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# Faculty Senate members oppose concealed carry bill

By **RALPH MAY**  
THE PARTHENON

The increased stress on a college campus and loss of autonomy are the reasons why members of Faculty Senate are speaking out against the concealed carry bill, which has returned to the West Virginia Legislative docket this session.

"I don't think people understand that students aren't necessarily equipped to manage stress in life and adding a firearm to that mix isn't the solution," Eryn Roles, Faculty Senate representative, said.

To many students, college is full of new experiences that can lead to stress they have not prepared for or previously imagined, Roles said.

"It seems a bit extreme to just drop that (guns) into an environment that's so dynamic and can be stressful and just so unknown to people," she said.

The safety of students and faculty members is not added by a firearm, Roles said, and though the solution to the larger issue of campus safety is unclear, it is clear it's Marshall University's choice to decide.

The loss of autonomy for Marshall to decide to allow guns on campus is another facet of this bill and the power to decide whether guns are allowed on campus should stay

with Marshall, said Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, the advisory council of faculty representative.

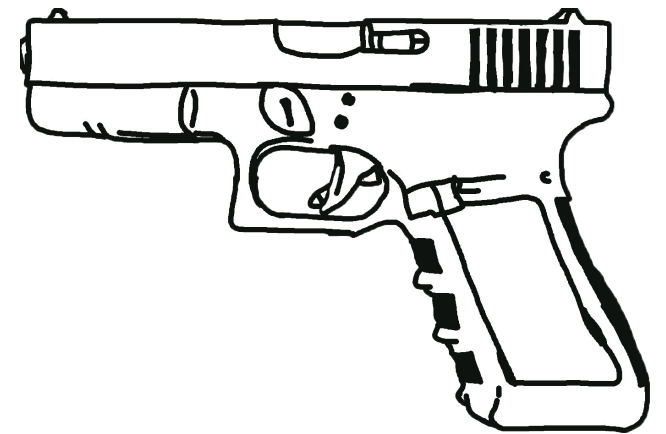
The legislature needs to preserve the autonomy of the Board of Governors of each West Virginia higher education institution to regulate the safety and security of their respective campuses, Oudghiri-Otmani said.

These concerns of stress on campus and autonomy are warranted, history professor Chris White said. When the stress of college and possible mental health issues are paired with a firearm, the possible risks outweigh the benefits, White said.

"When you allow for college students to open carry, then those students could be more likely to consider suicide," White said. "It's much more likely a student will use it on themselves either accidentally or on purpose than it would be used against other students or defense."

White said even if students are not dealing with stress or mental health issues, owning and carrying firearms can increase the likelihood someone will use that firearm as a solution for a problem as opposed to nonviolence.

"The statistics show that the odds of being a victim of a shooting on a college campus, or any other campus in the country is so small, it's over a million to



one per year," White said. "It's so small that the danger level doesn't warrant the need to carry firearms."

In terms of the legislative side of the issue, it is part of a long debate about gun rights beyond Marshall, and it is more concerned with how to force a reaction out of those for gun reform by those who feel that right should not be infringed, White said.

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# New scholarship portal simplifies financial aid process

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THE PARTHENON

The days of walking into the Office of Financial Aid and flipping through binders in an attempt to find a scholarship applicable are over for Marshall University students. The Rogner-Williams Administration along with Information Technology, the Office of Financial Aid and the Marshall Alumni Association recently launched an online scholarship portal to make the process more streamlined than ever.

"We wanted to find something that was cost-effective but also fit those student needs," Student Body President Stephanie Rogner said. "This system takes two to three minutes which makes it super quick and students are able to utilize it well."

After talking to a student while campaigning last year, Rogner and Williams said they realized this was a need for Marshall.

"I remember during the campaign, there was a particular moment where we heard a story about a student who said he almost lost his education and he was way into it, upper-level classes and almost lost it over \$600-\$700," Student Body Vice President Anna Williams said. "That's a lot of money, but in the grand scheme of things for a college education, it's not a lot of money when you've paid for so many years, and I just remember looking at

Stephanie and saying, 'We've got to do something about that.'"

Prospective students are able to use this portal as well to look at their potential costs to attend Marshall.

"Whenever I was applying for college, personally, finance and the cost of college was one of the biggest factors," Rogner said. "As a prospective student, you are able to go in and see how many scholarships are applicable to you and what the overall cost will look like."

When students log in to the portal, they are able to search for merit-based and private scholarships that may be applicable to them. Williams said she wants current students to understand this system is for them as well.

"Once you leave high school and are really in college the awareness and availability to scholarships can be a little slanted," Williams said. "There's the impression that there aren't as many as you get further in school and this is often time when we require more expenses and when we see unexpected increases, so it's really important that students have this resource."

Both current and prospective students can access this portal by going to: [marshall.edu/scholarships](http://marshall.edu/scholarships).

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## The Rogner-Williams Administration has made progress on multiple projects discussed while campaigning, including:

- The Emergency Student Relief Fund, or Tuition Gap Fund. This provides students in a crisis situation where they have had a significant number of financial downfalls and the students have exhausted all of their resources including the scholarship database. This fund is in conjunction with Student Affairs and the Alumni Association.
- The Meal Sharing Program launched two weeks ago, and in that time, there have been 160 meal swipes donated. Multiple students who have needed food assistance have been helped.
- In seven months, the Food Pantry budget has almost quadrupled. The pantry has a new fridge and freezer, courtesy of the President's Office, and they are funded by 12 local businesses.
- A Device Share Program has launched where students can donate used computers, tablets and phones they no longer use and the Information Technology Department will clean them so students that need them can check them out.



## Series offering students insight in skills needed after graduation

By **RALPH MAY**  
THE PARTHENON

A professional enrichment program is assisting students of all majors in gaining practical skills like resume building and interview tips to assist in their career path in an upcoming series.

