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SAM Club inviting new members, set to travel to national conference

By **RALPH MAY**
THE PARTHENON

A management society on campus is revitalizing their presence while giving all majors the opportunity to gain experience in business and networking, and one of these opportunities is the SAM National Conference from March 19 to March 21 in Nashville, Tennessee, said Alejandro Valladares, president of SAM.

The Society for Advancement of Management, or SAM, is an organization open to any major where students can network, attend business conferences and grow professionally, Valladares said.

"SAM gives the opportunity to meet other people in the management field whether they are an engineering or business major," Valladares said. "We have two teams representing in the Case Competition."

In the competition, teams are presented with a case, or a problem a company is facing. That problem is analyzed, and they create a recommendation that is presented to a panel of judges, Valladares said.

"We present this in front of members and representatives of the actual company we are helping and other board members while competing against other schools," he said.

Preston Humphreys, vice president of SAM, said he is excited for the opportunity to present on the national level.

"Knowing that a small university like Marshall is competing with people from Ohio State and Notre Dame, a lot

of the bigger colleges, and just having our people compete with theirs and win against them shows great competition," Humphreys said.

Other events at the SAM competition include extemporaneous speech, individual written cases and duo business pitch.

Aside from competing, SAM is an organization focused on creating a community with its members and promoting philanthropy, according to Valladares. He also said there will be events later in the year to help form that community.

"We are probably going to have a social at the Battlearium, so people can mingle, get to know each other and create a bond," he said.

Humphreys said the creation of that bond is important to the organization because it is experiencing a revitalization.

Humphreys said that even though SAM was not as active in previous years, he and Valladares chose to lead and revitalize the group.

"Two years ago, SAM was brought to Marshall University and it kind of got disbanded a bit and fell to the waist side," Humphreys said. "We are welcoming, we love to have more people and are looking to expand," Valladares said.

SAM meets at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays in Drinko Library 349.

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SAM members meeting to discuss the teams of the upcoming national conference.

BIT Team strives to connect students, campus resources

By **RALPH MAY**
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An advocacy system was created by an interdisciplinary team of faculty members to better understand students' behavior and assist in connecting them with resources on campus.

The Behavioral Intervention Team, or BIT, looks at student behavior in a holistic way through an interdisciplinary team of faculty from across the Marshall University campus, according to Lisa Martin, founder of BIT and director of the Office of Student Conduct.

The core of the BIT Team is an online advocacy system where anyone can submit a report about a concern they have regarding a student's behavior, Martin said.

"With advocate, we look at our whole behavior management system at the university, every report that we get from anyone on campus about a student's behavior, Martin said.

Once the initial report is submitted, it is identified as either a BIT, Title IX or student conduct concern and forwarded to the appropriate office so the student can receive the help they need, Martin said.

"We are reviewing this data to see if there are any patterns or trends," said Michelle Biggs, member of BIT and assistant dean of advocacy and support. "We need to look at this with various issues to see where we can provide more support."

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—*Lisa Martin*

One pattern seen in the data is mental health concerns, Biggs said.

Of the 155 cases currently in BIT, 114 of those were mental health concerns, Martin said, which is why the interdisciplinary aspect of BIT is important.

Candace Lane, director of the Counseling Center, is a member of the BIT team who is able to connect students

with mental health concerns to resources in the center.

There are seven additional members spanning from representatives in housing, academic affairs, public safety and athletics, Martin said.

"We have really streamlined that committee so that everyone is heard at that table," she said.

The committee has been adapted to better fit the needs of students according to Biggs. Martin said how one of the adaptations is the implementation of a marketing campaign to spread BIT awareness around campus.

"We are wearing buttons on Tuesday that say, 'Herd about MU BIT?'" Martin said "We are wearing the buttons every Tuesday as a conversation starter. We also have these stickers that people can put on their doors that say, 'I'm Marshall BIT, are you?'"

These buttons are distributed to all members trained on BIT, which includes chapter chairs, vice presidents, deans, Housing and Residence Life, Counseling Center and some colleges, Martin said.

"We want more awareness of BIT for the campus community so that faculty, staff and students know they can send in reports and it's more of a caring system to help students succeed academically and socially," Biggs said.

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Meal share program to combat food insecurity

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As the rising cost of college tuition continues to plague students across the country, even many of those fortunate enough to be able to afford attending a university are finding themselves struggling day-to-day to secure a sufficient number of meals.

A 2019 study by researchers at Temple University revealed that of 86,000 students surveyed from over 100 institutions, 45 % said they had experienced food insecurity in the past month, while 17 % said they had experienced homelessness in the past year.

"We might imagine that someone able to enroll in college surely has the ability to be food secure, but that isn't always the case," Amanda Farley, a junior psychology major at Marshall

said. "We live in an area that struggles financially, and the students at Marshall aren't excluded from that."

Last week, Marshall's Student Government Association, Student Affairs and Information Technology Department announced a collaborative program called Marco's Meal Share that allows students to share meal swipes providing meals to other students in need.

Farley said when she initially read about the program via an email she received, she decided to donate two meal swipes, the maximum number currently allowed, thinking of another student she helped a couple weeks prior by using guest passes and FLEX dollars to provide meals.

"After that, I realized just how prevalent hunger is for college students," Farley said. "Food insecurity is very real."

Farley said her meal plan consists mostly of FLEX dollars and that at the end of last semester, she had 36 leftover meal swipes that were never used and could have been shared with other students.

