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PROACT opens, provides additional recovery services

By **SAM PHILLIPS**
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Marshall Health collaborated with several local hospitals and clinics in opening a center designed to help Huntington residents struggling with addiction.

The Provider Response Organization for Addiction Care and Treatment center was created to cater to an individual's needs. Michael Haney, director of PROACT, said the main goal of the organization is to guide help that they need.

"Our goal is to expand capacity, because that's the biggest problem," Haney said. "There's not enough people to help."

Haney said the biggest reason for PROACT is the differing needs of its patients; for example, a 22-year-old opioid addict who is six months pregnant may need different help than others. PROACT also serves as a directory to guide patients toward other clinics and hospitals, depending on what they need.

"There are some services that we provide that are provided by other players, but we want to have relationships with other services in the area," Haney said.

Haney also said the clinic will help bring former addicts to employers to help them get back on track. In addition, many advisers to PROACT are former addicts themselves.

"There are people who can use their live experience to help the patients we serve

navigate the waters," Haney said.

PROACT is spearheaded by St. Mary's Medical Center, Marshall Health and Cabell-Huntington Hospital, and it is also in contact with Valley Health and Thomas Health System.

"PROACT really is kind of a dream of St. Mary's, Cabell-Huntington and Marshall University," said Dr. Stephen Petrany, a physician specializing in family medicine and one of the board members for PROACT. "This is not just a Marshall Health initiative, but we're a major player in it. It's part of the university's larger response to this opioid crisis, and this is one important element of our efforts."

Both Haney and Petrany said they believe the PROACT center helps Marshall as much as it helps Huntington.

"Huntington and Marshall have been almost synonymous," Haney said. "Marshall loves the Huntington community and wants to give back."

While the center is not at full functionality, though it is expected to be within the week, it is already open for people to receive help. Petrany said the center is already working better than expected.

"So far it actually looks like it may surpass [the project's] original vision," Petrany said. "It's really turning out well. We're looking forward to start working with our first patients."

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DR. STEPHEN PETRANY

Yoga in the Sustainability Garden connects students in nature

By **GRETCHEN KALAR**
THE PARTHENON

Students meditated through yoga sponsored by Gro Huntington and the Marshall University Sustainability Department Monday, Oct. 1 in Marshall's student garden.

"Gro is working with the Sustainability Department to raise awareness about the natural healing modalities," Jeannie Harrison, executive director of Gro Huntington, said. "We are all about getting back to nature."

The focus of the yoga session was to see if there was any interest in starting a community around nature-based healing, Harrison said.

Yoga is the main program of Gro Huntington. They teach Yoga EQ which builds emotional intelligence, and it is a social and emotional learning program, Harrison said.

"We use the yoga to get in touch with our bodies and help us to process and move through emotions," Harrison said. "There is so much we can learn about our emotional and mental state through how our body reacts. So when we can navigate that we can treat the underlying problems."

Harrison said she recommends some kind of guided yoga class once a week.

"It is important to have a teacher and get the technique down and to have someone hold a space for you," Harrison said. "That truly is important, when you can have someone there to help you in

your journey."

Harrison said she understands not everyone can afford a yoga class.

"A lot of us cannot afford to go to a class all the time," Harrison said. "There is so much we can do from home—just meditating and getting in our bodies."

At the end of a yoga class, the instructor will end the class with the salutation, "namaste," Harrison said.

"It means the divine light in my heart vows to the divine light in your heart," Harrison said. "It is this entity or connection that give us all value and makes us worthy."

Yoga classes are offered at 5 p.m. Sundays at the Fairfield Community Center. The yoga classes are open to all body types and abilities. They are donation based. Mats and supplies will be provided.

"In my practice, namaste is the most helpful thing that has helped me connect people, connect to my higher power and to remember I am just as worthy as everyone else," Harrison said.

Kaycee Patterson, biological science senior, said she chose to attend the event to get a good introduction to the practice.

"Feeling the connectivity with everyone, and not even knowing them was my favorite part of today," Patterson said.

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GRETCHEN KALAR | THE PARTHENON

Women's Center provides valuable resources for women on campus



The Women's Center is located on the first floor of Prichard Hall and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. SADIE HELMICK | EXECUTIVE EDITOR

By HANNAH GRAHAM
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Women's Center is a place many women around campus may not know about, but it is constantly working to provide valuable resources for anyone who may need them.

Kailey Rigdon, graduate assistant for the Women's Center, said she attests to the helpful resources students can utilize.

"We mostly focus on awareness," Rigdon said. "We want to familiarize our students with Title IX, sexual assault issues and how to deal with domestic violence issues. We want them to know that we are here to advocate for them and help them deal with these complex issues."

The Women's Center recently finished awareness projects such as the Title IX Talks that happened on campus, as well as the red flag campaign. All these were efforts to inform students about relevant issues and familiarize the campus with the Women's Center and the resources it offers students.

"The Women's Center is an effective tool when it comes to activism and empowering our female students," Rigdon said. "We bring light to important issues, and we help provide guidance on how students can stand up to domestic violence and sexual

assault. We teach students how to take their campus back."

