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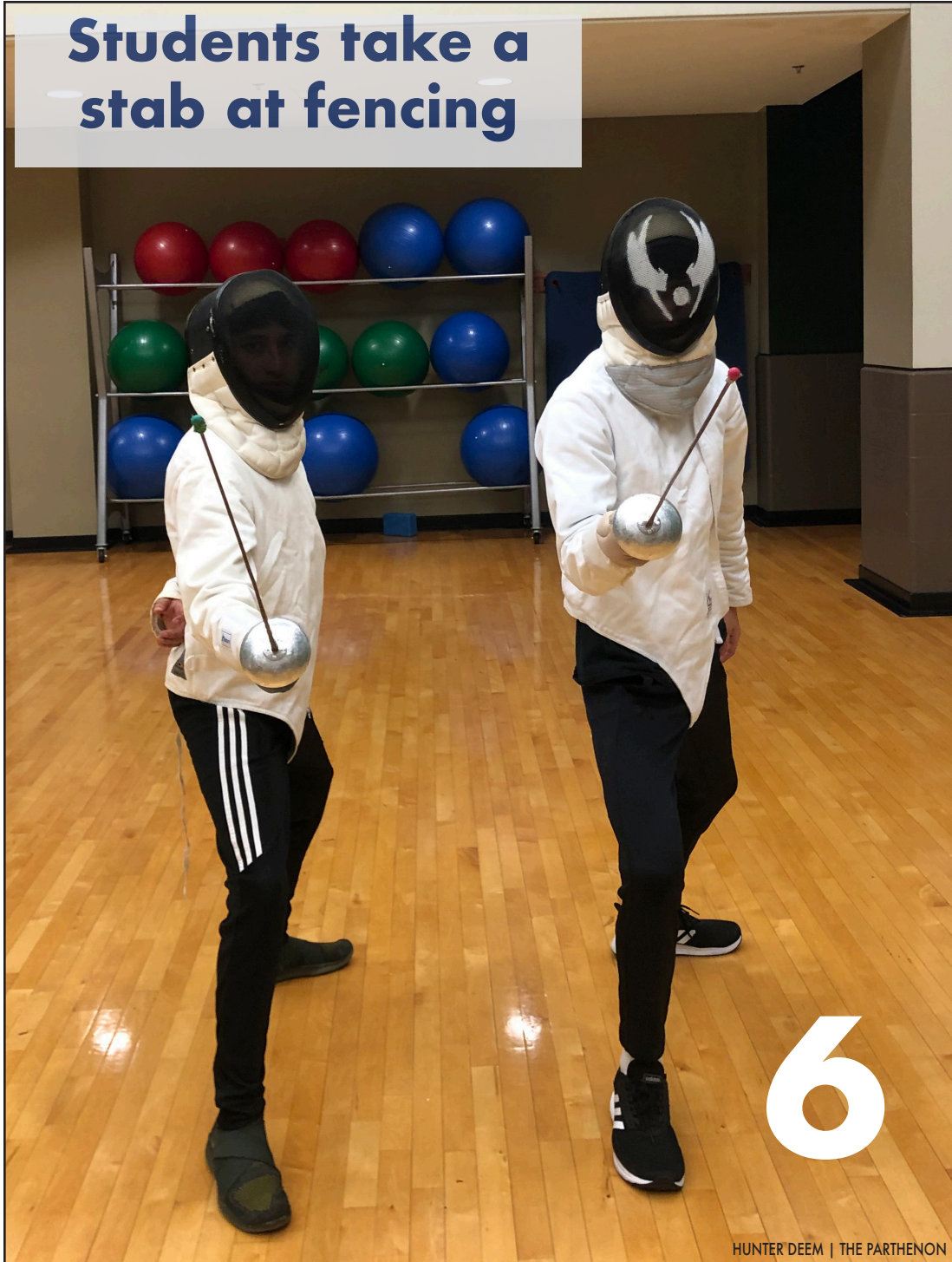
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# Honors Society seeks to improve community engagement

By **RALPH MAY**  
THE PARTHENON

An honors society is changing the perception of being just a resume builder by striving to connect the campus to serve the community, said the society's chapter advisor.

This semester, Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society plans to have hands-on interactions with the community and hope to be inspired at the society's national convention Feb. 21 and 22 at the University of South Carolina Beaufort Hilton Head, said Megan Archer, Gamma Beta Phi chapter advisor.

"While at the convention, they will work with the local children's hospital to create care packages and costumes as a service project to that community," Archer said.

A similar service project could greatly benefit our local Hoops Family Children's Hospital, said Becca Tomblin, Gamma Beta Phi vice president. Archer said she wants to return the favor and give back to the children's hospital.

"They do so much for us, we should do something for them," Archer said.

The convention is also an opportunity for the organization to focus on concepts like leadership development, chapter engagement, fundraising and how to get people more involved and engaged on Marshall University's campus, Archer said.

"I hope to see more participation with our members



Gamma Beta Phi is a national honors society organization within the College of Business.

and get more recognition throughout campus so we can join services projects and get everybody involved," Tomblin said.

For the organization, there is not an issue of who is getting the credit for change in the community, it is about how collaboration can make a greater impact on

the community, Archer said.

Last semester, the organization worked with the A. D. Lewis Community Center to give the children of the community a Christmas celebration, and Archer said the society would like to see that service to the community continue.

