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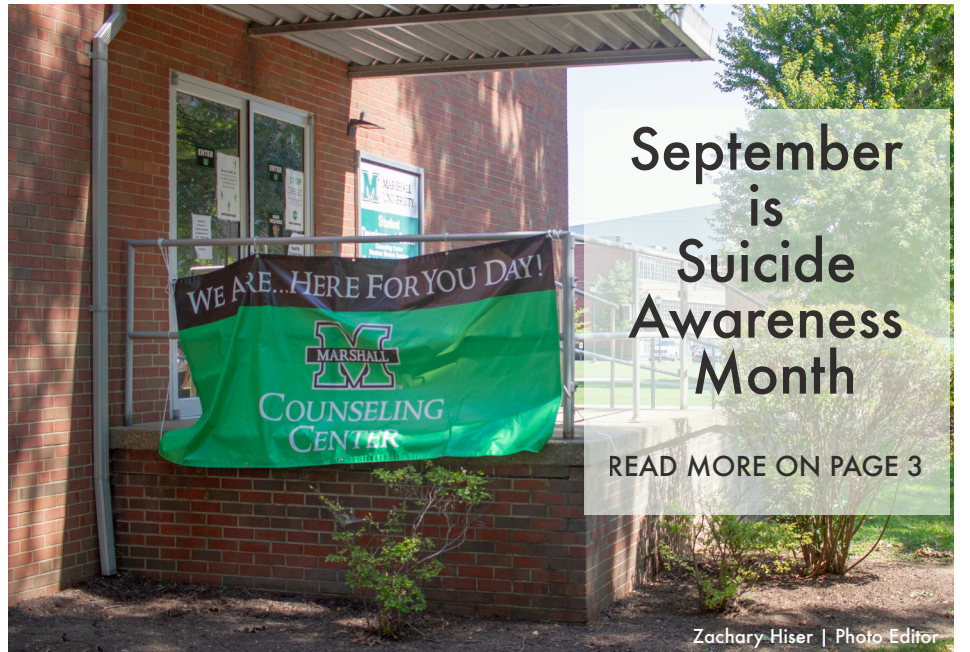
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New phase of coronavirus testing underway

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Beginning this week, Marshall University will test about 60 randomly selected students, staff and faculty members for coronavirus each weekday until Nov. 20, per information released by the university over the weekend.

“This phase—referred to as sentinel surveillance testing—means the university will be continually testing randomized cross sections of cohorts from across the campus community, including those who may have no symptoms,” Friday’s press release states. “The goal is to help detect potentially infected individuals and to keep them from infecting others.”

Individuals who are randomly selected for testing will be notified via e-mail and required to stop by the tent on the Memorial Student Center Plaza at a specific time between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The press release states that the 60 tests to be conducted each day will be an addition to the testing protocols being carried out for university football players and staff, who are being tested multiple times each week, per Conference USA requirements.

According to the release, the number of tests being conducted each day has been determined in accordance with the capacity of the lab processing the tests and with intent to maintain a

quick turnaround time for results.

The university will post online the number of tests conducted and the number of positive results just once each week, “usually on Mondays.”

As of this Tuesday, data posted on the university’s coronavirus webpage indicate results of the testing period from Aug. 30- Sept. 5, before the start of the new phase of testing.

Per this data, 100 Marshall students currently are in quarantine—or “isolation”—off campus, and 16 students are being quarantined on campus. Nine employees reportedly are quarantining off campus as well.

The data show that 11 new student cases and 2 new employee cases were confirmed between the testing period of Aug. 30- Sept. 5.

According to the university press release, coronavirus tests taken on campus moving forward will be processed with results expected to be available within 24-48 hours after testing, an improvement on the turnaround time of tests previously conducted on campus.

It is possible that walk-up testing for individuals on campus may be limited on some days moving forward as a result of the newly-implemented random testing plan.

It is possible some students may be randomly selected for testing more than once in the future. Students selected for



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Marshall student Sheridan Thompson receives a coronavirus test on campus Tuesday.

random testing need to bring their Marshall ID to the testing site on the day their test will be conducted. All testing will be conducted free of charge to selected students, staff and faculty members.

When a student or staff member tests positive for the virus, the university’s trained contact tracers will immediately seek to contact the individual to begin the process of isolation and to get in touch with anyone who the individual may recently have been in contact with.