Sara Browning, a junior double majoring in political science and history, said she appreciates the guidance that the Women's Center has given her and other female students.

"It's a very comfortable place, it's somewhere where students can go and express themselves and talk about their problems to people who will listen and want to help," Browning said. "The whole room gives off a comfortable feeling. It truly is a safe space."

The Women's Center is located on the first floor of Prichard Hall and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Monday through Friday. The center provides a safe space for Marshall University students and faculty to seek information, seek victim advocacy, receive free condoms, receive sexual health education, and take part in training and issues pertaining to feminism and LGBTQ+ issues. Their door is open to anyone who may be seeking guidance or information on any kind of reproductive health or educational issues, Rigdon said.

"Our door is always open to students," Rigdon said. "We take walk-ins, and we take appointments. Anybody who wants to come talk about issues or get resources is welcome in here."

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KAILEY RIGDON

Lunafest short film festival highlights films by, for, about women

By GRETCHEN KALAR
THE PARTHENON

Lunafest, a women's film festival for and about women, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Fourth Avenue Arts in Huntington, West Virginia.

"These films are to celebrate survivors," Sara Blevins, director of development at Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, said. "October is Domestic Violence Awareness month so we are doing a lot to promote that."

There will be nine films shown at the festival, and the lineup includes a diverse range of films from animated to documentary.

"I was impressed with the diversity and range of the films for this year," Blevins said. "The films cover a range of female experience. There is an element of danger in an environment where violence can exist."

This is the 17th year of the annual film festival.

Claire Snyder, program director of Marshall University's Women's Center, said students can do more than attend the film festival to help with and show support for Domestic Violence Awareness month.

"This is a great way for them to get involved," Snyder said. "To also support our local domestic violence shelter in the area. We're excited to have a wonderful partnership with Branches, and it's important students get out there and get engaged."

Student tickets are \$5 and general admission is \$8.

The hotline and office number for Branches Domestic Violence Shelter is 304-529-2382.

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Student government apprentices sworn in for fall semester



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SGA welcomes 19 new senate apprentices for the fall semester during its weekly meeting.

By HANNAH GRAHAM
THE PARTHENON

Nineteen senate apprentices were sworn in and assigned to their respective senators during the Student Government Association meeting Tuesday, Oct. 2.

The room was so full that senate members had to work to find chairs from other rooms in order to seat all in attendance. The meeting was open to students to voice their concerns. Marshall University Student Body Vice President Hannah Petracca served as the presiding officer over the hour long meeting.

Darby McCloud, senate apprenticeship director, has worked this semester to interview first-year students in order to find the most dedicated candidates.

"The apprenticeship program doesn't only help students learn about student government," McCloud said. "It helps them learn about Marshall and the campus, without pressure."

Senate apprentices work with student senators to learn about the legislative process. They are sent lessons about committees, how senate meetings are ran, Robert's Rules of Order and how documents such as resolutions and funding bills are created and processed. Through visual lessons,

hands-on experiences and advice from mentors, the apprentices are encouraged to help advance the legislative process and encouraged to use the experience as a spring-

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RAJON STAUNTON

board to continue to be involved in SGA.

"My main goal is to be as involved on campus as I can be, and SGA seems like a great outlet for me to do that," Rajon Staunton, a first year creative writing major, said. "I've always been really big on inclusivity and progress, and I

think I can pursue those ideals through being a senator. I want to be involved where I can make a difference."

President Pro-Tempore Noelle Soares officially invited apprentices to begin taking their seats at the round table next week so they can be actively involved in the process.

Jaiden Pugh, a first year political science major and new senate apprentice, said she is eager for the semester to come.

"I'm so excited to be involved on campus and truly begin to make a difference," Pugh said. "I plan on learning a lot from my mentor and using those skills to make my campus a better place."

Student apprentices will take part in many SGA sponsored community involvement projects, as well as serve as volunteers for the Fountain Ceremony and homecoming.

"I went through the Apprenticeship program last year, and it was incredibly valuable to me," McCloud said. "I was able to learn so much about this campus and the community, and I gained so much more pride as a Marshall student. I hope this experience is that valuable to them as well."

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32nd annual Pumpkin Festival returns to Milton Thursday



PARTHENON FILE PHOTOS

Artists, musicians and business owners collaborated to celebrate West Virginia's Pumpkin Festival with attendees in fall 2017.

By **MEG KELLER**
THE PARTHENON

Students searching for fall fun can look no further than 21 miles east of campus, as the 32nd annual West Virginia Pumpkin Festival will take place at 1 Pumpkin Way in Milton, from Oct. 4 through 7. This harvest festival aims to promote agriculture, education, cultural and heritage activities in a family friendly environment.

The festival features 180 arts and craft exhibits and 200 business booths on 86 acres of land. Mark Cooper, president of the WVVPF, said many local bands that perform at the V Club will be performing, and Ona, Dangerous Cookies, The Dividends and Ducaïn are four local bands set to perform throughout the weekend.

West Virginia craft and soap vendors will be selling their products. New attractions this year include a lumberjack log rolling exhibit, a blacksmith and an updated living history encampment.