"I'm sure I'm not the only one with meal swipes that could be spared," she said. "I'd gladly donate more, and I know others would too."

Kane Morrone, a junior marketing and entrepreneurship student who helped to form the new meal share program, said the two-meal donation limit may be renegotiated with Sodexo in the future to allow students to share more meals if they are capable.

Morrone said the two-meal limit will serve as a way of gauging how much interaction the program generates across campus, while...



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Marshall students using fingerprint technology as meal swipes at Harless Dining Hall.

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Award given for local heroism

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**
ONLINE EDITOR

Family, faculty and community came together to honor Kelsey Seibert for her act of heroism Tuesday afternoon.

Seibert, a Marshall University sophomore, was working as a server at Texas Road House on Sept. 26, 2019 when suddenly she noticed a commotion nearby.

"I was there serving and a commotion came about. I wasn't really aware of the situation at first," Seibert said. "I had stepped over, trying to be a little nosy, as we all can be, and it came to my attention that a lady was in need of medical help."

While Seibert said she noticed and understood the unease of others, she knew she needed to do something. By this point the lady had quit breathing.

"I didn't think twice about it. I said I have this certification and I am ready to use it and step in," Seibert said.

Seibert then performed CPR on Patricia Trippet.

"She came back, I saw the light come back into her eyes and that moment will change my life forever," Seibert said.

Trippet, along with numerous family members were there to show their gratitude to Seibert.

Kayla Bolling, Trippet's granddaughter and other family members nominated Seibert for WSAZ's hometown hero in October.

Bolling spoke at the event and said they would always be thankful.

"She'll always be a hero and an angel in our eyes and without her, we wouldn't have my grandma today," Bolling said.

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Device share program to benefit students

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Donating gently used technology that is not needed anymore can greatly help a member of the Marshall University community, according to Marshall faculty and staff. An idea contrived through the collaboration of the Student Government Association and the IT Department, the device share program can be a resource to make sure students in need of technology are still able to be the best students possible.

"Our student government leaders Stephanie Rogner and Anna Williams worked with IT and came up with the idea of a device share program," said Michell Biggs, assistant dean of advocacy and support at Marshall. "This way, students who might not own a laptop or other useful device can use one from IT for a semester or possibly a school year, depending on the need."

IT and SGA representatives concluded that a donation drive was a good way to help with supplying some of the devices that students may need to complete their classes and be an overall successful student.

Items such as laptops, tablets, smartphones and other mobile devices will be accepted at drop-off locations including the IT help desk located on the first floor of Drinko, as well as the Student Affairs Office located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Much of a college student's success is dependent on technology, Jody Perry, executive director

of technology services at Marshall, said.

"We have a lot of students who are not able to purchase technology, or they come to college without a laptop. This can be for many different reasons," Perry said. "Whether it's that financial aid was late, they didn't have the financial means, or a laptop broke down. It can leave the student in a difficult place, especially if the library does not have any more machines available in the checkout pool."

With a need now established, IT and SGA can now move forward with the device share initiative that can benefit IT by decreasing their outward workload as well as providing students with resources.

"We would love to do this device share program for as long as we can," Biggs said. "Every year, we have new students that might need some type of equipment."

The items that students turn in do not have any strict requirements, but it is asked that they turn in items that are gently used with minimal damage and screen cracks. Members of the IT Department will then work to refurbish the items for students to checkout.

"If a student doesn't have access to technology, I don't think they can succeed," Perry said. "That's why we've always had computer labs on campus and the checkout program. It's been fulfilling working with SGA because they understand the student need greater than anyone else, and..."

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Students, faculty voice need for women in politics

By KYRA BISCARNER
THE PARTHENON

In a state where Shelley Moore Capito is the first female elected to a sitting U.S. Senator position and Carol Miller is the first female elected for her seat as a U.S. Congresswoman, it is essential to realize the importance of women in politics, Marshall University faculty and students said.

In June, it will be exactly one hundred years since women gained the right to vote in the United States. Now, female voices are more vital than ever, according to Claire Snyder, program coordinator for the Women's and Gender Center at Marshall University.

"We see women representatives in Congress definitely supporting bills around

women and families, around paid family leave, around taxes on menstruation products and violence against women, so we really think it's important for those voices to be heard," Snyder said.

Snyder said the votes of women, especially young women, need to be recognized. She put it plainly: "If you don't vote, you don't have a voice." Snyder also spoke of how young adults may wonder what role they play in voting.

"I think there's been a lot of political divisiveness going on," Snyder said. "There have been a lot of young people disillusioned and wondering if their vote matters, does their voice matter?"

Last spring, Stephanie Rogner and Anna Williams became the first double female

Student Body Presidential ticket to be elected at Marshall. Rogner said the needs of the people they were going to be serving was their number one priority when they decided to run.

"When Anna and I are in these roles, it wasn't for ourselves and it wasn't necessarily to prove anything," Rogner said. "It was more that we were ready to lead with our hearts and we understood the importance of solving student issues on campus and that's what we did and what we continue to do."

Rogner also said before she ran she had to think about all of the challenges she could be facing.

"There's sometime this feeling of trying to reach that capacity and reach those

expectations and it has to do with looking in the mirror and looking at a broad scope of what are the needs and can I provide those needs?" she said.

In the upcoming Democratic Presidential Primary, young women will have the opportunity to vote for two females: Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar.

Snyder said young women have to look at the candidates who are going to improve their lives for years to come.

"They are facing challenges that are going to affect them for years to come, from climate change to the economy to hopefully some revitalization in Appalachia," Snyder said.