"We had so many toys that we had to make several trips to the A.D Lewis Center because our cars were filled up," she said. "I was surprised by how many people participated. It was a good feeling and we want to keep that momentum going."

Currently, the organization is doing a fundraiser with Pura Vida bracelets and Archer said those interested in more information may reach out to the anyone in the Gamma Beta Phi Society.

"In past, Gamma Beta Phi been known as a resume builder and we are working hard to break down that perception because truly yes, we are an honors society and yes, you have to have a certain academic standing, but the more important is the service component giving back," Archer said.

Joining Gamma Beta Phi requires initiation only for full-time students with a 3.2 GPA or higher, Archer said.

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# Graduate program ranked ninth in nation

By **RALPH MAY**  
THE PARTHENON

Guaranteed job placement with an average earning of \$70,000 is expected for graduates of Marshall University's new graduate program in the College of Business, the director for the Center of Stakeholder Engagement said.

Ranked ninth in the nation by College Rank, the new interdisciplinary program combines information technology and healthcare to address the rising need of management in the technological systems involved in patient care, director Glen Midkiff said.

"Our Health Informatics program deals with the optimization of healthcare," Midkiff said. "It is using STEM, data science, computer programming and looking at the organizational dynamics."

The aim of the program is to better serve patients, healthcare workers and the administration while filling the need of a rapidly expanding field, Midkiff said.

The field of healthcare information technology predicts a job growth of 22% by 2022, twice as fast as employment overall, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Another aspect of the program is its affordability; tuition for the program costs about \$9,000, which is significantly lower compared to universities such as Stanford and Duke offering similar programs, Midkiff said.

Courses in the program include Healthcare Quality and Safety, Database Management and a practicum to gain real world experience, Midkiff said.

"Students do a practicum in a healthcare facility or hospital," he said. "That is one of the things that is different in our program; a lot of programs at Marshall don't require an internship."

The creation of this program and others came after a transformative donation by Brad and Alys Smith that geared the college toward the future, said Avi Mukherjee, dean of the College of Business.

"What we are doing as a result of the donation is to focus on high demand program initiatives," Mukherjee said. "We are reevaluating our current curriculum and programs and accessing whether these have kept up with the changing demands of the industry."

The Health Informatics program is the first STEM graduate program from the College of Business, and it is in response to the need for data analytics and big data in the field of healthcare, Mukherjee said.

"We feel extremely positive that this program, which existed in the College of Health Professions and has recently moved to the College of Business, is now becoming even more stronger as an interdisciplinary program," Mukherjee said.

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## Foster care payments, bill of rights passes W.Va. House

By **ANTHONY IZAGUIREE**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
CHARLESTON,

W.Va. (AP) — Foster parents may soon get more money for adopting children under a measure passed by the House of Delegates Tuesday aimed at alleviating West Virginia's overburdened foster care system.

Delegates voted 96-1 to approve the bill, with Republican Del. Pat McGeehan as the lone no vote after he was told the measure would cost the state around \$17 million.

"Great emphasis has been placed on the projected cost of this bill but we must acknowledge

that this is an investment, an investment in West Virginia children," said Del. Jason Barrett, a Berkeley County Democrat. "With these necessary increases agencies will be able to recruit and retain more foster families."

The proposal, which now moves to the Senate, would give families at least \$900 a month for each child adopted. Child placing agencies would also get \$1,000 every time they finalize an adoption.

The bill also establishes a foster care bill of rights, which would ensure children and parents understand their rights in the state's foster system.

At least 15 states have enacted bills establishing a foster children's bill of rights and 17 have foster parent bill of rights, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

West Virginia's bill of rights proposal includes guarantees that foster children live in safe settings, should be free of sexual abuse and attend school. Foster parents would be entitled to receive child care training and know a child's behavioral history prior to placement. The state's foster care ombudsman would...

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## Speak the Truth event to encourage artistic expression

By **TAEVION KINSEY**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University continues to celebrate black history month with "Speak the Truth - Open Mic Night." The event welcomes poets, rappers, dancers and singers to come out and showcase their talents in talking about black history. The event is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center.

"Although we are celebrating black history month, we want people of different races to attend as well as African Americans," said Marcus Williams, director of Open Mic Night. "Artists who attend must incorporate black history into their performances, hence this being black history month."

Junior Kayla Johnson said she is excited to perform some of her own work.

"I attend open mic nights back at home in the city I'm from which is Louisiana," Johnson said. "I was stoked that Marshall was starting an open mic night. I write poems all the time when I'm bored so now that I have an opportunity to showcase my skills is awesome."

Another student, freshman Jazmine Smart, said she thinks the event is a good place for people to express themselves.

"I look at this as a great opportunity for people

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I was stoked that Marshall was starting an open mic night.”

— *Kayla Johnson*

who have a hard time expressing themselves to step out their comfort zones and show their hidden talents because these are the ways they truly express themselves," Smart said. "Through poetry, through dance, through rapping."

Williams said anyone is welcome to showcase their knowledge of black history through the art they want to perform. Sign up slots are available up until the day of the open mic night.