The first of these events is a talk by Judge Joanna Talbit, 13th Circuit Court judge, where she will discuss her career path and give insight to students about professional development at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in Corbly Hall 104, Glen Midkiff, director for the center of stakeholder engagement, said.

"Talbit is going to talk about her path in becoming a judge and how her business education helped her in becoming a judge," Midkiff said. "She will also help students with their professional development, whether that is a resume, interview or how to conquer your first internship."

This event, along with the rest of the series, will help students prepare for internships or jobs and open students to how their major can be applicable to other fields, Midkiff said.

"These events expose students to different career fields, different industries and opens their mind to looking at other options and not being boxed into one industry," he said.

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— *Glen Midkiff*

backgrounds in the speaker series complement the variety of students at Marshall University.

"We have a variety of business leaders in our community

and also a lot of alumni that give back and speak to our students," Midkiff said. "Many of the alumni will invite students to apply and participate in internships."

The speaker series is a part of the larger Cohen Business Professional Certificate program that includes development of a resume and LinkedIn along with attendance to either the Career Expo or Etiquette Dinner, Midkiff said.

"The series is a nice skill and accomplishment to have on you resume," he said.

Alejandro Valladares, graduate assistant for the Lewis College of Business, said he participated in the program and found it helpful in gaining insight into the modern business world and hiring skills.

"One CEO broke down how his business came about, what being an entrepreneur means and the importance of culture in business," Valladares said. "Someone came in and talked about the hiring process, and as a person who is applying for jobs currently, it was interesting for me to know what the best way to apply and tips for a resume."

Valladares also said the Etiquette Dinner, another event in the series, is often taken for granted by students but can offer valuable skills about the etiquette needed at a dinner meetings or interview.

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## Refresh Appalachia brings new life to W. Va. agriculture

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**  
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While previous generations will remember the old, factory building in Westmoreland as the Corbin Ltd. garment factory, Coalfield Development Corporation is refreshing it for a new generation of opportunities and memories.

One of the many opportunities building in the old factory is Refresh Appalachia, an economic and workforce



Adam Hudson, director, and Patrick Bradshaw, crew chief, discuss order loads of fresh produce.

development initiative working to transform lives with on the job training focusing on agriculture.

The initiative started in 2015 with the continuing decline of the coal industry.

"A lot of why we became into existence was because of the downturn of the coal economy and then the ripple effects that it had," said Adam Hudson, director. "Whether it be displaced factory workers, displaced coal miners, trying to provide re-entry and job training opportunities for individuals who have been impacted by the downturn and by the lack of jobs that happen because of that."

While the program originated with a target audience, they are open to anyone interested, such as newly graduated high school students and farmers. It has been used as a stepping stone for multiple members.

"Of course, we have some people come to the program and it's not always a good fit, so they move on themselves," Hudson said. "Also, there's people who come in, they work here for a year and then they get offered a job making 15 or more dollars an hour and they take it, which is what we want them to do, not just in ag, but in related fields, too."

The program can currently have around five crew members at a time and has seen five people complete the program from start to finish, which takes an estimated two and a half to three years.

Not only does Refresh Appalachia give opportunity to learn a new skill, but they help employees with professional and personal development using a 33-6-3 on-the-job training model, Hudson said.

"They work 33 hours a week on the job, getting paid on-the-job training," Hudson said. "They're attending community college for six hours a week, earning their associate's degree or a related certificate of some kind. And then three hours are spent on personal development and that's life skills, financial wellness, some critical skills that a lot of folks don't have or have access to."

Not only does the program work with crew members, connecting them with skills and education, but they are co-operating a food hub.

"On the flipside of that work, we also co-operate the Turnrow Appalachian Farm Collective food hub with multiple organizations," Hudson said. "That works with local farmers across the state, sourcing products, like from one of our farms or from a local farmer to Butter It Up or Cabell Huntington Hospital or Capital Market in Charleston or The Wild Ramp. All across the state working with farmers and other organizations to move local produce too."

The program is working to bring out the potential in West Virginian agriculture.

"We're trying to buildup, bolster, strengthen, breathe life into the local food system that has not really existed, at least not to the level it needs to compete where agriculture is today," Hudson said.

The program currently receives funding from federal and foundation grants.

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## Marshall Artists Series welcomes opera, "Madame Butterfly"

By **EMILY HAYSLETT**  
THE PARTHENON

"Madame Butterfly," an opera about love and abandonment between a U.S. Navy Lieutenant and Japanese geisha named Butterfly, and its 30-piece orchestra is coming to Huntington as a part of the 2019-2020 Marshall Artists Series at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7.

"I've done this show many times all over the world, not only in the United States but also in all of Europe and Japan, among other places, and people react the same way no matter where they are from; they love it," said Gorgio Lalov, the director of this production of "Madame Butterfly."

The opera takes place in the early 1900s in Nagasaki, Japan, and it is about the marriage of a U.S. naval officer named Pinkerton and Butterfly.

Madame Butterfly first premiered in 1904 in Milan, Italy and has since

been adapted into different movies, as well as being the inspiration behind one of Broadway's longest running shows, "Miss Saigon."

Lalov said it was important to stay true to what the original creators wanted.

"I try to follow what the composers had in mind, always. With traditional operas, there are certain rules that you cannot escape, you have to do it that way," Lalov said. "I lived in Japan for a number of years when I was young, so I learned a lot by being there about the Japanese culture and things like that."

This will not be first time the Marshall Artists Series has brought Lalov to Huntington. He was the director of Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme" when it came to the Keith Albee in 2015.

"You have a wonderful audience there in West Virginia," Lalov said. "I'll tell you what, I love the theatre there (Keith Albee). It's not just

another modern hall and I know my singers love the sound of the theatre."

The show will have English subtitles displayed. There will be a pre-show talk with people who are involved with the opera from 6-6:30 p.m. before the show starts.

Performers will discuss the opera and give background information to the audience. The pre-show is free with a ticket to the show.

Tickets can be picked up from 12-4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Joan C. Edwards box office.