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"Aesthetic Journalism" exhibit showcases other side of journalism

By EMILY HAYSLETT
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The Birke Art Gallery's current exhibit titled "Aesthetic Journalism" features art from six Marshall University students who are working to bridge a gap between journalism and photography, according to Tijah Bumgarner, organizer of the exhibit and assistant professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications

"I wanted to showcase the work that's done in journalism in a different space other than the newspaper or television news because these students are making work the doesn't necessarily fit that," Bumgarner said.

Jamie Platt, the gallery director for the School of Art and Design, also worked on putting the exhibit together. When choosing the artists for the gallery, Bumgarner and Platt both agreed it was important that all of the students needed to have taken journalism courses.

"It's the idea that the image-maker has a responsibility to tell stories through images," Platt said. "To think about the language of journalism, that's what these students were learning in those classes. That's why it was limited to people with those classes in their background, to make sure that when they talk about what images do in journalism, that they have that knowledge of what it is."

On display in the gallery are photographs in different formats. Platt also explained how beyond photographs, there is even one example displayed on an iPad with a scrolling photo essay by Sarah Ingram, a senior journalism student.

"These are more than just photographs," Platt said. "The way that we consume news now is so various, there is photography (in the exhibit), but there is also this photo essay which is very similar to how most of us take in news nowadays, that scrolling motion. In this age, I think that images in that format hits so many buttons."

Lilly Dyer, one of the artists in the exhibit, displayed a photo series telling a story about a nail artist in a salon. The woman pictured is wearing a shirt with the words "I am Powerful" in pink lettering.

Dyer said she met the woman whilst in North Carolina for an artist residency and really enjoyed her shirt, so she asked if she could take the woman's picture.

Dyer explained that aesthetic journalism means making storytelling personal, in her opinion.

"It's basically telling stories in your own style and in your own way," she said. "It's told through the artist's eyes and how they want to communicate that story through the choices that they make."

A guided tour of the exhibit will be offered at 12:15 p.m. Feb.17 and is expected to take 30 minutes. Platt said that



One of the pieces featured in the exhibit, "Gun Lovers" by Sean Laishley, is an analysis of the gun culture in the state of West Virginia. You can view the full story at gunlovers.epizy.com

during the tour, she will be informing those in attendance on significant points in the exhibition.

The exhibition "Aesthetic Journalism" will be in the Birke Art Gallery in Smith Hall until Feb. 20 and is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday- Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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University police to crack down on underage drinking

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Based on data from 2006-2010, the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates on average that alcohol is a factor in the deaths of 4,358 young people under the legal drinking age. According to Sgt. Scott Ballou of the Marshall University Police Department, the city is working to crack down on underage drinking.

Ballou said officers understand there could be multiple ways that alcohol can end up in a minor's hands.

"Underaged individuals can gain access to alcohol quite easily," he said. "If you have a friend that is of age, there is the loophole."

Describing the underage drinking situation as, "a battle, where victory means conservation," Ballou said the Cabell County Sheriff's Department, Huntington Police Department and state police, along with Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration (ABCA), all work together to combat underage drinking in different ways.

Both the Sheriff's Department and the Huntington Police Department counter underage drinking by issuing tickets, citations and in some cases, arrests. The ABCA operates in a different manner, looking at each step that may lead to alcohol consumption.

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The ABCA has an enforcement division that is committed to enforcing state laws. This includes the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption, and of alcoholic beverages.

In 2007, the ABCA reported there were 194 establishments licensed to sell alcohol in Cabell County who were scheduled for compliance checking. Forty-four of those establishments reportedly sold alcohol to undercover minors without checking for any identification.

Ballou also said that not every semester is the same regarding underage drinking arrests, including citations. He explained the effort to reduce underage drinking is a community responsibility.

"A guess would be about 30 to 50 citations are issued each semester", Ballou said.

"Numbers could be lower if an underage alcohol enforcement operation took place in and around the Marshall University campus with all surrounding agencies involved, including the Marshall University Police Department. If the enforcement stings are done, then numbers could be lower."

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Campus intramurals underway

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The Marshall University Recreation Center offers opportunities for students and faculty members to participate in a variety of intramural sports.

Noah Dye, a senior economics major and an active participant in intramurals, said he enjoys the Rec league because it can be for all skill levels.

"It (intramural sports) is cool because it allows me a chance to play the sports I played in high school competitively again and even gives me the opportunity to try new sports without the pressure to perform well," Dye said.

After playing basketball and soccer competitively at Greenbrier East High School, Dye also talked about how intramural sports allowed him to befriend new people.

During Dye's sophomore year, he was looking for an extra player to play on his basketball team.

He tweeted out that he needed an extra player, someone saw and joined the team, and the two later became friends, according to Dye.

"I have made also friends through intramurals that I wouldn't have otherwise," he said.

The deadline to sign-up for the leagues and tournaments is Monday, Mar. 5.

There are six sport leagues that are offered, including 7v7 flag football, 16" softball, 6v6 volleyball, 8v8 outdoor soccer, badminton and tennis.

There are also four tournaments consisting of pool volleyball, 3v3 basketball, FIFA on Xbox and outdoor cricket.

For the leagues, there is a set schedule of when the games take place with the exception of badminton and tennis, which are played based on the schedule of the participants.

The tournament events will take place on set days. Pool volleyball is set for Mar. 4 at 1 p.m., basketball is set for Apr. 18 at 1 p.m., the FIFA tournament will take place Apr. 19 at 1 p.m., and cricket will be on Apr. 25 at 1 p.m.