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<p><b>Entrepreneurs in Action</b> When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 21 Where: Brad D. Smith Incubator 927 3rd Avenue  Students will learn design thinking and have the opportunity to visit Butter it up, Kenzington Alley or Pottery Place.</p>	<p><b>The 51st Winter Jazz Festival</b> When: 6 p.m. Feb. 21-22 Where: Smith Recital Hall  The Jazz Studies Program invites students to enjoy music from the MU Jazz Ensemble I group and other musicians.</p>	<p><b>Body Shots XIII: Witch Please</b> When: 7 p.m. Feb. 25 Where: Don Morris Room  Body Shots will present a multimedia production for visual and vocal platforms.</p>	<p><b>Know Your Rights</b> When: 6 p.m. Feb. 27 Where: Shawkey Dining Room  Black United Students presents an informational discussion for students to learn about their rights and options on campus and in the community.</p>
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# SGA working to make campus more sustainable

By **KYRA BISCARNER**  
THE PARTHENON

With Earth Day quickly approaching, Marshall University's Student Government Association is working to make campus more sustainable than ever, SGA members said.

With new initiatives such as paper straws in the Memorial Student Center, Secretary of Green Initiatives Jentre Hyde said she hopes students become more aware of the impact they have on the environment.

"College campuses have huge carbon footprints," Hyde said. "Any little thing we do, especially this early in our lives because the habits we form right now and teach ourselves will continue to produce carbon footprints as we go."

During Tuesday's weekly meeting, Marshall's Sustainability Manager Amy Parsons-White spoke to senators to explain some of the goals of the department, one of them being RecycleMania.

RecycleMania is a nationwide competition for recycling in universities. Last year, Marshall placed 130th in the country and the competition only recognizes the top 250.

In association with the Sustainability Department, SGA

is also hosting the Marshall Green Sweep Event. The event is set for March 14 and will feature a campus-wide clean up. Parsons-White said the event will be doing something new that has not been done on campus before.

"We're going to pick up all the trash we come across, bring it back to Buskirk field where we will have tarps laid out and we're going to weigh everything we bring in and then separate it into recyclables," she said.

Parsons-White said she hopes by having the event at such a prominent place on campus, people will realize just how impactful their decisions can be to the environment.

"We're going to do it very openly and publicly right here because we want everyone to see what filthy animals we are and how much of a change we can make by expanding recycling in the city of Huntington," Parsons-White said.

This is the first year for the Secretary of Green Initiatives and Hyde said she is looking forward to seeing what this position accomplishes in the future.

"It was a new position so I'm hoping that it continues on year after year and hopefully the change grows as the

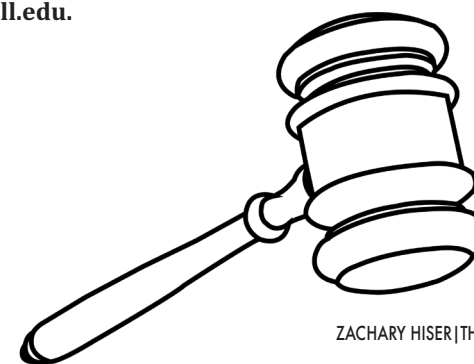
position does," Hyde said.

Hyde said she wants people on campus to understand just how much of a difference one decision can make. She said recognition is one of the most important things she could accomplish in this position.

"Having people be more aware of the little things they're doing and changing their habits," she said.

Students seeking more information on the Marshall Green Sweep Event can contact Jentre Hyde at hyde8@marshall.edu.

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SOCIAL MEDIA POLL	Yes	No
ARE YOU GOING TO THE CEO PANEL?	24%	76%
ARE YOU GOING TO THE "SPEAK THE TRUTH" OPEN MIC?	12%	88%
WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THE DOUBLE HEADER BASKETBALL GAME?	29%	71%
DID YOU APPLY TO GRADUATE?	29%	71%

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon's Instagram, @MUParthenon. The results reflect responses from an average of 30 individuals.

## West Virginia primary: 18 running for president, 12 for gov

By **JOHN RABY**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Voters in West Virginia's May 12 primary will need some extra time to study the candidates before going to the ballot box.

The Secretary of State's office said it has certified the slate of candidates, including 18 for president and 12 for governor. Tuesday was the deadline for the list to be certified.

It's a whopper, among the biggest ever.

Among the 12 Democrats on the ballot for president are former Vice President Joe Biden, ex-South Bend, Indiana, mayor Pete Buttigieg, Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, ex-New York City mayor Mike Bloomberg and philanthropist Tom Steyer.

President Donald Trump is among six Republicans on the ballot. Trump won nearly 70% of the state's vote against Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship is running for president from the Constitution Party in at least three other states but is not on the ballot in West Virginia. He spent a year in federal prison for misdemeanor safety violations related to a 2010 explosion that killed 29 miners at the Upper Big Branch Mine in southern West Virginia.

According to Secretary of State records, the number of

presidential candidates matches the 18 who ran in 1988. There were 17 candidates in 2016.

Presidential primaries in West Virginia can be unpredictable. In 2012, Texas inmate Keith Judd won 41 percent of the vote running against President Barack Obama in the Democratic primary.

The 2020 candidates for governor including incumbent Republican Jim Justice and six others from the GOP, along with five Democrats.

One of Justice's GOP opponents is former Commerce Secretary Woody Thrasher, who was forced out by Justice in 2018 after numerous complaints about poor management of a housing assistance program for 2016 flood victims.

The 12 gubernatorial hopefuls are the most since 18 sought the office in 2004.