Cooper said 33 food vendors will be available to satisfy any hunger a guest may have, including local vendors such as The Huntington Optimist Club, who

have been selling their corndogs at this event for 30 years, and The Fly In Cafe. New to the food scene this year is a vendor featuring a portable food fire oven, Cooper said.

Cooper said 40,000 people attended the festival last year. He said he expects a similar turn out this year and suggests arriving early.

To combat the long lines, the festival staff upgraded their internet capabilities to better handle the flow of guests paying with credit or debit cards, Cooper said. Tickets can be purchased before the event online at the WVVPF website.

The cost of admission varies by day. Oct. 4 and 5 rates are \$5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., then increase to \$8 per person from 12 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday rates are \$10 per person. The festival hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 4 through 6, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 7. Parking is free.

"I invite you to come up and visit," Cooper said. "It's better than sitting in a dorm room all weekend."

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Community-Based Learning Program aims to add experiential learning to classrooms

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Marshall University's Community-Based Learning Program is an experiential learning program to incorporate active learning in the classroom.

The director of the Community-Based Learning Program, Damien Arthur, said he has a specific way of overseeing community-based learning.

"Community-based learning is a mechanism by which the university pedagogical mission is enhanced," Arthur said. "Essentially that means that a class wherein all learning is passive, and memorization and library research doesn't create an environment wherein students can reach their full learning potential."

Incorporating community-based learning into classrooms provides students with opportunities for active learning, Arthur said, and it is a way to connect theory and practice.

Community-based learning is transformative with students and the community. The program can be a semester long or a period within a semester.

"It helps to expose them to things that they wouldn't necessarily be exposed to," Arthur said. "It's supposed to enable students to participate in a high impact practice and allows them to have part of their course not just be passive."

The community-based learning program faculty must go through training workshops. Once the three

workshops are completed, professors may offer any class on campus that can be a community-based learning class.

"The faculty are able to have a lot of control over what that community-based learning class looks like," Arthur said. "When I teach them, I incorporate the entire class into this experiential learning component."

Within the classroom, the students have to reflect and have an academically relevant project. Students are required to have a certain amount of contact hours with the community or a partner. In the end, there is expected to be a learning outcome students fulfill.

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Late turnover propels Herd football to C-USA victory over Western Kentucky

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Isaiah Green orchestrated a 98-yard drive in the final minutes Saturday in Bowling Green, Kentucky and led Marshall to a 20-17 win over Western Kentucky in the Thundering Herd's Conference USA opener.

"Any time you can go on the road against a good football team and find a way to win, you have to be happy," Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said.

Green completed less than 50 percent of his passes and threw three interceptions but made plays when the game was on the line. The redshirt freshman quarterback completed 4 of 5 passes on Marshall's final drive. The 98-yard drive, capped by a 32-yard pass to senior wide receiver Tyre Brady, secured a comeback win.

"(Green) is going to grow up a lot now," Holliday said. "He found a way to win the game and that's all that matters."

The Hilltoppers had an opportunity to tie the game or take the lead in the last minute of the game. The Hilltoppers' threat was sparked by WKU quarterback Steven Duncan, who found sophomore wide receiver Jacquez Sloan for a 60-yard gain to the Marshall 20-yard line. Four plays later, Marshall senior defensive lineman Ryan Bee forced a Duncan fumble that was recovered by redshirt senior Juwon Young. Green then took the field for the final snap that sealed the Herd's second road win of the season.

"It's a play I wish I could have back," Duncan said. "Instead of just being greedy, just eat the ball and throw it out of the back of the end zone. Just one more play that I wish I could have back."

Duncan was 24 of 39 for 263 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He was sacked four times.

"We gave ourselves an opportunity in both phases—offense and defense—to finish," WKU head coach Mike Sanford said. "We have to finish in those situations. (Marshall) went 98 yards on a drive to win the game. We had an opportunity on the 10-yard line offensively to win the game but we have to take care of the football."

Marshall opened the scoring on a one-play drive midway through the first quarter. After a short punt, Green hit Brady in stride for a 40-yard touchdown. The touchdown pass was Marshall's only first down of the quarter.

After WKU redshirt senior kicker Ryan Nuss made a short field goal to cut Marshall's lead to 7-3, the Thundering Herd turned the ball over on its next two drives. Redshirt sophomore wide receiver Willie Johnson fumbled on an option play to end a drive inside the Hilltopper 30-yard line. Then, Green threw an interception to redshirt junior Ta'Corian Darden on the Herd's next offensive play. Marshall committed four turnovers in the game, two in each half.

"We turned the ball over way too much," Holliday said. "At the end of the day, when

you turn the ball over four times and find a way to win, that's unusual. We have a lot of corrections to make."

The Hilltoppers took their first lead of the game late in the second quarter on a 3-yard touchdown run by Duncan to cap a 75-yard drive. Marshall then responded with redshirt junior kicker Justin Rohrwasser's 35-yard field goal in the final minute of the first half. The kick sent the teams to halftime tied at 10.

Marshall received the ball to start the second half and had a chance to take the lead in its first drive of the third quarter.