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#ElectHer to help women run for public office

By **KYRA BISCARNER**
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Women make up half of the population, but less than one in four elected leaders are women. A problem the #ElectHer campaign strives to fix is how some places across the country lack women running of public office.

#ElectHer will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 31 in the Memorial Student Center Room BE5.

The event is a one-day, nonpartisan training for women on how to get involved in political atmospheres.

"The goal is to try and get young women to run for student government and then for political office," said Claire Snyder, program coordinator of the Marshall University Women's and Gender Center. "We find that many women who run for political office were also involved in student government when they were in school and in college."

The event is a combined partnership between the Women's and Gender Center, the Office of Community Engagement and Marshall Student Government Association.

Student Body President Stephanie Rogner said she hopes students will come to this event and learn they have the ability to run for elected positions.

"This university is providing women with the opportunity to gain these resources, gain the

information to then build the campaign and further help students and help their community in the process," she said.

Some of the activities at the event include mapping out support networks for participants and crafting and delivering elevator speeches.

Participants will also walk away with a plan to run for student or political office, if they want.

Snyder said she hopes the influence and direction from other young women inspires others to run for elected positions because she said it is important for women to have representation.

"I really think, especially for young women, having their voices be heard and being able to represent not only their communities, the area that they're from...being heard is so important."

Danielle Hagan will be facilitating the event. More information about #ElectHer and how to register for the event can be found on HerdLink.

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#ElectHer

Athlete of the Week: Kobe Bryant—former NBA star, husband, father

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS:

5-time NBA champion
NBA Most Valuable Player (2008)
2-time Finals MVP
2-time Olympic gold medalist
Academy Award Winner
Husband and father to four daughters

Nearly four years removed from his legendary NBA playing days at the Los Angeles Lakers, Kobe Bryant was well on his way into the second stage of his life's journey. A journey that focused keenly on mentoring, tutoring and empowering four daughters, whose ages ranged from 17 years to only seven months.

13-year old Gianna Maria-Onore Bryant, the second eldest of the four girls, embraced her father's basketball legend and chose to embark on a path to bolster and deepen the legacy of the "Black Mamba."

"Black Mamba," of course, refers to Kobe's nickname that he monikered after his cold-blooded ability to make shots no matter the stakes.

Born out of this worldwide famous nickname was the idea of the "Mamba Mentality," a ferocious, effort-driven

approach to become one's best self, not only in the sport of basketball, but in all aspects of one's life.

Gigi, as Gianna had come to be known by many, was completely under the enchantment of her father's "Mamba Mentality." Whether Kobe was instructing, coaching or enjoying time with his daughter, he and Gigi looked inseparable whenever a basketball court was in view. Often, they were spotted courtside at various NBA, WNBA and college games, where the instruction between the two flourished for all to see.

It only made sense that on the Sunday morning of Jan. 26, 2020 the two were on their way to a basketball gymnasium by way of helicopter – a common way of travel for Kobe. But around 9:45 a.m. PST, emergency response calls began pouring in, reporting a crash in Calabasas, California.

Kobe, Gigi and seven other passengers perished, and the legacy of the "Mamba" would forever take on a different meaning across the world.

Members of the Marshall University men's basketball team said the first word that came to their minds when asked about Kobe Bryant.

"Legend," said Devin Collins, freshman guard.

"Black Mamba," said Andrew Taylor, red-shirt freshman guard.

"Superhero," said Taevion Kinsey, sophomore guard.

As the news began to break, the shock and disbelief beset and overwhelmed a huge contingent of the nation. Los Angeles citizens flocked to the Staples Center, the home of the Lakers and Kobe's coliseum for years. Elsewhere, people looked to social media, family and friends to mourn and cope with the passing of an icon and his gifted, aspiring daughter.

In Kobe's last message to the world, a tweet to LeBron James, he highlighted an important aspect of his lasting legacy that is separate from the crazy stats and fleeting acclamations.

"Continuing to move the game forward @KingJames. Much respect my brother #33644," he tweeted the night before his death.

Moving the game forward was a notion important to Kobe in both stages of his life, but in his second stage of life, it took on a more profound meaning.

Whether it was instigated by having a daughter or not, few, if any, had more of an impact on the future growth of the women's side of the game than he did. He not only attended games, but he actively mentored, worked out and practiced with many talented female players and teams. He was all about the future of the game no matter who was playing it.

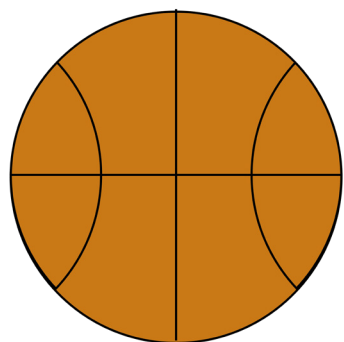
Gigi was on course to become a large part of that future with her father right by her side through it all.

Neither of them will get to see that future, but their last moments were spent traveling to do what they both loved, exemplifying to all the passion that the future of the game should hold.

Rest in peace Kobe Bean Bryant, Gianna Maria-Onore Bryant, as well as the seven others, John Altobelli, Keri Altobelli, Alyssa Altobelli, Sarah Chester, Payton Chester, Christina Mauser and pilot Ara Zobayan, who passed away.