There also are races for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, state auditor, treasurer, agriculture commissioner, secretary of state, the state Supreme Court and both houses of the legislature.

U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito faces two Republican challengers. Former state Sen. Richard Ojeda is among three Democratic candidates.

There are 10 candidates for three Supreme Court races. Two incumbents are seeking office again, while incumbent Justice Margaret Workman is retiring. Judicial elections in West Virginia became nonpartisan in 2016.

Early voting in West Virginia begins April 29. The deadline to register to vote is April 21.

# Z Brick Oven Pizza plans to expand to full capacity

By **JANNSON WILLIAMS**  
THE PARTHENON

After the fire in June 2017 took Brick and Brews gourmet pizza restaurant, Z Brick Oven pizza was brought up from the ashes with the motto, "Serving good food, all night long."

Joshua Pineda and Zane Carter opened Z Brick Oven in 2007. The pair said Z Brick Oven offers a wide variety of menu items including appetizers, garden fresh salads, brick oven pizzas, low carb bowls, turnovers, calzones, subs, pastas and even desserts.

"Our menu is full of many different delicious items one can enjoy," Pineda said. "The only problem we have is that our location is farther away from Marshall's campus."

By changing the business hours to 4 p.m. to 4 a.m., Pineda said he still hopes to attract the late-night college crowd. Pineda said his business increases around 2 a.m.

With D.P. Dough being their only late-night pizza competitor in the local area, Pineda said his delivery, customer

service and assorted menu can cover the distance.

"With Z Brick at this location only being up and running for about a year now, I would say that business is going very well," said Chase Robertson, the full-time manager at the restaurant. "Joshua will own the building in about 7 years now and we already have plans to expand into this building's full capacity. Cabell County will not allow us to open a dining area for people who want to sit down and enjoy our food here because we do not have a public restroom."

Pineda said they are working on improvements for the establishment, hoping to open a dining area as well.

"While we are only using half of the building, we are focusing on keeping a concrete business and marketing plan, which is serving good food all night long," he said. "Most of our customers either order in for pick up or delivery. Soon we will be able to transform Z Brick Oven into a place where our customers can dine in as well."

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BLAKE NEWHOUSE | NEWS EDITOR

Z Brick Oven Pizza is looking to expand its 1037 7th Ave. location. In an attempt to draw more "late night" customers, the pizza restaurant is open from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.

## Police Blotter

By **SARAH INGRAM**  
COPY EDITOR

The following information was provided by the Marshall University Police Department records.

### Possession of Marijuana

Marshall University Police Department officers issued a citation for possession of marijuana Feb. 9. After a resident in First-Year South Residence Hall set off the fire alarm, officers were dispatched to the suspect's room. When officers entered the room, they discovered ash in the toilet. During questioning, the resident admitted to smoking in the bathroom. The case has been closed.

### Petit Larceny

A student reported their vehicle had been broken into between Feb. 4-7. The student reported the incident on Feb. 10 when they noticed a gray phone charger and a bag on clothing missing. The case is closed until new suspects or evidence is discovered.

### Possession of Marijuana

A student received a citation for possession of marijuana after they were discovered smoking in the stairwell of East Tower. Resident advisers in the building were conducting routine checks while on duty when they reportedly smelled marijuana and contacted MUPD. The case is closed.

### Destruction of Property

Faculty members discovered markings on a table on Feb. 10 on the third floor of Drinko Library. MUPD officers reported the markings looked like someone had punched the table. Officers are looking for any information, but the case is closed until more evidence is found.



## From the dance floor to the classroom

By **JONATHAN STILLS**  
FOR THE PARTHENON

Lauren Angel is an adjunct professor that works in the History Department at Marshall University, but before becoming faculty at Marshall, she started taking in an interest in dancing.

"I joined a team when I was about 12 and made a lot of friends at the time," Angel said. "It was also around that time I told my parents I was serious about pursuing a career in dancing."

Angel then proceeded to attend dancing school in Maryland in her pursuit to become a professional dancer, but she ended up suffering an ankle injury that put her dancing career on halt.

"At first, it wasn't serious, but as my doctor would tell me, I messed my ankle up really bad and I wouldn't be able to dance for a long time," Angel said. "It was a hard thing to accept."

Angel is a graduate of George Washington University and obtained her undergraduate degree in English before going professionally into dancing.

She said she decided to go back to school to get her master's degree in English, but a history of

sexuality class changed her mind.

Angel then said she changed her major to history and started working under Greta Rensenbrink, and Angel said she felt like a mentor to her when working under her.

"Working with Dr. Rensenbrink helped me understand that history is the study of how our world came to be the way it is today," she said. "Both her and the other professors I worked with as a student in the History Department were great examples of people who used the study of history to give back to the Marshall campus community. They inspired me to want to use my own work to give back as well."

—Lauren Angel

**"I joined a team when I was about 12 and made a lot of friends at the time. It was also around that time I told my parents I was serious about pursuing a career in dancing."**

Angel is a part of a project called The Activist History Review, which was started by a group of students from George Washington University. It is a peer-edited online platform that Angel said is devoted to the idea that the past is relevant to the present.

"The site tries to take the conversations that historians are having with one another about the issues of the day and open them up to include social justice activists as well as members of the public at large," Angel said.