However, Marshall's special teams trouble continued when Rohrwasser's 33-yard field goal attempt was blocked by redshirt senior defensive lineman Julien Lewis to keep the score knotted at 10.

The Herd gained momentum early in the fourth quarter when it forced its first turnover of the contest. Redshirt senior linebacker Donyae Moody forced a fumble by WKU redshirt freshman running back Joshua Samuel that was recovered by Marshall redshirt senior linebacker Frankie Hernandez. The Herd capitalized on the turnover and took the lead on a Rohrwasser 21-yard field goal.

"I had to step up and make a play for

us to get the ball, so that's what I did," Moody said.

Marshall's momentum continued as it forced a second consecutive Hilltopper turnover. Duncan overthrew redshirt sophomore tight end Kyle Fourtenbary and was intercepted by redshirt sophomore safety Nazeeh Johnson, who returned the ball into WKU territory.

"The turnover just came to me," Johnson said. "I was running the wrong coverage. I ran Cover 7 and it was a Cover 3 concept. I just got put in that position, to be honest. I was in the right place at the right time."

The Herd responded with a turnover of its own when Green threw an interception to WKU's redshirt senior defensive back DeAndre Farris, who returned the ball to the Marshall 11-yard line. Duncan then targeted redshirt senior tight end Mik'Quan Deane with a shovel pass for an 11-yard touchdown on the next play. The Hilltoppers took the 17-13 lead.

On Marshall's next drive, Green threw his third interception of the game to redshirt senior linebacker Masai Whyte, who caught the ball off Brady's hands and returned it to the Marshall 28-yard line. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after the interception return pushed the Hilltoppers out of potential field goal range.

After starting the next drive on his own 2-yard line, Green found junior wide receiver Obi Obialo for a 20-yard gain on third down. Then, Green completed a pass to redshirt junior tight end Armani Levias for 35 yards. A pair of subsequent short

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Coach just called my number. My teammates came to me and said 'We need this one.' We had man coverage and I broke the tackle and took it to the house."

TYRE BRADY

Marshall men's soccer scores four goals, downs ODU in C-USA victory

By **MORGAN GRIFFITH**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University men's soccer upset defending Conference USA tournament champion Old Dominion 4-2 Saturday at Hoops Family Field.

With the win, Marshall improved its win-loss record to 3-4-2 (1-1-1 C-USA), while ODU moved to 5-3-1 (3-1 C-USA).

"It was a very scrappy game, Old Dominion plays very physical soccer," Marshall head coach Chris Grassie said. "We prepared for that, tried to play tough and battle hard."

After a scoreless 17 minutes in the first half, ODU took a 1-0 lead with a strike off the crossbar by senior forward Max Wilschrey for his ninth goal of the season. The goal was

assisted by freshman forward Daniel Corona.

The Herd then equalized the match in the 25th minute with a goal from sophomore forward Jamil Roberts, who stole the ball from the goalkeeper and scored unassisted to tie the game at one.

Just two minutes after tying the game, Marshall took a 2-1 lead in the 27th minute with a header into corner of the net by junior defender Illal Osmanu. Midfielder Pedro Dolabella was credited with the assist.

The teams combined for 33 total fouls. The Monarchs led in fouls with 17, while the Herd committed 16. Marshall

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Grading the Herd's week five performance

STAFF REPORT

OFFENSE: D+

The run game improved but only slightly. Averaging 3.4 yards-per-attempt is not going to cut it in most games, especially against Conference USA's top-tier teams. Keion Davis and Tyler King looked solid, and probably need to be getting the ball more, whether in run or pass situations. The rest of the run game combined for six yards on nine carries, an abysmal mark. Isaiah Green made freshman mistakes too often. The redshirt freshman quarterback threw three interceptions and completed less than 50 percent of his passes. However, he led a 98-yard game-winning touchdown drive in the late stages of the fourth quarter. That drive and Tyre Brady's eight catches for 162 yards and two touchdowns saves this grade from being an F, and Brady was rewarded for his performance by being named Conference USA Co-Offensive Player of the Week.

DEFENSE: C+

Limiting Western Kentucky to 4 of 16 on third down conversions is a good number for the Herd defense, as is the 1.9 yards per rushing attempt. But the pass defense allowed too many big plays for this grade to be much higher. Yes, Marshall forced three Hilltopper turnovers, but WKU shot itself in the foot on two of them. Steven Duncan overthrew his tight end on Nazeeh Johnson's interception and tried to do too much on Ryan Bee's strip-sack that was recovered by Juwon Young. Middle Tennessee quarterback Brent Stockstill will carve up this pass defense if they continue to let receivers go open down the middle of the field. A positive to take from this: Donyae Moody's forced fumble was textbook and the Herd got a pair of fourth down stops on questionable WKU play calling.

SPECIAL TEAMS: B-

Justin Rohrwasser had a makeable field goal blocked, but besides that the special teams unit was solid. Robert LeFevre averaged nearly 41 yards per punt, had two punts of more than 50 yards and had three downed inside the 20. Rohrwasser made both of his extra points and added a pair of field goals. Four of his five kickoffs went for touchbacks. The one non-touchback kickoff was returned for a mere 13 yards. This unit appears to be improved greatly since the Eastern Kentucky debacle.