Tickets are free for full-time students with a student ID, half-price for part-time students or purchased for \$98.42, \$81.97, \$71.00, or \$64.42.

Tickets may also be purchased by calling the Joan C. Edwards box office.

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Marshall Artists Series will host "Madame Butterfly" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7. Tickets are free for full-time students.

## New iPad lab for use in Jenkins

By **CARSON MCKINNEY**  
FOR THE PARTHENON

Faculty who work in Jenkins Hall said they are pleased with the building's newest technological addition: an Apple-partnered, fully-functioning iPad lab.

Professor George Watson of the College of Education and Professional Development said he hopes this addition establishes fresh, technologically-advanced approaches to learning, especially for students studying to become educators themselves, citing that this is the first iPad lab on Marshall's campus.

Marshall University has worked towards converting its large computer lab on the top floor of Jenkins Hall to the smaller, compacted physicality of iPads, Watson said.

"Having iPads instead of the computers we once had has allowed us to have more space to learn," Watson said. "We have worked diligently towards this change to better match what is happening in public schools across the state."

Watson said each iPad will work within the hands of the student

to help them further achieve their learning goals, all while providing a new sense of growing technology.

"We hope that the presence of iPads will match what students will see in any class they attend, whether it is during their studies or a classroom of their own," he said.

Watson also explained how the contribution of iPads sets the tone for what students of all ages have been seeing or will prepare to see in their upcoming years of education.

"Almost 50% of computing devices are iPads or tablets of some sort," he said. "Public schools are paving the way for what is to come when looking at the future of technology."

In addition to its tech-savvy advancements, Watson said the new iPad lab promotes the advantages educators can now share amongst their students.

Students can also gain access to a more hands-on approach when executing their lessons, all while learning.

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## Students plan rock climbing trip

By **HUNTER DEEM**  
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Marshall's Recreation Center adventure program will be taking an eight-day trip to Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, Arkansas from Mar. 20-29, and the registration deadline for the trip is Tuesday, Mar. 10.

The trip will consist of camping, climbing and hiking along the Buffalo National River and in the Ozark Mountains. Horseshoe Canyon Ranch is one of the most popular rock-climbing locations in the country, according to Sam Iatarola, the Coordinator of Adventure Recreation.

Although it is popular destination for rock climbers, Iatarola said there are easy and moderate climbs.

"Where we will be camping, all the climbs are a 20-minute hike away," Iatarola said. "We will be doing some day hikes in the Ozarks and Buffalo river to spilt up some of the climbs."

Those interested in going on the trip may attend an informational session on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m.

"The info session is for anyone interested in the trip," Iatarola said. "We will go into more detail of what the trip will consist of, such as the day-to-day itinerary, show some pictures of the scenery, more in depth of the gear we will be using, where we will be camping and other hiking information. There will also be free pizza at the meeting"

On Wednesdays, the Recreation Center rock wall is free for members to use, and Iatarola said

this could be a way for those interested to get some extra practice with rock climbing and take time to get used to the equipment that will be used during the trip.

The cost for students and those with a membership at the Rec is \$499 and non-members is \$569. Iatarola said the cost includes all food, equipment, transportation, climbing instruction, camping fees and permits. Anyone with questions can contact Sam Iatarola at [atarola@marshall.edu](mailto:atarola@marshall.edu).

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Marshall graduate, Vivian Hodges, using the rock wall located at the Rec Center. The rock wall is free for students and members to use



# Professor talks of importance of political science

By **JONATHAN STILL**  
FOR THE PARTHENON

Robert Behrman is a professor in the political science department at Marshall University.

He received his degree in political science from Indiana University. He has won the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher Award in 2004, but before landing a job at Marshall, he started teaching in Berea, Kentucky.

Behrman applied to a multiple schools, but in 1988, he landed a job interview at Marshall and was hired onto the team.

He said it seemed to be a good fit for what he was good at and what they wanted taught. Behrman then recollected how he decided to get into and teach political science.

“I was always interested in politics from about the time I was seven,” Behrman said. “My grandmother had told me about sitting in her kitchen listening to the 1952 Republican Convention. When I went to college, I was going to major in history. I never heard of political science.”

Behrman said the school he went to had upperclassmen

who were being assigned to the freshmen. He originally thought about going to law school, but the person assigned to him said that political science would be better than history for that.

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—*Robert Behrman*

“When I started picking out classes, I picked American government classes as well as American history classes,” Behrman said. “It just worked a lot better and I just stuck with political science ever since then.”

Being knowledgeable in political science, Behrman said he

knows a lot about the inner workings of Congress and pays close attention to the politics that are displayed on the news.

With the 2020 presidential election coming up, he offered insight on the issues he said he thinks both sides should focus on.

“The issues that are important to me are climate change, trade and healthcare,” Behrman said.

Behrman also said political science is a one of the main majors that a new student could take interest in.

“It is a good major for all sorts of different things,” he said. “It is a good pre-law major. People who think they are going to law school, political science is a good major. People who go into politics, political science is a good major for that. People who want to go into journalism, political science is a good major for that.”

He also talked about how political science helps students with skills they may need in any field.

“You develop your writing skills, your verbal communication skills, your critical thinking skills, your research skills,” Behrman said. “All of those are going to be useful in private businesses and public service.”

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## “The Landing” offers new graduate housing



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By **OLAYINKA BAMIRO**  
THE PARTHENON

Current graduate, pharmacy and medical students looking for housing options that will cater to their needs can apply to The Landing, Marshall University’s independently operated on-campus residential apartment community.

The new apartment complex includes fully furnished studio and two-bedroom apartments and is located close to Marshall’s forensic science building, pharmacy building, the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center and Cabell Hospital.

Leasing for housing is now available in the all-inclusive

environment, and Marshall faculty and staff can apply as well.

“They are able to live with people of their age experiencing the same things as them,” said Tracy Eggleston, property manager at The Landing. “With grad students, their focus may be in a different place in comparison with a first-year freshman, for example.”