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# Marshall women's hoops travels to WKU, face ODU at home



ZACHARY HISER | THE PARTHENON

Freshman guard Savannah Wheeler attempted to pass the ball through the WKU Hilltoppers defense.

**SPENCER DUPUIS**  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Thundering Herd women's basketball team will travel to Bowling Green, Kentucky to take on the Western Kentucky University Lady Toppers at 7 p.m. Thursday, and then will return home to play host to the Old Dominion Monarchs at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The Herd is entering the week with an 11-13 record (6-7 Conference USA) after a sweep over University of Texas at San Antonio and University of Texas at El Paso last week. The Lady Toppers are entering the contest with a 18-6 record (10-3 C-USA) after an 85-57 win over UTSA Saturday. The Monarchs are coming into the game Saturday with a 22-3 record (12-1 C-USA).

"They'll have a really short turn around when they get off that bus before the preparation for Old Dominion," Herd Head Coach Tony Kemper said. "I believe Old Dominion is on the road for two, but obviously it's not going to be a typical travel partner two. It doesn't happen very often where you're split, but we are this week, so we have to figure out a way to perform in this scenario."

The Western Kentucky Lady Toppers are at the top

of the conference, but the two teams have matched up pretty well since the last two times they have played. The Herd has struggled at E.A. Diddle Arena.

"That's a tough place to play, they are undefeated at home this year (10-0)," Kemper said. "They usually are pretty much every year, it's hard to win down there. It's an atmosphere we need to learn how to handle and I think we should be excited to go down there."

On Saturday, the Herd play host to the Old Dominion Monarchs, a team who defeated Rice 66-59 last week to take over the No.1 spot in the conference. Coach Kemper said he hopes his team will have a better finish on Saturday then it did when the Herd went to ODU and were in the game, but collapsed in the fourth quarter.

"You can't really look much at the other game between us," Kemper said. "I thought we played hard and battled, but I know we need to play a lot cleaner and have a better sense of structure when we play them Saturday."

Thursday evening tipoff is set for 7 p.m. EST/6 p.m. CST and Saturday tipoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.w

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## BONUS GAMES

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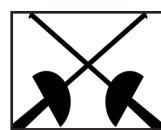
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**VS. FAU 7PM**  
**STADIUM**

**MARCH 7**  
**AT UTSA 4PM ET / 3PM CT**  
**STADIUM**

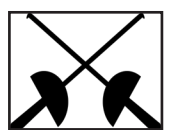


ZACHARY HISER | THE PARTHENON

Upcoming games for Marshall University men's basketball team in Conference USA Bonus Games.



## Fencing Club makes a point



**By HUNTER DEEM**  
THE PARTHENON

After mentioning he was once captain of the University of Southern California's fencing team, a student approached Del Chrol and asked him to be the adviser for Marshall University's fencing club. Del Chrol, the program director for Classics at MU, said he enjoys fencing because anyone can do it.

"One thing I really love about the sport, unlike other sports, there are advantages and disadvantages to body types," Del Chrol said. "For basketball, it helps if you're taller, but with fencing, you can adapt your style to your body type. Anyone is able to fence, we don't have wheelchair fencing, but it's a thing."

Del Chrol has been teaching fencing at Marshall for the past six years and said he has been fencing for the past 10. When Chrol was attending the

University of Southern California, he had joined their fencing club and said he eventually became the captain of the saber fencing team.

Some members of the group, including Izzy Bennett, said they joined thinking the club would be like what they saw in movies.

"I saw a flyer for fencing club and thought it would be like Pirates of the Caribbean, and that's exactly what it's like," Bennett said.

Scott Cooper, a senior digital forensics major and fencing club president, and Elijah Vela, a forensics masters student, both said they joined the fencing club more than a year ago after attending Rec Fest and meeting the fencing team at the booth. Cooper said he enjoyed fencing so much that he found a club back home in Dayton, Ohio to keep in shape over the summer.

Vela said he enjoys fencing

because he can get out stress. "It's a great stress reliever," Vela said. "I have a bunch of schoolwork, and I can come here and I have to be focused on my opponent and on my target and it helps keep my mind off things."

The fencing club has not yet attended any competitions, but Del Chrol said they are hoping to compete in the future. Later this semester, the club will be making a trip to Lexington, Kentucky to learn from the former coach of the Egyptian fencing team and two American Olympic fencers.

The club meets on Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Rec for anyone interest, and club members who have a month of experience can attend Tuesday meetings that are more advanced sessions, Del Chrol said.

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# Dear Student Athlete...

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**  
ONLINE EDITOR

Recently, my 6-year-old Ben and I attended our first Marshall basketball game. Well actually, it was our first basketball game ever.

My son had the time of his life. He met his favorite player and decided that he wants to pursue basketball.

My son who hates crowds, unknown situations and chaos was standing on the sidelines watching the team practice. He yelled, more like boo-ed, with the crowd at bad calls and screamed out of excitement when the team scored.

After the game, the team pulled out tables and signed autograph after autograph on free posters. These players who just played an intense game into overtime were making sure to meet their fans.

And Ben loved it. He was running around meeting and talking with players. And while he still mostly hid from the camera, he had to have a picture with Jansson Williams because he is a diehard fan of #3. Jansson picked him up over the table, let him sit with the team and taught him the Herd hand symbol.

