a seeded bracket with a winners and a losers side."

Gaal said the idea of this format is to rank players roughly based on skill and experience and then to fill in the bracket accordingly to avoid mismatches.

"Having two brackets allows players a second chance," Gaal said. "So even if you lose one match you still have a chance to play again and win the whole tournament."

In addition to a two-versus-two tournament format, students and locals participated in exhibition and friendly matches for both entertainment and practice.

"Any time before matches start or when there's a gap between matches, people are always playing friendlies with

each other," Gaal said.

Austin Falk, a first-year computer science major, attended Marshall Smashers for the first time Sept. 17 and said he learned a lot about the game while there.

"I think it's important for events like this to be available on campus for students to meet new people and make friends with similar interests," Falk said.

Falk said he had played four matches and lost all but one of them, but that is not what was most important to him.

"This has been a really fun time with some really good people," he said.

Falk said he would certainly be attending as many events like this on campus as he could find.

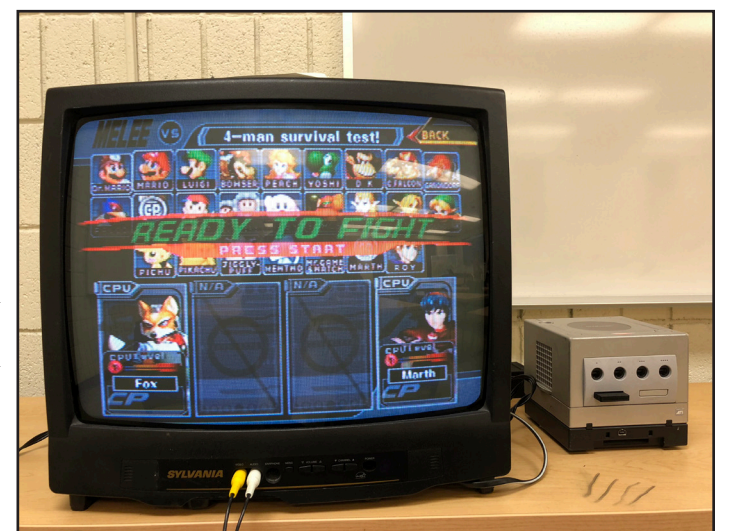
"If anyone enjoys playing Super Smash Bros., or even if you're just looking for a challenging new hobby, these tournaments would be perfect for you," Falk said.

Gaal said Marshall Smashers have tournaments at 7 p.m. every Monday in Harris Hall Room 102.

"We typically play singles, but occasionally we play doubles or some other less serious event for the week," Gaal said.

Marshall Smashers is composed primarily of undergraduate students at Marshall, but several frequent participants come from areas such as Morgantown, Charleston and Ashland and do not attend Marshall, Gaal said.

Anyone looking for updates on the club or its events can find their Marshall Smashers Facebook page, or just show up one Monday to get an idea of what it is like, Gaal said.



DOUGLAS HARDING | MANAGING EDITOR

Marshall Smashers meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 102 to compete in playing various video games.

Gaal said he and the other members always try their best to help new members become acquainted as smoothly as possible.

"I try my best to greet and talk with any unfamiliar faces," he said. "It's good to get to know them and help them get plugged in with the group."

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