Herd football, Middle Tennessee to battle under Friday night lights



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Redshirt sophomore running back Tyler King gestures to the camera before Marshall's 2017 matchup at Middle Tennessee. The Herd would claim victory, 38-10.

By MORGAN GRIFFITH THE PARTHENON

Marshall University football (3-1, 1-0 C-USA) returns to Joan C. Edwards Stadium Friday for its 7:30 p.m. matchup against Middle Tennessee State University (2-2, 1-0 C-USA).

"They're an excellent team, and they are well coached," Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said. "They will come in here ready to play, and we have to make sure we have a great week of preparation."

Marshall and MTSU have met seven times, and Marshall has a 5-2 record in the series. Since joining Conference USA in 2013, the Blue Raiders are 2-3 against Marshall but are winless in Huntington.

The Blue Raiders' offense has a record-breaking quarterback in redshirt senior Brent Stockstill. Stockstill led MTSU to a victory against Marshall in his 2015 start. In that game, Stockstill threw for 353 yards and three touchdowns.

Stockstill is the all-time total offensive leader at MTSU with 9,933 career-passing yards and 85 touchdown passes. He has thrown at least one touchdown pass in 27-straight games, which is the second-longest streak nationally. Holliday acknowledged what kind of player Stockstill is.

"It starts with Stockstill, he's a competitive kid that just plays extremely hard," Holliday said. "He's a handful, he makes plays with his feet and he's extremely tough."

Stockstill has help from senior wide receiver Patrick Smith. In his last three games, Smith has 19 catches for 253 yards and four touchdowns. Additionally, Blue Raiders' junior wide receiver Ty Lee ranked nationally in receptions per game with 6.1 last year.

Defensively, MTSU redshirt senior linebacker Darius Harris leads the team with 30 tackles and two sacks. In 2017, MTSU's defense held the opposition to under 400 yards of total offense nine times. Marshall's redshirt junior offensive lineman Levi Brown said he looks forward to the two teams' veterans matching up.

"Every year, they do something different on defense that you never really see anywhere else," Brown said. "They have a really good group of defensive linemen, and their front seven is a veteran group. We look forward to putting our veterans against theirs."

Marshall's defense has allowed an average of 103 rushing yards per game, which ranks 16th in the nation. Redshirt senior linebacker Chase Hancock reached 250 career tackles last week against Western Kentucky. During that same game, redshirt senior defensive lineman Ryan Bee was credited with two sacks and now has 16 in his career. His next sack will move him into Marshall's all-time top-10 sack leaders.

Offensively for Marshall, redshirt freshman Isaiah Green has passed for an average of 277 yards per game, which ranks 22nd in the nation. Green also ranks second among all Marshall signal-callers in their first four starts in completions (87) and passing yards (1,108).

Green's main target is redshirt senior wide receiver Tyre Brady, who ranks 21st in the nation in receptions per game (6.5). Brady also ranks 24th in the nation in receiving yards per game (92.3) and is tied for 14th with five touchdown receptions.

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EDITORIAL

Manchin should vote NO on Kavanaugh



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Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., speaks to reporters about the political battle for confirmation of President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, before a closed-door Democratic policy meeting, at the Capitol in Washington on Tuesday. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

The last several weeks in politics have been unprecedented, as President Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, battles against accusations of sexual assault from Christine Blasey Ford, a psychology professor at Palo Alto University. Ford claims that Kavanaugh assaulted her at a party while the two were in high school in 1982.

The nation watched in shock and awe as both Ford and Kavanaugh delivered emotional testimonies in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Only one day after the hearings, the committee voted to confirm Kavanaugh, where the vote will now move on to the senate, pending the results of an FBI investigation into the allegations made by Ford, with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell calling for a vote before the end of the week.

One of the senators being labeled "at risk" by the conservative group

the Judicial Crisis Network is West Virginia's own Joe Manchin, a democrat who is often noted as one of the more moderate senators in congress. His decision will likely directly affect our nation for generations to come.

The West Virginia senator, facing re-election next month in a state that is deeply red, told WV News on Monday he would make his decision after the FBI reached a conclusion.

"I'm undecided until I see what comes this week," Manchin said. "I have been very open-minded."

As a democrat, Manchin has to convince his home state that he is not a puppet of the democratic party but now is not the time for political posturing.

"She's absolutely certain that it was Brett Kavanaugh, and he's absolutely certain it wasn't him," Manchin said.

That is what this whole situa-

tion has come down to, but from what was shown to the nation last Thursday by Brett Kavanaugh, without needing proof or justification of Ford's accusations, it is clear that Kavanaugh should not be permitted to sit on the supreme court.

Kavanaugh was aggressive and combative, arrogant and entitled. If this were any other job interview, his consideration would be dropped immediately. Even if none of this behavior concerns you, Senator Manchin, it is clear that he has lied and mischaracterized himself and his past to the committee. He also distinctly took a Republican side, blaming democrats and even the Clintons, as he aims for a job that must be impartial, by the intention of the founding fathers.

If nothing else, Kavanaugh's behavior at the hearings showed us a man who is unfit for a lifetime on the nation's highest court.