And I will never forget the trip home when my son who hates crowds, unknown situations and chaos excitedly said, "Mommy, this was the best day ever! I can't believe Jansson picked me up over the table! Can we please go to every single game forever? Can I play

basketball for Marshall one day?"

So, dear student athlete,  
I will never say that you have it easy.

I will never pretend to know how much you are balancing on your plate.

I know that at times you may not know how you are going to make it to the next day and it may seem like you're just a money maker or entertainment and nothing else.

But please remember that you are so much more.

You are making an impact on so many lives.

You are making people's nights by getting to watch you play.

You are showing people that dreams can come true.

You are showing people that hard work pays off.

You are inspiring kids to start new things.

You are giving kids memories of a lifetime and encouraging them to dream simply by working hard and signing your name over and over after playing your heart out.

You are a role model.

So, when it gets tough because you feel like you are just a student athlete and you want to quit, remember you are so much more than just a student athlete and the world is thankful for what you do.

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# Athlete of the Week: Aly Harrell, Softball



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**ABOUT ALY HARRELL:**

Position: First Base  
Class: Junior  
Height: 5'7  
Hometown: Gahanna, OH



**RESULTS OVER THE LAST WEEK:**

- One home run, three RBI, two runs, four putouts vs. Lipscomb (14-6, L)
- One hit, two putouts vs. Chattanooga (10-8, L)
- One home run, four RBI, one double, two hits, one run, seven putouts vs. Ohio (6-5, W)
- Four hits, one homerun, one double, one run, three putouts vs. Tennessee Tech (6-1, W)
- Two hits, one run, three putouts vs. Indiana State (9-1, W)

After her dominating performance over the five-game, three-day Chattanooga Challenge, junior Marshall University softball player Aly Harrell has earned athlete of the week. Harrell also earned Conference USA Player of the Week for her strong batting and fielding effort.

With a .714 batting average and slugging percentage of 1.500, Harrell had 10 hits, 11 runs batted in, two doubles and three home runs over the course of the five games. On the season, she has 13 hits and 12 RBI while also batting .650, all of which lead the team.

Contributing to her .778 on base percentage, she was walked three times and was hit by a pitch once, getting on base four extra times.

Defensively, from her first base position, Harrell had a perfect fielding percentage on 23 chances. 19 of those chances were putouts while the other four were assists.

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Ben Hively posed with Herd men's basketball player Jansson Williams after a basketball game at the Cam Henderson Center.

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## EDITORIAL

## Take the census seriously



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In this June 2019 photo, demonstrators gather at the Supreme Court on Capitol Hill as justices finish the term with key decisions on gerrymandering and a census case involving the Trump administration's attempt to ask about citizenship status in the 2020 census.

With Census Day just over a month away, the people of West Virginia must understand and acknowledge the direct influence the data recorded on April 1 will have on their state, their political power and ultimately their every-day lives for the foreseeable future.

As highlighted last year in a National Public Radio article, "The census is required by the Constitution, which has called for an 'actual enumeration' once a decade since 1790. The 2020 population numbers will shape how political power and federal tax dollars are shared in the U.S over the next 10 years."

When the Census Bureau conducts a counting of the number of people living in each state, as it does for each decennial census, the collected data is used to determine how many delegates from each state will sit in the House of Representatives throughout the decade. But the real-world impacts of the census are even more expansive.

As stated on the Census Bureau's website, "Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors. Your community benefits the most when the census counts everyone. When you respond to the census, you help your community get its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs."

Currently, the people of West Virginia and their government yield a relatively miniscule portion of the nation's collective political power, capital and influence, leaving many of the state's residents feeling hopeless and almost entirely abandoned

and ignored by mainstream politics.

If official estimations are to be used as accurate and reliable indicators, the largely poor and working-class people of the Mountain State likely will not experience a radical shift in this dynamic in 2020—at least, not because of the updated census data.

Realistically, the data experts are expecting from West Virginia for the 2020 census will mostly be used by absurdly wealthy politicians and other government officials (who never have and never will step foot in a struggling, poverty-plagued Appalachian community) to justify further slashes to the region's already-ruinous social safety net.

In a state home to America's unprecedented epidemic of despair and addiction, already more reliant upon federal money than any other in the nation, where over half of all students qualify for free meal programs, around 75% of hospital patients are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or PEIA and more than 25% of children live in poverty, any such cuts—as opposed to improvements—will be dire and will only lead to even more senseless death.

Due to the loss or relocation of 12,000 residents since last year, leaving the state's population at about 1.78 million, West Virginia will almost certainly lose one of its three remaining congressional seats for the new decade. Steady declines in population combined with increases in population in other states have seen West Virginia's allowed representatives in the House decrease from six in the 1950s to—foreseeably—just two in 2020.

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# COLUMN: Why Andrew Yang has changed politics for the next decade

By TYLER SPENCE  
CONTRIBUTOR

By all stretch of the imagination, Andrew Yang was a longer than long shot when he announced his candidacy for President in November of 2017. His campaign started in complete anonymity, with a team lacking anyone with political experience, and his campaign headquarters being his mother's apartment in New York City. Despite these challenges, Yang's campaign will have a dramatic impact on American politics for years to come.

I first heard of Andrew Yang in late 2018, scrolling through a list of all Presidential candidates running, with a very brief description. Yang's bio mentioned his signature proposal of what he calls a Freedom Dividend, a form of Universal Basic Income, giving every American adult \$1,000 a month from age 18. Initially, I scoffed at the idea and considered it to be a gimmick until like most of his supporters, I heard him speak.