Although the landing is an apartment complex, not a dormitory, it is managed by Marshall’s housing department, so residents experience some of the same conveniences as if they were living in an on-campus dorm such as First Year North Resident Hall or the Commons buildings.

“In the building, we have multiple study areas,” Eggleston said. “They have on-sight maintenance, access to wi-fi, cable. Anything the student would have received in the resident halls, they’re receiving here.”

The rent also includes stainless steel appliances, electricity, water with no-cap and trash pick-up.

Studio apartments have a monthly rate of \$994 monthly, with the cost of renting a single room in a 2 bedroom being \$745 a month and renting an entire 2-bedroom apartment being \$1,490.

“It really is a different kind of environment,” Eggleston said. “The safety and security along with the peace of mind knowing that you don’t have to worry about your water bill, or electric bill running up unplanned. We want to make it as easy as possible for our students. We want them to have that independence, but also know that whatever they need, they can come get that help.”

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# Marshall women's hoops begins two-game road swing



By **SPENCER DUPUIS**  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Thundering Herd women's basketball team will travel south for a two-game road swing that begins Thursday night at Southern Miss and concludes Saturday afternoon at Louisiana Tech.

The Herd is entering the week with an 8-12 record (3-6 C-USA) after a 85-75 win over Florida Atlantic Saturday afternoon. The Golden Eagles are entering the contest with an 11-9 record (3-6 C-USA) after a loss at Charlotte, 63-59, Saturday. The Lady Techsters come into the game Saturday with a 10-10 record (2-7 C-USA).

Thundering Herd Head Coach Tony Kemper said that he knows this could be a big week for the Herd to move up the standing if it can get wins.

"This is a tough road trip," Kemper said. "We are going to have to come down with our 'T's' crossed and our 'I's' dotted to come down the stretch with a chance to win roads, which is difficult to do. We are going to have to continue to knock down some shots."

The Southern Miss Golden Eagles come

in tied with the Herd for eighth place in conference play, and coach Kemper said he knows that they are going to be a tough team to play.

"Southern Miss is very athletic," he said. "Over the course of the last couple years, that's the thing we've had trouble getting ready for, their tough to box out. We've got to be physical and chase rebounds. We have to be able to handle pressure; they do a nice job of changing defenses."

On Saturday during the Herd's game against the LA Tech Lady Techsters, Kemper said that the Herd has to key in on a certain player, and that might just make its job easier.

"They've got a guard that is awfully good, she has had some very good games," Kemper said. "It seems to me that they are playing very similar to how they did last year. So, we are going to have to guard them and make them earn baskets."

On Thursday evening, tipoff is 7 p.m. EST and Saturday tipoff is scheduled for 3 p.m. EST.

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Sophomore guard Kia Sivils and junior forward Taylor Pearson pushed the ball up the court against WKU.

# Marshall men's golf finish first tournament of spring season at Georgia Southern

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THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's men's golf finished the first tournament of the spring season at Georgia Southern Individual Collegiate in Statesboro, Georgia. The tournament was an individual event with 17 teams and 64 players playing in the event hosted by Georgia Southern University.

"I felt like I saw a lot of good things and a lot of things that they need to work on as well," Coach Matt Grobe said. "The biggest thing is that you got to take all those results with a grain of salt. I think it was really good for the guys to have to overcome some adversity."

The winner of the tournament was Jake Maples from Georgia Southern shooting six under in the entire event and shooting four under on the final day. Maples had one eagle on the first hole in the first round of the tournament and had a total of 13 birdies.

Marshall senior Cole Moore finished with the best score of the team tied for 33rd being 14 over. Moore started off the first day shooting a 73 with two birdies on the first and fifth holes. In the second round, Moore shot 74 with three birdies on the first, 11th and the 13th holes. On the final round, he shot an 83 with one birdie on the first hole.

"I was pretty pleased with my performance," Moore said. "The last day score was not what we hoped for, but being able to look at tougher tee shots and making a few more putts is what we are going to focus more on."

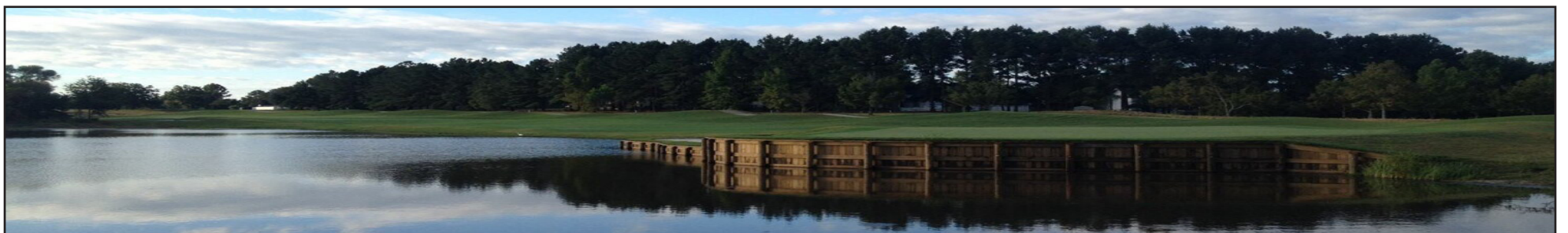
Followed by Moore, redshirt junior Will Straub was tied for 41st. In the first round, Straub shot 79 with one birdie on the first hole. In the second round, Straub shot one stroke better with a 78, scoring two birdies on holes five and 11. Straub's final round kept the same momentum in the leaderboard, shooting a 77 with four birdies on holes one, two, six and nine. He finished the 54-hole round 18 over.

Redshirt junior Cameron Root was tied for 48th shooting an 81-80-78. In the first round, Root had one birdie on hole seven, and he came back in the second round with one birdie on hole six. The final round, Root jumped four spots up the leaderboard after playing two strokes better.

Redshirt Junior Matt Hoffman came in 63rd place shooting 85-85-87. Hoffman had a total of four birdies in the first and second rounds.