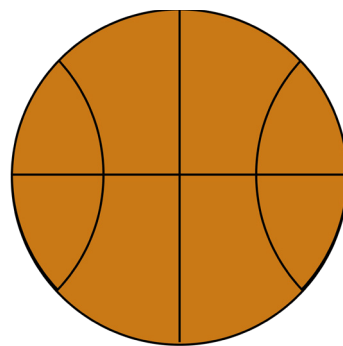
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In this Jan. 4, 2015 file photo Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant dunks during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Indiana Pacers in Los Angeles. Bryant, a five-time NBA champion and a two-time Olympic gold medalist, died in a helicopter crash in California on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020. He was 41.

Herd women's basketball prepares for homestand against FIU

By **SPENCER DUPUIS**
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Looking to end a three-game losing skid, the Marshall Thundering Herd women's basketball team will play host to the FIU Panthers Thursday evening in the Cam Henderson Center.

The Herd is entering the week with a 7-11 record (2-5 C-USA) after a tough loss to the Western Kentucky Lady Toppers, 74-65, Saturday afternoon. The Panthers are coming in with a 4-15 record (1-7 C-USA) after a loss to Charlotte, 64-50, Saturday.

Herd Head Coach Tony Kemper said that despite the Panthers record, they are a team that can make plays inside the paint.

"They are actually really big inside," Kemper said. "Their scoring is pretty spread out (with) their leading scorer coming off the bench. They're a group that it's hard to figure out who's (going to have the big game against) you."

Kemper said that his team cannot overlook a team like the Panthers.

"We're struggling right now as well," Kemper said. "I don't think that there is any way that we will overlook what they have going on. I think we will be ready to perform and compete"

He also emphasized that the team needs to protect the Cam Henderson Center. "We need to get ready to protect our home floor, that's the first and biggest thing," Kemper said. "The energy and the focus that we bring to this game needs to match what our goals are for how we want to perform in here." Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. Thursday evening at the Cam Henderson Center.

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Freshman guard Savannah Wheeler drives to the basket against WKU's Raneem Elgedawy.

Marshall Swim and Dive to compete against Ohio University and James Madison University

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Marshall Swim and Dive will be competing at Ohio University in a dual meet this Friday, Jan. 31. After that, the Herd will be in the Fredrick A. Fitch Natatorium on Saturday at 2 p.m. where the team will compete in their last home meet and honor senior day.

"This is just preparation for our conference championship," Marshall Head Coach Ian Walsh said. "At this point of the year, it's details. We are really executing what we have been working on all year."

The last time the Herd took on Ohio University was in October 2018 with the score of 169-131 and the Bobcats winning. In January 2018, the Herd defeated the Bobcats with the score 151.5-147.5.

Senior Jordyn O'Dell said the team is preparing this week as they head into the weekend.

"From now until Friday against Ohio, we don't really change anything up with our training for dual meets," O'Dell said. "We are just going to have a hard week this week of practices and lifting."

“It makes me feel emotional, but I know the girls below me are ready to step up when I leave, so I am excited to see who that entails.”

—*Jordyn O'Dell*

On Saturday Feb. 1, the Herd will be taking on James Madison University. The meet will be focusing on the accomplishments of the seniors and everything they have dedicated to the program at Marshall.

There are five seniors including swimmers O'Dell, Catherine Bendziewicz, Angelica De Marzio, and Hannah Robins and diver Maddie Young.

Throughout Bendziewicz's three years with the Swim and Dive team, she is a three-time conference champion in the 200 individual medley (IM).

In 2017-18, she was recognized with Marshall University's Student

Athlete of the Year award.

Young said this meet is like any other meet she has prepared for in the past.

"Competing in my last home meet makes me emotional because it will be the last time I will be competing in a dual meet with my team," Young said. "I am also really excited our last meet is at home because we will have the chance to share our sport with the university for the last time, and I think that will be really fun."

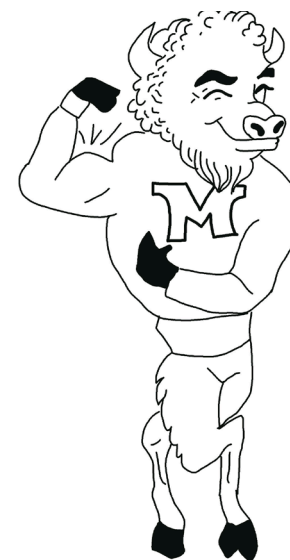
O'Dell reflected on her feelings about finishing her career with Marshall, saying the moment is bittersweet.

"It's one of my last meets as team

captain," O'Dell said. "It makes me feel emotional, but I know the girls below me are ready to step up when I leave, so I am excited to see who that entails."

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EDITORIAL

Campus no space for hate



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Signs posted on windows and doors at Syracuse University display anti-racism expressions, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019, in Syracuse, N.Y. Students describe fear and anxiety as reports of racist graffiti and vandalism add up. For many, next week's Thanksgiving break can't come soon enough after day-after-day reports.

A college campus is a space that thrives off of a vast, broad range of social, cultural and political opinions encouraging passionate, intellectual and constant debate; however, we must make ourselves abundantly clear: our campus is no space for hate.

Last week, students in Smith Hall discovered a disgusting anti-Semitic message that had been written in large, bright yellow letters inside a men's bathroom stall in addition to two other instances of bigoted graffiti that were found in bathrooms earlier in the semester. A similar incident also occurred in December last year in Harris Hall.

If Marshall University students, staff and administration are serious about fostering a safe and productive learning environment for everyone, each of these incidents—now and moving forward—must be thoroughly investigated and condemned with utmost priority.