I heard Yang speak shortly after his appearance on the Joe Rogan Experience, with his interview on The Breakfast



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In this February 2020 photo, Democratic presidential candidate entrepreneur Andrew Yang speaks during a Democratic presidential primary debate at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.

Club. These interviews took the internet by storm and launched Yang from a fringe candidate to the mainstream.

Yang's website had an arsenal of over 160 policy proposals, with what seemed to be a chapter of his book explaining each of them. Of all the candidates

running for President in 2020, no one had nearly as much substance as Andrew Yang did, and policy ideas that were unique across both parties.

No matter what question you would ask him, he could answer. His answers seemed genuine and unrehearsed compared to

many others on the debate stage, who would often answer with throwaway punch lines to seem human, instead of a machine masquerading as one.

Yang was the only Democrat to poll above 10% among Republicans, and as high as 18% with Republicans ages 18-24. Yang didn't do that being a "moderate", he did that by having unique ideas and presenting them openly, casting a vision for what a 21st century America could look like. Many of his supporters were first-time voters and were previously disinterested in the American political process before, but the Yang campaign struck a chord.

Yang wasn't running an anti-Trump campaign, he was running a campaign to combat the issues that encouraged 62 million Americans to vote for someone like Donald Trump, who he considers to be a symptom of much larger problems the country is facing. A line I often heard his supporters say on Twitter was "If Andrew Yang can unite a YouTube comment section, he can unite the country."

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## A MOMENT WITH MEG: You determine success

**This week's submission:** "Trying to decide if I want to go to graduate school. I stay awake every night trying to figure it out."

Hey friend. I am sure you are one of hundreds on our campus that tussle with this conflict. I think it is entirely normal and healthy. It certainly seems to me to be positive that you are concerned about your future and considering ways to progress. Good for you for being self-aware enough to consider the pros and cons of this decision based on your own individual factors.

With that being said, maybe it could benefit you to think differently about the situation. If you pause or stop or education after completing your undergraduate degree will you be able to achieve your career/life goals with that level of

education? Ultimately, that is the question it boils down to. If you were to continue your education toward a graduate degree would it benefit you in the capacity you need? This question is one that is only fair to be answered based on your own needs and wants. While discussing your options with someone you trust could benefit your cause, I don't think the decision should be swayed by someone else's perspective. Collect insight, but make your life decisions for yourself, even if it takes time. You are in charge of your future and what ever decision you choose is going to be the best for your life as long as you are the one to choose it.

For my first two years at Marshall I studied in a degree that I absolutely hated and found no place for myself in. My family pushed for me to

pursue a degree in the medical field because it would forever guarantee a prosperous future financially. But finally, after drowning in my science courses for four and a half semesters, I realized I was allowing others to decide my future. I changed my major to Public Relations and began to find my fire in journalism. My passion for writing never would have been discovered and my career would not have begun to blossom had I not taken the liberty of choosing myself over expectations. Whether or not you decide to attend graduate school is YOUR decision but know that it does not determine your success or happiness, you do.

-Meg

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## Parthe-Pet



This is Gabbie. She is a sugar glider and comes to campus when the weather is warm. She really loves her friends in SGA. She likes to be in her pouch and loves to be fed grapes. She can't wait to come back to campus when the weather gets warm again this spring!

**Interested in featuring your pet in the paper? Use #ParthePet on social media or contact harding26@marshall.edu with photos and a short bio.**

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As reported earlier this month by the Metro News, "In 1960, the state had one elected federal representative—counting senators and congressmen—for every 250,000 residents. By 2022, there will be one representative for every 445,000 people."

Considering the likely implications and consequences of a miscount of residents in rural areas, West Virginians should be responsible and proactive in ensuring each friend, cousin, family member and neighbor in each holler across the state be contacted and accurately accounted for.

The incompetency and unaccountability of the state government, the corrupt, broken state of American politics, highlighted by President Trump's proposed social safety net slashes of around \$300 billion,

and the potential ramifications of an undercount or any other mistakes combine to create a cocktail too dangerous to simply sit down and shut up and hope for the best.

West Virginians must make themselves seen and heard by their government and demand the representation they—and all people everywhere—deserve.

Census Bureau officials are hiring temporary employees across the state—most recently through three regional job fairs in Huntington, Charleston and Morgantown—to help with the 2020 count.

Pay ranges from \$13.50 an hour to \$24 an hour depending on position. More information about potential job openings to help with the 2020 census can be found online at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>.

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Looking back at his campaign, it has completely shifted the Overton window for Universal Basic Income in the United States, along with the issues concerning many Americans about the fourth industrial revolution that other candidates are now forced to have an answer for. Although Yang's run for President in

2020 is over, this will certainly not be the last we will hear from Andrew Yang.

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Angel is an editor and a contributor to the project, and she said it helped develop one of her own goals as an instructor.

She said her goal is to invite students to discover the ways that history is relevant to their own lives. Her work has explored the uses of race and gender in developing

U.S. interactions with the world.

Angel said her other interests include liberal art talents such as theater and has a dissertation called, "Hot Bodies, Cold War: Dancing America in Person and Performance." This piece analyzed Cold War dance diplomacy tours.