The Herd is set to play again on Feb. 22 at the Loyola Intercollegiate in Good-year, Arizona.

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The Marshall men's golf team competed at Georgia Southern's Golf Course in Statesboro, Georgia.

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# Marshall Athletics hires former Marshall student as Sports Information Assistant

By **NICK VERZOLINI**  
FOR THE PARTHENON

Marshall University alum Patrick O’Leary was recently hired as a Sports Information Assistant for Marshall Athletics after interning with the Cincinnati Reds of Major League Baseball during the past year.

“I’ve always loved Marshall, I grew up a Marshall fan,” O’Leary said. “I feel very passionate about Marshall Athletics and working here has always been something I’ve really enjoyed.”

O’Leary graduated from Marshall in December of 2018. During his time at Marshall, he interned for the Sports Information Department, was involved in the Marshall Catholic Newman Center and ran for Mr. Marshall. Since graduating, O’Leary spent the last year as

a Media Relations Intern for the Reds.

“My time with the Reds was incredible, it could not have gone better,” O’Leary said. “My boss (Reds Senior Vice President of Media Relations Rob Butcher) has worked there longer than I’ve been alive and is beyond respected across Major League Baseball. It was a great experience. I learned so much about our industry and about myself.”

O’Leary said he has always had a passion for sports and communications. His father was a writer for the Charleston Gazette and his mother was a tennis player. O’Leary said his connection with the Reds organization dates back to when he was in eighth grade when he shadowed with them over the summer.

“I enjoy seeing everything

from behind the scenes,” O’Leary said. “I enjoy getting to know the people involved. The casual fan looks down and sees the players on the court and the coaches coaching, but they don’t get to know the people behind the scenes, the people that make this industry.”

After completing his internship with the Reds, O’Leary said he was going through the job search process when he received a text message from Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations Jason Corriher who was looking for someone to fill a part time position for the spring semester. Without the mentorship of Corriher and others in the Marshall Athletics department, O’Leary said he would not have the confidence and skillset that he has today.

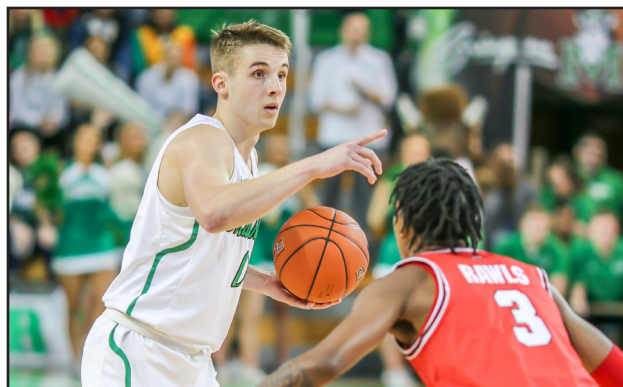


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Patrick O’Leary helped cover one of many Marshall Track and Field meets in Huntington.

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## Co-Athletes of the Week: Andrew Taylor, men’s basketball; Savannah Wheeler, women’s basketball



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**ABOUT ANDREW TAYLOR:**

Position: Guard  
Class: Redshirt Freshman  
Height: 6’3  
Hometown: Corbin, KY

**RESULTS OVER THE LAST WEEK:**

14 points, 5 assists, 4 steals, 3 rebounds @ FIU (84-74, W)  
25 points, 3 steals, 2 assists, 4 three-pointers @ Florida Atlantic (91-73, L)

Taylor’s performance was enough to earn him Conference USA Freshman of the Week on Monday, the second time this season he has earned that distinction. Over the two-game road stand, he averaged 19.5 points, 3.5 assists and 3.5 steals per game, all above his season average. He also managed to shoot 42% from both the field and behind the arc.

On the season, Taylor has played in only 14 games after sitting out the first nine games awaiting NCAA approval on immediate eligibility.

Although he has played in fewer games than his teammates, he is tied for the second most made three-pointers with 25. He also leads the team in 3-point percentage at 37%.



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**ABOUT SAVANNAH WHEELER:**

Position: Guard  
Class: Freshman  
Height: 5’6  
Hometown: Catlettsburg, KY

**RESULTS OVER THE LAST WEEK:**

22 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals vs. FIU (68-65, L)  
25 points, 4 assists, 4 three-pointers, 2 steals vs. Florida Atlantic (85-75, W)

Since conference play began, Wheeler has been in a bit of a 3-point shooting slump, hitting just around 19% of her three-pointers. But in this two-game stretch, she was able to find her shooting stroke again, knocking down 47% of her shots from deep.

In the matchup with FIU, she was able to set a career high in points with 22. Two days later, she broke that career high with 25 points against Florida Atlantic.

In both games, Wheeler thrived at the free-throw line, where she has been rock-solid all season long. She shot a combined 10-12 at the line, including going 7-8 against FIU.

On the season, she leads the team in points per game, free-throw percentage and assists per game.



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## EDITORIAL

## Young people must vote



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In this June 4, 2018 photo, Cameron Kasky, center, speaks during a news conference in Parkland, Fla., announcing a multistate bus tour to get young people educated, registered and motivated to vote.

As the 2020 Democratic primary kicks off this week with the general election on the horizon, voter participation in the United States remains remarkably low; however, it is possible more young people will vote this year than in any year prior.

Just over 55% of eligible voters participated in the 2016 presidential election in the U.S., slightly up from 54.9% in 2012, while countries such as Belgium, Sweden and Denmark achieve voter turnouts of more than 80% and Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Norway and several others more than 70%.

The percentage of young voters who participated in the 2016 election is slightly lower, at 50%, which is just 1% higher than in 2012. The highest voter turnout for 18-29 year-old Americans in recent presidential elections is just 52% in 2008.

The 2018 midterm elections offered a glimpse of hope for the condition of American democracy though, producing the highest voter turnout in a midterm election in 100 years. Just over 50% of eligible voters made it to the polls. While participation in West Virginia increased over 10% from 2014, its turnout of just over 42% in 2018 still ranked 49th in the country.