With hate crimes on the rise across the country and particularly on college campuses, sometimes culminating in mass student outrage and protests such as the ones that occurred throughout November and December last year at Syracuse University in response to a 13-day period during which there were 12 cases of racist and anti-Semitic graffiti found on and around campus, instances of such blatant and bigoted hatred such as the recent incident in Smith Hall must not be minimized.

Even just one instance of such public prejudice can often cause a ripple effect in the confidence of

racists and other bigots, even perhaps inspiring similarly gross and unwarranted feelings, ideas and actions in the hearts and minds of others who may have otherwise remained innocent.

Furthermore, it only takes one instance of hatred—however secretive, however underreported—to strike genuine fear in the hearts and minds of others who may feel at risk, and particularly minority groups which are often the targets of such hatred.

This is precisely why it is imperative, essential that Marshall and all its students and staff and administrators who seriously stand for the values the university claims to represent—to be a judicious, civil, safe and pluralistic community—consider it a top priority to condemn and prevent any instances of public bigotry.

To be clear, the person(s) responsible for this most recent repulsive instance of hatred—and those responsible for similar instances in the past and in the future—should be found and held accountable for their actions.

When it comes to combatting racism, xenophobia and other forms of bigotry and hatred, there is simply no space for equivocation; otherwise we as a community, as a people living in the 21st century, risk regressing centuries back in time, erasing much of the most substantial progress we have made collectively rather than truly standing for and promoting genuine progress and a path toward a more just future and a more equitable world for all living beings.

PROGRESSIVE PERSPECTIVE: Joe Rogan is on our side

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
MANAGING EDITOR

As videos surfaced in recent weeks of Joe Rogan's unofficial endorsement of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., for president, shameless neoliberals and other confused Democrats, left-leaning voters, failed consultants and media propagandists have ratcheted up their bad-faith smears of the most populist campaign in American history tenfold.

While the Sanders campaign and most its supporters will consider themselves no strangers to being concern-trolled and unjustly criticized by just about everyone in mainstream political discourse and corporate media in America, this most recent instance comes across as particularly egregious and, frankly, hilarious.

First, the idea of being so outraged by the casually expressed political opinions of a podcasting cage-fighting commentator and comedian who has recorded hundreds upon hundreds of hours-long individual videos discussing topics ranging from DMT to a universal basic income just seems funny on its face. But the issue is, of course, actually much deeper than it seems.

That so many major political and corporate media figures have expressed such serious outrage at this situation reveals that each of them knows Rogan's podcast—his personality, platform and therefore his endorsement—actually probably holds much more weight with average, working-class



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks at a campaign stop at the State Historical Museum of Iowa, Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Americans than does the endorsement of, for instance, *The New York Times*.

After all, let's face it, while every single episode of Rogan's podcast attracts millions upon millions of views and listens on YouTube and other streaming platforms, the average American has very little trust in mainstream corporate media outlets. In fact, the most recent Gallup studies from last year reveal that only 13% of the

American public have "a great deal" of trust in mainstream media, while just 28% claim to possess "a fair amount" of faith in the decidedly sketchy truth-telling principles of corporate media outlets.

Regardless, though, of whether Rogan's endorsement carries much weight with the American public, this whole feigned outrage and backlash toward the Sanders campaign for touting his endorsement remains all the

more incredulous for those who have actually watched the comedian's podcast.

In a recent episode, Rogan told a guest that each of the contenders for the Democratic presidential primary had requested an appearance on his show, but he only accepted the offers of Sanders, Andrew Yang and Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hi., likely because of their anti-establishment, pro-populist principles. Thus, many of the same Democratic politicians and their cronies who run supposedly progressive organizations who have criticized the Sanders campaign in recent weeks were also fighting for Rogan's endorsement—or at the very least to also appear on his show—up until the moment he endorsed Sanders, and each of them almost certainly would have bragged about it in a campaign ad as well had Rogan chosen to support them instead. It is also worth mentioning that many of these same so-called "moderates" welcomed with open arms the 2016 endorsement of Hillary Clinton by war criminal Henry Kissinger. Lying the country into various illegal wars and being responsible for the deaths of countless innocent civilians? Crickets. Being a genuine, honest person and comedian who sometimes makes politically incorrect statements and pushes the barriers of mainstream American discourse? Outrage.

The mask is off. The outrage is insincere. All of it.

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COLUMN: In wake of Auschwitz anniversary, spread love not hate

By **AMANDA LARCH**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Let's talk about the hate graffiti found on campus last week. It's not going to be an easy conversation, and I wish it wasn't one we have to have in the first place. But it is necessary, nonetheless.

The first thing I want to say is, from the bottom of my heart, I am so sorry. I feel ashamed. This is not what my beloved university stands for. I hope to goodness that this was some sick, disgusting, ill-conceived joke and not the work of anything more. Because I would hate to think what this means if it's not a prank gone wrong. Though my gut tells me it may not be.

Whoever did this, I hope you're feeling ashamed. I hope your cheeks are burning red with embarrassment and you feel deep regret in your heart, no matter how small. I want you to read my words about your harmful words.

What kind of message are you trying to spread? This past Monday marked the 75th anniversary of the

liberation of Auschwitz. Anti-Semitism is hatred, and I will not stand for it. And to add MAGA to your vandalism... but it is not for me to draw connections and wonder why. I'm going to stop focusing on trying to figure out why you did what you did. It is a waste of my time. The deed is done, and your ignorance is clear as day.