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No play over the weekend was as big as her grand slam against Tennessee Tech in the bottom of the sixth inning that extended the Marshall lead to 6-1. In that game, she went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate.

However, her incredible week began prior to her performance against Tennessee Tech when the team took on Lipscomb. Although Marshall came up short of victory, she recorded her first home run of the weekend to go along with three RBI.

In the second game versus Chattanooga, she was much quieter, but she still added

a hit to her overall weekend statistics.

The next game against Ohio was when her weekend really began to skyrocket. She hit a solo home run in the first inning, and in the bottom of the sixth, she hit an RBI double to give Marshall a 6-5 lead.

In the top of the seventh, she got the final putout of the game to give Marshall the victory. Over the next two games against Tennessee Tech and Indiana State, she compiled six hits and two runs.

**HOUSE cont. from 3**

... be charged with investigating violations of the bill of rights.

Del. Daryl Cowles, a Morgan County Republican, said it's good to put such rights in state code.

"There's a level of support needed for foster children in this state and this goes a long way

to saying we want to support those things," he said.

Records show more than 7,000 children in the state's foster care system as of January, a nearly 70% increase from 2015. Officials have blamed the national opioid crisis for the increase.

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# MUSIC Alive series invites students, local community to experience music performances

By **EMILY HAYSLETT**  
THE PARTHENON

The MUSIC Alive concert series, featuring different guest artists and university faculty, has been playing music in the Huntington community for 14 years.

"MUSIC Alive: Guest Artist and Faculty Collaboration

**"Students seeing professors play in concert is very important; it is an opportunity for them to see if what we are teaching works."**

- Elizabeth Reed Smith

Concert Series was initiated 14 years ago, as an ongoing university chamber series, but I wanted to expand that," Şölen Dikener, director of the concert series, said. "I contacted local organizations and First Presbyterian Church was very interested. They said they would co-fund the program."

During the first years there were only five or six programs, but after a few years Dikener said it was decided to expand to ten concerts a year to have one a month for the academic calendar.

The concerts were only performed at Marshall University and First Presbyterian Church until four years ago when Dikener said she reached out to Woodlands Retirement Community to play for their residents.

February's performance, which took place this past Wednesday and Thursday, featured a program "Strings Attached" and was played by Dikener on the cello, Elizabeth Reed Smith on the violin and Júlio Alves, who is also a professor of music at Marshall, on guitar.

"Students seeing professors play in concert is very important; it is an opportunity for them to see if what we are teaching works," said Smith, a professor in the School of Music.

The three are a part of the series as regular performers, but Dikener is also in charge of planning the 10 concerts with a variety of different artists, some from out of state and even international guest.

Smith said her favorite part of the series is the diversity in the in the music.

"I like that it pushes me to perform pieces that I wouldn't normally play," Smith said.

Dikener said she thinks it is very important for the students to see performers in concert.

"It's essential for us in the music department, at least for our music students. We love to have them there to be a part of this series," Dikener said. "That's part of the reason that some of the programs throughout the year are repeated on campus so that our students have the opportunity to come and listen."

The next program, "From Wien to Berlin," will take place on Thursday, March 12 with two shows, one at First Presbyterian Church at 12 p.m. and one in the Smith Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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# "The Laramie Project" unites School of Theatre to teach community about compassion

By **EMILY HAYSLETT**  
THE PARTHENON

Every discipline in Marshall University's School of Theatre comes together to create their productions, with the latest being "The Laramie Project," opening this week.

"The Laramie Project," a play which debuted in 2000 and was written by Moisés Kaufman, is about the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a homosexual man who attended the University of Wyoming. The play centers around the reaction of the community of Laramie, Wyoming to Shepard's death.

"The Laramie Project" will be showing at 7:30 p.m. from Tuesday, Feb. 18-22 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, as well as a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Feb. 22.

Fulton Burns, the director of Marshall's production of "The Laramie Project," said the individuals that most audience members take into account during a production are the actors on stage, but behind the scenes the talents of others are constantly coming together. Burns said each production takes multiple people to ensure the lighting, costumes and props are correct on stage, while others work on advertising the production.

"It genuinely takes a village to make a production like this go on," Burns said. "If you look and see 10 people on stage, there is more than likely at least seven to eight additional people for every one person on stage, each making sure that the show runs smoothly."

Burns said he was working with Kaufman at the time in which the playwright was conducting interviews and research for "The Laramie Project" back in 1999. Burns said the additional information he received from Kaufman has helped him while directing this production.

"Ultimately, it's a play about compassion," Burns said. "Where we have it, where we need it and where it's gained."

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- Fulton Burns



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"The Laramie Project" will be showing at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18-22 with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Feb. 22.

Rehearsals for the show started before Christmas with read-throughs and have been running for more than five weeks. When choosing the 10 onstage performers, Burns said it was not only important that actors could portray the thematic elements in "The Laramie Project," but also understand the social and political importance of the subject matter.

"The events that happened in Laramie were real, but what we are presenting is not real," Burns said. "However, we still have to respect the ideas and perspective that were

given by these real human beings."

Tickets can be purchased at the Joan C. Edwards box office from noon to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Full-time and part-time students' tickets are free. Tickets for adults are \$21.40, for children they are \$7.00 and for those 60 years of age or older they are \$16.05. More ticket information can be found at the box office.

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