Although older voters remain much more likely to participate in elections, with 66% of voters aged 65 and older participating in 2018, the midterms also saw the national youth voter turnout, ages 18-29, increase to 36%, up from 20% in 2014. This remarkable increase in voter participation by young people serves as a continuation of the youth's ever increasing political interests and awareness, but it is not good enough.

In 2018, there were roughly 54 million Americans aged 18-29, accounting for just over 16% of the country's population, and just over 52 million people over the age of 65, accounting for about 16% of the population. There is no reason why two separate age groups making up nearly identical portions of the country's population ought to have such a drastic difference in political participation and influence.

One could even argue young people should be more inclined to political involvement because only we will deal with the consequences of our collective action moving forward. It would be unjust if we did not have a seat at the table when making important and influential decisions.

To claim our seat at the table and ensure that our future remains in our hands, we must inform ourselves about the country we live in, the world we live in, and exercise our most explicit political power.

As Abbie Hoffman, co-founder of the Youth International Party and proponent of the Flower Power movement during the 1960s, said, "Democracy is not something you believe in or a place to hang your hat, but it's something you do. You participate. If you stop doing it, democracy crumbles."

While participating in political discussions and elections may in moments be a stressful and exhausting process, for the sake of our democracy, we as young people must be leaders in promoting activism and understanding. If we are not organizing and educating ourselves, exercising our most valuable rights and making our voices heard, the most important and influential decisions of our lifetimes will be made without us.

Historically, young people have proven to be brave, bold and brilliant leaders in communities across the world, and America is no exception. If we wish to maintain and expand the power and influence of the American youth, increasing voter turnout should be an utmost priority.

The deadline to register to vote in the 2020 primary in West Virginia is April 21. Seventeen-year-olds who will turn eighteen before the general election in November may also register and participate in both the May 12 primary and the Nov. 3 general.

West Virginia residents may register to vote online at <https://ovr.sos.wv.gov/Register/Landing#Qualifications>, by mail or in person at a County Clerk's office.



## COLUMN: Everything says I shouldn't be here

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**  
ONLINE EDITOR

Statistically, I should not be sitting in here, in this office working as a graduate assistant while pursuing a master's degree while typing a column to be printed in the school paper.

Studies show that everything was against me reaching this point in life.

I come from a broken home, there is a point.

My parents' education is barely that of a middle school student, there is another point against me.

Addiction is prominent in my family and several members have succumbed to the disease. There is another point against me.

With odds against me, college after high school was not an option. I entered adulthood full force working and then eventually marrying and starting a family.

Statistics for women obtaining college degrees after children add another point against me.

With all of these points against me, I could have given up. I could have said the trouble was not worth it and it was too much work, but I didn't.

As cliché as it sounds, I had a dream. For as long as I can remember I aspired to one day be a college graduate.

So, I went for it. And I won't lie, it wasn't always easy. It was really, really hard at times and I wanted to give up.

But I had found a tribe, many of those coming from Marshall University and they kept me going.

From just giving me a much-needed pep talk, loving my children as their own, listening to my woes or even watching my children while I take a test, they were there for me.

When I stood at graduation, they were there for me. They cheered and loved me as I stood as a first-time graduate. As I walked across the stage getting a diploma that I over-achieved on and took a double major in. They congratulated me and were proud when I made the decision to go further in my education.

There is nothing in my story that I would change. In fact, I hope my story will encourage others to go after their dreams.

If you have a dream, go for it. If you want to accomplish something, I believe in you. If you've been looking for your tribe, but have yet to find it, reach out.

Whatever it is that you dream of doing is just a little work away.

Will it always be easy? Absolutely not. Will it be worth it? Absolutely.

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## Parthe-Pet



This is Absinthe. I've only had her for about two weeks. She's already warmed up considerably and loves exploring her new home. She likes to chew on fingers, vacuums and my favorite pairs of shoes. I'm looking forward to growing closer with her!

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## A MOMENT WITH MEG: Celebrate grieving

**This week's submission: Sup Meg!**

**So, I've been feeling really down lately. I graduate this semester and that is exciting, but I keep thinking about after graduation and get sad because everything is going to be different. I won't be around my friends because a lot of them are leaving, I'm so used to being in school that I'm worried my mental health will suffer and I'm worried I won't find a job. Any idea how I can stay positive and try to have a better outlook on my future?**

**Thanks!**

Hi friend.

Change is never comfortable, but it is also inevitable. Your concerns about being alone and the lack of normal consistency will likely be overwhelming, yes, but a more positive way to look at the situation may help. You would not be in this situation if you were not capable of handling it.

Of course, insert all that jargon about how strong you are, etc. Seriously. Your life changing is a sign of growth and accomplishment that you have achieved. Perhaps perceiving this achievement will bring things full circle and provide a safer perspective.

For example, when you first came to college, I

am sure you had similar feelings to what you are experiencing now. Your apprehensiveness is not new, and it is not unusual. But obviously, since you are graduating, you adjusted and prevailed.

This time in your life is a jump and a leap of faith in yourself.

Something important to remember is that the majority of things in our lives are not permanent, but that does not mean they are useless and they surely don't have to be painful.

You have learned from and loved many people at MU. Instead of grieving their loss, you can celebrate the impact they have made on yourself. You can celebrate all of your time here by looking back and remembering the struggles you made it through to feel prideful. Celebrate your dearest friendships by understanding and respecting the change that is occurring is natural and at the fault of no one.

Life moves forward and so can your friendships, even if they are from afar. Celebrate the grieving process of consistency and embrace the excitement for change and new opportunity. Also, take a nap. You're nearly done! You can do that now!

-Meg

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## PROGRESSIVE PERSPECTIVE: On working-class populism

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**  
MANAGING EDITOR

For Democrats to take back the White House in 2020, the party must nominate a pro-labor candidate capable of winning back working-class voters of the 206 "pivot counties" that voted for President Barack Obama in both 2008 and 2012 then for President Trump over Hillary Clinton in 2016.