We are on a college campus. We are—supposed to be, anyway—educated adults. We are no longer children. It's time to act like it.

Marshall University is a tolerant place. Sure, not everyone here may agree on everything from time to time, but we do not hate one another, nor do we advocate for violence of any kind. Though I must confess, the mix of emotions I felt when I discovered this heinous act filled me with a type of rage.

To everyone personally affected by this incident, please know the person(s) who perpetrated this act do not and will never represent the views of this university and everyone here. If you need a safe place, a

friend or even a stranger to seek a shoulder to cry on, please look no further than me or anyone on my Parthenon staff.

Marshall has a history of coming together and standing up for its own, and from the ashes we will always rise; let this be no different. Those who did this know they're never going to change that.

I am tired. I have said all I have to say, and I fear if I tried to say more I could not handle it. Please, let's just love one another.

Writing this has reminded me of something I heard recently that brought me some joy. So, even though it doesn't necessarily pertain to this topic, I will end this with a quote from actor Brad Pitt, which he gave during an acceptance speech at this year's Golden Globes awards: "If you see a chance to be kind to someone tomorrow, take it. I think we need it."

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Herd women's basketball prepares for homestand against FIU

By **SPENCER DUPUIS**
THE PARTHENON

Looking to end a three-game losing skid, the Marshall Thundering Herd women's basketball team will play host to the FIU Panthers Thursday evening in the Cam Henderson Center.

The Herd is entering the week with a 7-11 record (2-5 C-USA) after a tough loss to the Western Kentucky Lady Toppers, 74-65, Saturday afternoon. The Panthers are coming in with a 4-15 record (1-7 C-USA) after a loss to Charlotte, 64-50, Saturday.

Herd Head Coach Tony Kemper said that despite the Panthers record, they are a team that can make plays inside the paint.

"They are actually really big inside," Kemper said. "Their scoring is pretty spread out (with) their leading scorer coming off the bench. They're a group that it's hard to figure out who's (going to have the big game against) you."

Kemper said that his team cannot overlook a team like the Panthers.

"We're struggling right now as well," Kemper said. "I don't think that there is any way that we will overlook what they have going on. I think we will be ready to perform and compete"

He also emphasized that the team needs to protect the Cam Henderson Center.

"We need to get ready to protect our home floor, that's the first and biggest thing," Kemper said. "The energy and the focus that we bring to this game needs to match what our goals are for how we want to perform in here." Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. Thursday evening at the Cam Henderson Center.

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Freshman guard Savannah Wheeler drives to the basket against WKU's Raneem Elgedawy.

Marshall Swim and Dive to compete against Ohio University and James Madison University

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THE PARTHENON

Marshall Swim and Dive will be competing at Ohio University in a dual meet this Friday, Jan. 31. After that, the Herd will be in the Fredrick A. Fitch Natatorium on Saturday at 2 p.m. where the team will compete in their last home meet and honor senior day.

"This is just preparation for our conference championship," Marshall Head Coach Ian Walsh said. "At this point of the year, it's details. We are really executing what we have been working on all year."

The last time the Herd took on Ohio University was in October 2018 with the score of 169-131 and the Bobcats winning. In January 2018, the Herd defeated the Bobcats with the score 151.5-147.5.

Senior Jordyn O'Dell said the team is preparing this week as they head into the weekend.

"From now until Friday against Ohio, we don't really change anything up with our training for dual meets," O'Dell said. "We are just going to have a hard week this week of practices and lifting."

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On Saturday Feb. 1, the Herd will be taking on James Madison University. The meet will be focusing on the accomplishments of the seniors and everything they have dedicated to the program at Marshall.

There are five seniors including swimmers O'Dell, Catherine Bendziewicz, Angelica De Marzio, and Hannah Robins and diver Maddie Young.

Throughout Bendziewicz's three years with the Swim and Dive team, she is a three-time conference champion in the 200 individual medley (IM).

In 2017-18, she was recognized with Marshall University's Student

Athlete of the Year award.

Young said this meet is like any other meet she has prepared for in the past.

"Competing in my last home meet makes me emotional because it will be the last time I will be competing in a dual meet with my team," Young said. "I am also really excited our last meet is at home because we will have the chance to share our sport with the university for the last time, and I think that will be really fun."

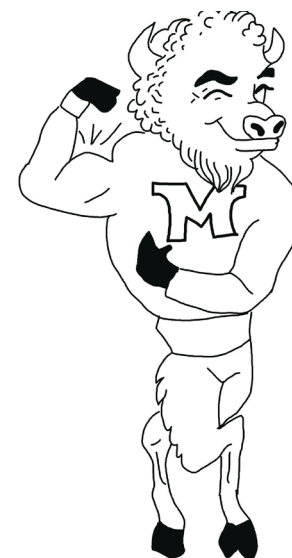
O'Dell reflected on her feelings about finishing her career with Marshall, saying the moment is bittersweet.

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Library event encourages students to write to troops

By **TALOR BENNETT**
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Marshall University Libraries are sponsoring an event throughout the week for those who are interested in writing Valentine's Day letters filled with words of encouragement to our local troops from Jan. 27-31.

Archivist and Digital Preservation Librarian Lori Thompson's wife, who is part of the West Virginia Army National Guard, is currently deployed overseas for a year. The family readiness group for her unit came up with the idea to send valentine letters to the troops, Thompson said.

"I volunteered to have our library spaces have tables set up, so students could create those valentines to send overseas," Thompson said.