SMIRL MEETS WORLD

By RILEIGH SMIRL
COLUMNIST

While I was growing up, my older sisters had both moved out of the house by the time I was four years old, so I pretty much lived as an only child. I had my own room, I usually had my parents' undivided attention and help, and I never really had to worry about sharing my space or belongings. I realize I was extremely lucky in that regard, but part of me always wondered what it would have been like to grow up with siblings my own age and others to share my time at home with. Starting college has given me a firsthand look into that experience now, though.

I have to admit, it was a bit of a shock when I first moved in. I went from my own room living at home with just my parents to sharing a living space with six other people and my bedroom with one other person. I wasn't used to the idea of having to stagger shower times and work your morning and night schedule around another person's. And what happens when those awkward moments pop up that you'd never really considered before? What happens when

I go to take a shower for the first time and I want to listen to music, but I'm too worried they'll judge my taste in music or hear me subconsciously sing alone? What if I have to stay up late and work on homework, but my roommate needs to sleep? I'm usually up late doing work or watching something every night of the week, how do I do that when I'm sharing a bedroom with someone else? What if I'm really upset about something, but I'm too afraid to get emotional in front of these people I just met? Before moving in, my mind was constantly filled with questions like these, and they didn't go away for a while even after I moved in.

Thankfully, I've been so lucky to be living with an entire suite full of girls that are some of the most courteous, giving, kind people I've ever met. I've discovered that they will listen to the music you play while you're in the shower, but once you get out they'll tell you how much they liked that one song or how much they all enjoy listening to you sing along to the words. I also know now that I still am going to be up late nearly every night doing homework, but more than half of the time my roommates will be too, and we'll all

be struggling through it together with fresh cups of coffee and constant support. There are definitely going to be (and have already been) plenty of times where you just need a good cry, and they aren't going to judge you. They'll come to your door with Excedrin for your headache and chocolate to help you feel better. While it can be confusing to first navigate how to decide when everyone is taking their shower and where you can go to have a phone conversation without disturbing everyone else you live with, all of these troubles end up leading to a better connection with the people you live with. I will admit, I was extremely apprehensive about living with this many people and making friends with them while still trying to be a good roommate. Yet, now I find myself looking forward to all the late nights we spend together stressing out over assignments, playing board games, and most importantly, all the times they prove to me that living with people who care about you is always better than living alone.

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I believe Christine Blasey Ford—and you should, too

By HANNAH GRAHAM
THE PARTHENON

Checking social media this week has been a struggle for me. It seems like everybody and their grandmother has an opinion on the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing regarding Judge Brett Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford. Ford's sexual assault allegations toward Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh culminated into a 4-hour hearing in which Blasey Ford revisited her trauma in order to prove truthfulness and accountability to a room of elected officials. Blasey Ford has had her credibility questioned, her story questioned, and her personal trauma questioned. Kevin Jackson, a FOX News contributor, lost his job when he tweeted out that Blasey-Ford was a "lying skank". A quick Google search of what Dr. Blasey Ford had to say generates news results such as NYMag's "Blasey-Ford is a Class Traitor" and Los Angeles' Times' "Blasey Ford has a lot to gain by lying".

But she doesn't.

Let me start by saying that I wholeheartedly believe Christine Blasey Ford. Her story remains consistent over the course of the 4 hours, and the gaps in memory are consistent with somebody who has suffered a great deal of psychological trauma and whose brain is working to repress it. Most persuasively, Blasey Ford had shared this story with her therapist and her husband prior to the Kavanaugh nomination, meaning she has stuck with her consistent story before the notoriety. I believe Christine Blasey Ford, but so what if I didn't?

Dr. Blasey-Ford is not on trial. Neither is Brett Kavanaugh. The Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, despite mainstream media throwing out legal jargon

such as "preponderance of evidence" and "proof beyond a reasonable doubt", the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing served as an oversized job interview. Despite this, too many of the publications I've seen this week are very quick to frame the situation around Dr. Blasey-Ford's credibility.

Sexual assault cases are the most unique variation of criminal cases in our justice system. Sexual assault is the only crime where we are more likely to question the victim's innocence than we are to question the accused. Victims are not blamed in robbery cases, homicide cases, arson cases. Only when a person comes forward to say that they were a victim of sexual assault do we, as a society, treat the victim like a suspect.

I believe Christine Blasey-Ford. I also believe in accountability. I believe in the fact that if a man sits before the Senate Judiciary Committee with a serious allegation of sexual violence, that man should not be considered for the most prestigious position within the United States Justice System.

I believe that we need to believe women more now than ever. I believe that many young women don't come forward against the Brett Kavanaughs and the Harvey Weinstens of the world because they are rightfully afraid. Blasey Ford has made it clear that she's been subject to death threats because of her stepping forward against Kavanaugh, and sadly, this isn't rare. Many women that come forward are hated, despised, perceived as the monsters that ruin men's careers. Blasey-Ford has a lot to lose by coming forward-- she will forever be known for this moment. And her sacrifice and courage have paved the way for many women to step forward and speak out against the predatory

men in power. Blasey Ford is speaking out so that our country doesn't nominate a predator.