As explained in a 2016 article in *The Atlantic*, "By dislodging Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and possibly Michigan, Trump shattered the blue wall—the 18 states (plus the District of Columbia) with 242 Electoral College votes that had voted Democratic in at least each election since 1992. If Clinton had defended the blue wall through the Rustbelt, she would have won..."

According to polls and to many voters on the ground, the candidate to win back that "blue wall through the Rustbelt" is Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., who has for decades been fighting against corporate interests and in favor of populist progressive values and building a working-class political revolution across the country.

Working-class rustbelt voters who won

both elections for President Obama care most about issues such as trade, jobs and the economy. Clinton failed to appeal to such voters as Trump criticized her from the left for her support of NAFTA, which led to the outsourcing of hundreds of thousands of blue-collar jobs to Mexico, her ties to Wall Street and other corrupt corporate interests and various other neoliberal policies. Any Democratic candidate with similar vulnerabilities will lose to President Trump as well in 2020.

As Richard Sorokas, a 2016 Trump voter from Pennsylvania, explained in a 2017 CNN segment, "People were desperate to work, and a lot of people are going back on welfare and counting on the government. People were struggling for any type of work..."

Sorokas and his wife, Eileen, are registered Democrats who voted for President Obama twice and even volunteered for his campaign.

People like Richard and Eileen voted for Obama in 2008 and 2012 hoping for real change to a system that had left working-class families like themselves...

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...across the country struggling, living paycheck-to-paycheck and one medical bill away from bankruptcy. A mostly lackluster Obama presidency left such voters mostly disappointed and desperate for the radical change Obama had campaigned on to get elected. They felt a neoliberal Clinton presidency offered them no such change. Trump, at least, was an outsider who seemed certain to shake up the failed, corrupt system, to “drain the swamp” he has since proven himself to have been swimming in all along. Many Trump voters themselves knew his populist rhetoric may have been insincere, but they were willing to take a chance on real change rather than voting for more of the same.

One such voter in West Virginia was Michael Caudill, who I interviewed during a 2018 Trump rally in Huntington. Caudill, a retired construction manager, said he was a registered Democrat who voted for Obama then for Trump over Clinton. He, too, was turned away by the corruption of the Clinton campaign and the Democratic Party’s abandonment of

working-class, blue-collar voters and said that Trump’s rhetoric reminded him of Democrats he supported in his youth.

“Sometimes Trump talks like a Democrat from the 50s, 60s or 70s,” Caudill said. “The more I listened to Hillary, the less I thought she would help us. The more I listened to Trump, the more he made sense to me.”

For too long, the Democratic establishment and corporate media outlets have operated on the myth that neoliberal, corporate, “moderate” and “centrist” Democrats appeal more effectively to Rustbelt working-class voters than leftist, populist progressive, anti-establishment “outsiders” like Sanders. Past election results and reliable polls simply do not support this premise.

The losses in recent presidential elections of right-wing Democrats such as John Kerry, Al Gore and Hillary Clinton, who were considered by the Democratic establishment and corporate media to be “safe” candidates, combined with the losses of more than 800 legislative seats and over a dozen governorships during the Obama administration,

might have served as a warning the American public of the vulnerability of “moderate” Democrats, but that remains to be seen in 2020. If Democrats nominate another candidate perceived by working-class Americans to be an insider and an upholder of a broken and corrupt political establishment rather than an outsider working to institute radical, pro-labor change, no one should be shocked when Trump wins again.

On the other hand, nearly every poll in the last four years has shown that a populist progressive Sanders campaign would likely defeat the faux-populist rhetoric of a Trump campaign.

For a demonstration of the appeal of the working-class populism of the Sanders campaign, look no further than the 2016 Democratic primary results in West Virginia. While Clinton was seen by desperate voters as a corrupt D.C. “insider” promising nothing more than politics-as-usual...

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“I can’t thank Jason Corriher, David Steele (associate director of Athletics for Administration and Business) and so many others in the Athletic Department for thinking of me for this position and helping me out at this time,” O’Leary said. “The people of Marshall Athletics are what makes it great.”

O’Leary said he encourages students looking to have a career in

public relations to dream big and understand that the people who have made it in the industry were once in the same situation.

“Reach out and don’t be afraid to go for the big-time internships,” he said. “Even people like Rob Butcher were once in our shoes, and they want to help us out.”

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“Our goal is to generate revenue to cover our costs, at least break even, so we can continue our mission to serve Appalachian farmers and communities,” Hudson said.

Hudson also said Refresh would love to work with Marshall University and students. The program is open to volunteer opportunities with students and possibly internships if they can figure out a way to compensate them.

“Short-term is okay or if you have to do it for a class, otherwise we would prefer, we don’t think it’s right as an organization,” Hudson said. “You’re putting in a lot of hours and a lot of time and we want you to do good work and if you’re getting paid, your quality of work is usually going to be higher.”

Not only does Refresh believe students working with the program deserved pay, but they also credit that to helping motivate their crew members in the program.

“Then they’re invested in it,” Hudson said.

Hudson explained that the program

has a refreshing message

“(…) To have a real impactful change that we need to happen in the communities and in people’s lives, it’s not an overnight thing. It’s going to take time. It’s going to take commitment. Not just from outside organizations or entities with funding. It’s going to take a commitment from the ground up, which is why our slogan with Coalfield is ‘we’re rebuilding the Appalachian economy from the ground up,’” Hudson said.

“[It] is a different approach than someone that comes from the outside to try to work within Appalachia or within a community because everyone that works here is from here,” Hudson said. “They know people, we know each other, we know the farmers we’re working with and if we don’t know the crew members or the trainees, we get to know them. It’s all about that relationship that’s critical to make this change that we really want to see happen.”