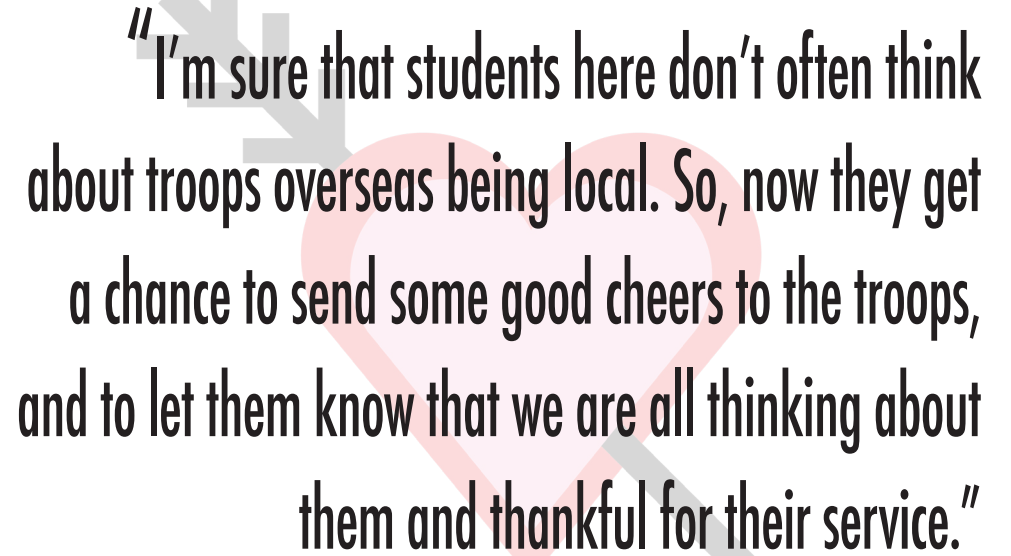
Morrow Library and Drinko Library have tables set up for students to write, color and add stickers to their cards that they write to the troops.

Thompson said her wife is also an employee at Marshall University and these letters will have a special meaning to the troops because they will know they are from students and staff from Marshall.

"I'm sure that students here don't often think about troops overseas being local," Thompson said. "So, now they get a chance to send some good cheers to the troops, and to let them know that we are all thinking about them and thankful for their service."

Students seeking more information about sending Valentine's Day cards to troops may contact Lori Thompson at thompson272@marshall.edu.

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Local organization provides historical information to public

By **AMANDA LARCH**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Tucked away in the basement of a green-domed church in Huntington's West End is a little-known library filled with history. KYOWVA Genealogy and Historical Society, formed in 1978, is a nonprofit organization that aims to be a resource for those interested in learning more about their family roots and local history.

Debbie Campbell, president and librarian of KYOWVA, said the genealogy society's story is an untold one, as they are one of the only genealogy societies left in the region.

The group's library includes alphabetized family histories, as well as histories from Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Kanawha and Wayne counties. Campbell said with the invention of the internet, interest in genealogical research has increased, but she warns that it may not always be as accurate as historical documents, including those found in the KYOWVA library.

"You can't get everything off the internet," Campbell said. "And what you have gotten sometimes is not correct. It's only as good as the person that contributes it. Most of what we have was before the internet was ever invented."

The KYOWVA Genealogy and Historical Society offers resources for Marshall University students and their class projects as well, Campbell said.

"We have several history majors that have come down, and they've either spoken or come down to do research on the projects that they're working on," Campbell said.

The KYOWVA Genealogy and Historical Society convenes once a month in March through December, and they try to have a speaker to discuss an aspect of history at each meeting. Though the group does not meet in January and February, Campbell said they take



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appointments all year.

"(It's) one of the free things around; it's a good hobby because it's free unless you want to put money into traveling, or DNA or something like that," Campbell said.

As a nonprofit organization, there is no cost involved with making appointments, though Campbell said they accept monetary donations. The society also accepts family histories and other antique, historical and personal items, such as photographs and diaries. Members of KYOWVA Genealogy and Historical Society catalogue each donation into the appropriate book or folder, and Campbell said each book is thoroughly researched and documented. Many of the items are family histories compiled into three-ring binders, while others are published archives.

"You just never know what you might find here; we get donations of different things," Campbell said. "We're just willing to help, and everything's marked and catalogued and easy to find."

Part of the collection came from another genealogy society in Kanawha County that closed. There were close to 1,000 family trees and pedigree charts in the collection, Campbell said.

"Luckily all of their stuff, even if it was handwritten, was indexed," she said.

Another large piece of the collection, consisting of family files and other histories, used to belong to Buffalo Middle School employees, and the owner donated part of it to the KYOWVA Genealogy and Historical Society.

"You can't get it anywhere else," Campbell said. "It's a unique collection. It's the same way a few of our other unique collections. So, I think that's an attractive thing."

Those interested in coming in and learning about their family histories can make an appointment, either by email at kyowvagen@yahoo.com or through the group's Facebook page, KYOWVA Genealogical and Historical Society, and someone in the organization will help them get started and conduct research, Campbell said.

Though the group's resources are not a lending library, Campbell said if someone wants them to complete research from out of town, they will do so for a donation.

"Usually they get their money's worth," she said. "If they don't know how to research, we'd be glad to work, sit down and work with them."

The KYOWVA Genealogy and Historical Society is located at 901 Jefferson Ave., in the basement of the Second Presbyterian Church in Huntington.

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