It's our job to listen, and believe these survivors.

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FOOTBALL cont. from 10

gains set up Green's game-winning touchdown pass to Brady, who beat his defender on a slant route before reaching the end zone.

"To go through all the mistakes we did and still be able to go out there and put together a drive like that, that was great by (Green)," Brady said. "Coach just called my number. My teammates came to me and said 'we need this one.' We had man coverage and I broke the tackle and took it to the house."

Bee's first-career forced fumble ensured that the Herd left with its first win in Bowling Green since 1950.

"Big-time players make big-time plays in big-time games," Bee said. "I was just doing my job. I was coming off the edge and (Duncan) flushed up. I have to give credit to the rest of the defensive line. They pushed him out of the pocket and I was able to counter back and strip him. It was a team effort."

Following its win over WKU (1-4, 0-1 Conference USA), the Herd (3-1, 1-0 Conference USA) has a short turnaround with a weekday home game at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Middle Tennessee.

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SOCCER cont. from 10

junior defender Carlos Diaz-Salcedo and freshman defenseman Jan-Erik Leinhos received yellow cards in the second half. ODU sophomore defender Luke Campbell also received a yellow card. The Monarchs were left with ten players after ODU redshirt junior defender Jimmy Filerman was shown a red card and sent off. Grassie acknowledged the red card changed the game.

"The red card changed the game for them a little bit," coach Grassie said. "Credit to (ODU), even with ten men in the second half they fought hard and kept going."

In the 49th minute, Corona scored his second goal of the season to tie the game 2-2. The goal was scored off a pass from the left from senior midfielder Niko Klosterhalfen, who was credited with an assist.

Marshall sophomore midfielder Collin Mocyunas scored his first

goal of the season in the 64th minute and the Herd took the lead against the Monarchs, 3-2. The goal was assisted by freshman forward Gianni Bouzoukis.

With one second left in the match, Marshall freshman forward Kelan Swales scored a goal unassisted to seal the win for the Herd. It was the first win for Marshall against the Monarchs since 2015.

Marshall took 13 total shots (six on goal), while ODU took 8 shots (three on goal).

"We needed to turn the corner, we needed the victory tonight," Grassie said. "The guys worked incredibly hard and they'll deserve the day off tomorrow."

The Herd's next match is Wednesday at 7 p.m. at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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HERD AROUND THE WORLD

Hafiz Ataulmustafa, Pakistan

BY JOELLE GATES

THE PARTHENON

After completing his undergraduate degree in Russia, Hafiz Ataulmustafa came to Marshall University to attain a master's degree.

By joining INTO, a program which brings international students to American universities, Ataulmustafa was given another opportunity to leave his town in Punjab, Pakistan, and begin a life in a new country.

"Having international exposure helps because each country teaches you something new," Ataulmustafa said.

Following an undergraduate career in Russia, Ataulmustafa returned to Pakistan to work as a researcher and eventually decided to pursue more

experience and education.

"To get a good promotion in Pakistan, I needed a master's degree," Ataulmustafa said. "I considered many countries, but I think the United States offers the best education in the world."

By pursuing a degree in public health, Ataulmustafa said he ultimately wants to use his time in America to acquire skills he can use in his home country.

"I want to go back and work in a big organization such as the United Nations," Ataulmustafa said. "I want to change many things (in my country) to improve the quality of citizens' health."

Although he's only been in America since August, Ataulmustafa said he has had no trouble adjusting to life in a new setting.

"I have a lot of international exposure, so adjusting to new places isn't very hard," Ataulmustafa said. "As Marshall says, I've been welcomed as a son."

While adjusting to life in America has been easy for Ataulmustafa, he said the journey to get here was filled with many obstacles.

"Getting a visa to America is a big struggle, especially in Pakistan," Ataulmustafa said. "I had some friends who also applied for a visa, but they were denied. I was lucky enough to be granted one, but I think it was because I have travel history."

Even though he has only been in classes for a short period of time, Ataulmustafa said he is already setting high goals for the future.

"I'm looking forward to doing more

research for my degree and gaining new skills that will help me in my professional life," Ataulmustafa said.

As Ataulmustafa establishes a new life in America and begins to plan for his future, he said he also wants to inspire Marshall students to grasp a better understanding of international stories.

"A lot of people here confuse Pakistani and Indian people because they think we're from the same country," Ataulmustafa said. "Many people have asked where I'm from in India just because I share a similar look to Indians. We need to promote the differences between countries to better understand each other."