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# Soul Food Feast welcomes community to celebrate Black History Month

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COPY EDITOR

Getting a taste of culture while gathered around the table, the Marshall University Soul Food Feast invited university and community members to enjoy each others' company and munch on ribs, collard greens, sweet potato pie and more Sunday, Feb. 2.

Maurice Cooley, interim vice president and dean of Student Affairs and associate vice president of the Office of Intercultural Affairs, said the Soul Food Feast is an opportunity for people to see a glimpse of what African American culture is like while enjoying good food.

"The Soul Food Feast comes out of tradition of African American families," Cooley said. "There is typically a culturally imbedded common practice that members of the nuclear, secondary and extended families come together to eat, typically after church services."

Summer Collins, a Huntington resident who attended the feast for the second time, said she thought the Soul Food Feast was a good event because practically everyone enjoys food, but the feast is a chance for people to see different ways food can be prepared.

"Food is like the center of our life in my opinion," Collins

said. "There are so many different ways of making different foods. So for me to have the opportunity to be around authentic food that I'm not accustomed to see, be around or have the opportunity to taste is really great because I actually get to see that difference."

Collins also said she enjoys the Soul Food Feast because of the welcoming environment.

"It's nice that I'm able to walk into a room that is focused on the black community and their culture and feel like I am welcome," she said. "You don't see many events like this, where any other races or cultures are like this, where it is very welcoming to other people to try something like this."

The Soul Food Feast is one of multiple events organized to celebrate Black History Month. Some February include the following: delivery of the Carter G. Woodson Lecture by Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, chair of the History Department at Harvard University and president of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, on Feb. 4, the presentation of "Harriet" in the Memorial Student Center on Feb. 11, the 2020 Black History Observance with the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome M. Adams Feb. 13, the Ebony Ball Feb. 15 and more.

Steven Cleckley, second time Soul Food Feast attender

who been in Huntington for roughly 50 years, said he enjoys the feast because of the good food and good people. He also said he believes Black History is not just for African Americans.

"It (Black History) is basically American history," Cleckley said. "We've made great contributions to this nation. I know it's celebrated as black history, but we're Americans, so it's American history."

Cooley also explained that he thinks Black History Month is important because African Americans helped build America.

"It is important because the African Americans who are here in our country today, most of us originated from slave ancestry," Cooley said. "Slaves built the south. They didn't own the south, but they built it. So it is important to us because that is who we are, we have a common culture and origin for Africans and Caribbeans, and that is part of our history. So we must always celebrate and recognize who we are, while also celebrating all people."

Information about future Black History Month events can be found at the Carter G. Woodson Lyceum website.

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## Cupid's Q&A:



Charlie and Pamela Bowen recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

• **Their relationship advice? Lots of communication and respect. Couples need to learn what works and what doesn't, including, in the Bowens' case, if they can put a bookshelf together or not.**

Pamela: "We get along great, but we cannot put together a bookshelf together."

Charlie: "We learned that early on. I remember we were sitting putting this thing together, sniping at each other, and finally we looked at each other and said, 'You can put this together. I can put this together. We can't put this together.' We both are bosses."

Pamela: "I think really, communication is the key thing."

Charlie: "Yeah it is. And laugh."

Pamela: "Oh gosh yes."

• **The two have always read to one another. And recently, to celebrate their upcoming anniversary, Charlie dug around in their basement looking for their old letters, which they've kept all these years. They read them to each other, too. Once, a few months ago, they read some of them aloud to each other. He put them in order. Over the course of their relationship, they'd only been apart for a couple semesters while Charlie was at UK and Pam at MU.**

Pamela: "This was a year where we wrote letters to each other. And of course, he saved all of them."

**"We never really celebrate birthdays because we're celebrating all the time. I think it's a mistake to just sort of say, 'Okay, Christmas and Valentine's Day and birthdays, those are the special times and then you don't have to do anything else.'**

- Charlie Bowen

Charlie, softly: "Well you did too."

Pamela: "Well I did too. So, he would hand me the letter I wrote to him and he would take the letter I wrote to him on that day 50 years ago, and we would read them to each other. It was pathetic."

Charlie: "I would finish them and say, 'Why did you stay with this guy?' What a whiny self-centered idiot."

Pamela: "He missed me!"

• **What do they like about each other?**

Charlie: "One of the things that so impressed me when we were dating, Pamela has always been curious about everything. When we were dating she would subscribe to everything she could subscribe to. She was always seeing things in the back of magazines and saying 'That's interesting,' and writing off and getting catalogs and brochures, and it continues to be like that. It's not just for journalism, you want to spend your life with someone that goes into the room and says, 'I wonder what that is, I haven't seen that before,' and that's Pamela."

• **Charlie would come visit Pam after she started at Marshall. There's even a picture in one old yearbook of him walking across campus "on his way to skip classes with Pamela." The pair reflected on their past dates and their new dates, which include attending Marshall lectures and performances.**

Pamela: "We would buy a package of cookies and two Cokes and go up on the hill in Ritter Park and sit there and tell our life stories."

• **What are your dates like now?**

Charlie: "Mainly going to class."

Pamela: "Our whole existence is like a date."

Charlie: "We never really celebrate birthdays because

# Charlie and Pamela Bowen

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Charlie and Pamela Bowen never want to stop learning. The pair, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, have audited about 50 classes beginning in 2013. Charlie is an adjunct professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, and both Bowens have newspaper experience, as they worked together at The Herald-Dispatch. Pamela earned her degree in journalism from Marshall in 1968, while Charlie graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's in journalism in 1970. The couple shared their advice for maintaining healthy relationships, as well as reflected on the past 50 years of love and friendship.

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we're celebrating all the time. I think it's a mistake to just sort of say, 'Okay, Christmas and Valentine's Day and birthdays, those are the special times and then you don't have to do anything else.' We try to be thoughtful with each other and respectful and have a good time together. And if you think about what you want to do with a good friend, well, that's what we want to do. We like to experience things together that we both will enjoy."