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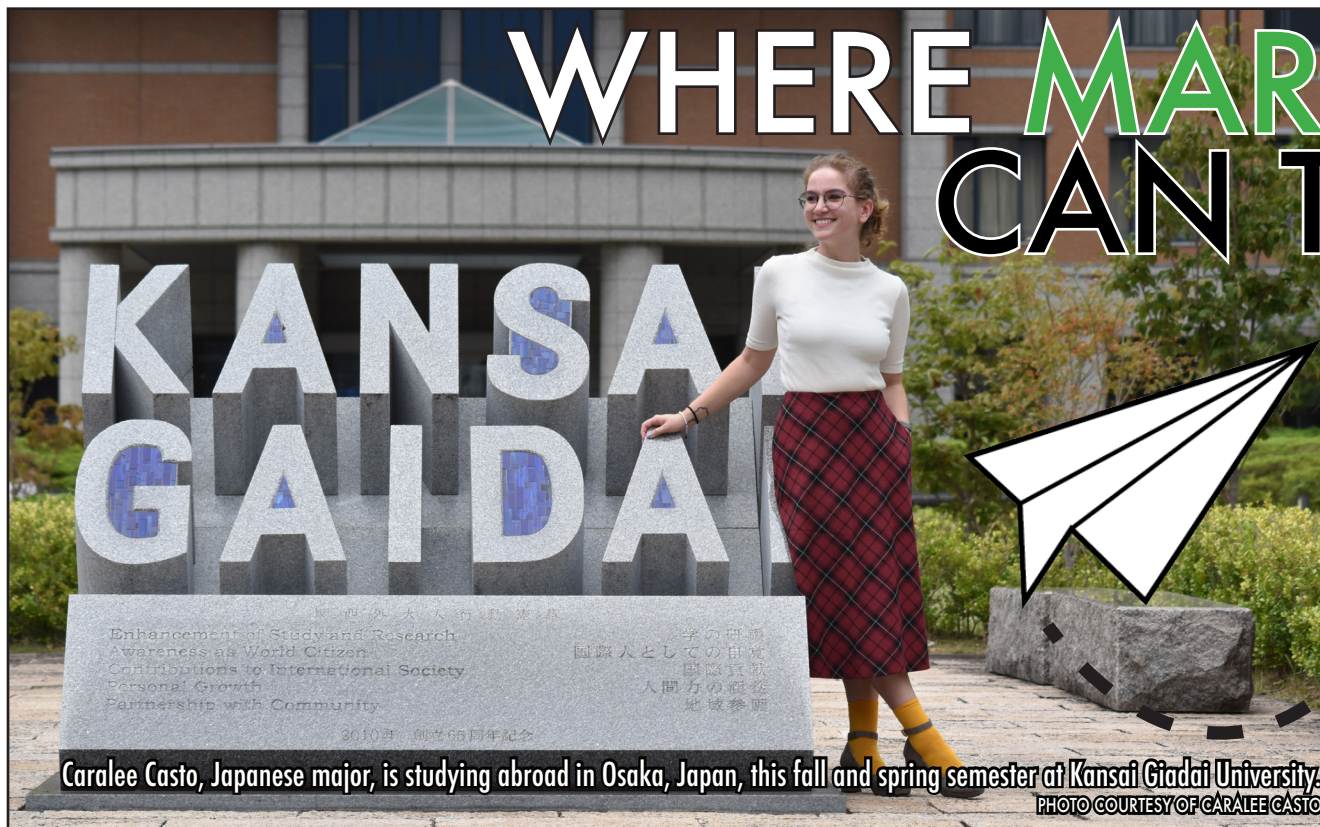
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Caralee Casto, Japanese major, is studying abroad in Osaka, Japan, this fall and spring semester at Kansai Gaidai University. PHOTO COURTESY OF CARALEE CASTO

WHERE MARSHALL CAN TAKE YOU:

STUDY ABROAD IN JAPAN



By **LEANNA OWENS**
THE PARTHENON

When Caralee Casto's high school accidentally put her in a Japanese class her senior year, no one would guess that three years later Casto would be nearly 7,000 miles around the world studying abroad in Osaka, Japan.

"It wasn't until I ended up in Japanese 1 that I really indulged in the abundance of culture," Casto, Japanese major at Marshall University, said.

Casto is in Osaka, Japan, studying Japanese and international relations at Kansai Gaidai University for both the fall and spring semesters this year.

"I have to remind myself to slow down here and there and remember that I have two semesters to do everything I want to," Casto said. "There's so much to do every minute of the day that sometimes I can't keep up with all of the options. Being in Japan has been an absolute dream thus far."

Casto's current trip abroad is not her first trip to Japan, however, as she was the Lions Club Youth Camp and Exchange Scholarship recipient in 2016. This scholarship enabled Casto to go to Japan in 2016 and stay with two host families.

"I truly felt as though I was accepted and loved," Casto said. "Even though I was scared out of my mind."

Casto said her newest adventure to Japan wasn't possible without the help of Marshall's faculty and staff.

"Prior to becoming a daughter of Marshall, I had no intention of studying abroad again," Casto said. "Marshall's staff made every step of my process possible, never once turning me down for questioning or not believing in myself. Had Marshall not been such a positive and motivating force, I would not have even made it past the application process."

Casto said without her scholarships, which amounted to \$20,000, her trip would not have been possible, and without the help of Mallory Carpenter, program manager for national scholarships in the Honors College at Marshall, she never would have been awarded her scholarships and grants.

Of the trip, Casto said, her favorite thing she has experienced so far was hiking at the Fushimi Inari shrine in Kyoto.

"I adored the adventure, because it really prepared me for both the amazing sights of Japan as well as all the walking I needed to get used to," Casto said.

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