According to the press release, the university’s management plans and operating procedures were developed through cooperation between Marshall’s Office of Environmental Health and Safety and the Cabell-Huntington Health Department.

For more information regarding the coronavirus pandemic as relates to Marshall University, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/>.

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Office of Career Education prepares students for future work

By **JONATHAN STILL**
REPORTER

The Office of Career Education is located across from Harless Diner and is where students can go to seek help on how to prepare their skills for their future careers.

Cristina McDavid is the Director of the Office of Career Education. She said the mission of the office is to educate students as they explore their career options and further develop themselves.

“There is a lot of variety in the career education field,” McDavid said in an e-mail. “And being able to handle that variety, most times all in the same day, is an important aspect of this field.”

McDavid said the office offers experiences for career exploration through job shadowing, informational interviews, and employer panels.

“Other days you may be assisting or presenting



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to students about career development,” McDavid said in an e-mail. “Which can include building a resume, networking skills, or building a social media presence on LinkedIn and Handshake.”

McDavid said the thing she loves the most about her job is working with the students that seek help in job hunting.

Jennifer Brown is the Assistant Director for Student Engagement and Marketing at the office. She said some other important aspects of the job is helping students network with employers to find internships and to be action-oriented.

“Recognize, value, and encourage a range of career exploration to get firsthand experience to confirm their major is the right fit or to start the process of exploring new options,” Brown said in an e-mail...

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September is Suicide Prevention Month

By **JONATHAN STILL**
REPORTER

September is known as the month of suicide prevention, and the Counseling Center is preparing several events to help spread awareness for the issue.

The Counseling Center and MU-SPEAC will be giving suicide prevention information at the MSC Plaza next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There will also be a movie named "The S Word" playing every evening next week.

Candace Layne, the director of the Counseling Center, said it is very important to learn about the topic of suicide to help reduce the stigma of mental illness.

"Suicide is a serious topic and it's important to provide education and prevention for suicide," Layne said in an e-mail.

Layne said there are a few things that others can do to learn and spread awareness about suicide prevention around the community.

"Learn and watch negative language about mental health," Layne said in an e-mail. "Offer training and mental health resources at your church, organization, school, etc."

Paula Rymer, a mental health specialist and instructor at Marshall University, said people shouldn't be afraid to talk about depression, stress disorders, or mental health issues in general.

"We should be as comfortable as talking about a headache," Rymer said in an e-mail. "Stigma is a big problem when it comes to mental health."

QPR Suicide Prevention training will be given virtually through Microsoft Teams on September 9th from 1 to 2 PM. To register for this event, potential participants should e-mail the Counseling Center and their e-mail address can be found on their page on the Marshall website.

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Athletic Department limits band attendance for football

By **XENA BUNTON**
REPORTER

Just 32 Marching Thunder members out of 160, a fifth of the band, were allowed to attend the football game Saturday in uniform.

According to the athletic department, in addition to the reduction of band members, the department also has to strictly limit the number of people on the sidelines, skyboxes, media attendance and the fans overall. These limits were set in consultation with Marshall Health experts as well as state and county public health officials.

"It is important to understand that the footprint set aside for the band has not changed from previous seasons," Leah Payne, communications director, said. "But because

of the need to spread band members out and provide distance from other spectators, there simply cannot be as many people in that space".

The news spread fast through a public Facebook post of Julie Carper, assistant band director at Cabell Midland High School, that had more than 200 shares in less than 24 hours. The post explained the department's decision and provided the contact information of Marshall president, Jerome Gilbert, and Jaime Taylor, Marshall senior vice president of academic affairs, to allow the community to express opinions regarding the decision.

Carper attended Marshall and has had football tickets on the 50-yard line for the

past 25 years.

"I just really appreciate the Marching Thunder for their commitment," Carper said. "This year has really been a rollercoaster".

Carper said she is surprised to see how everyone has responded to the post and how much the community appreciates the band.

The Marching Thunder director, Christopher Schletter, said he wants to stay open-minded to provide ways for his students to engage in a safe and healthy environment.

"I was a little disappointed, but we are currently living in a severely abnormal time," Schletter said. "The band is taking it one game at a time".

The band rehearsals will be adjusted to fit the first game requirements, but all members

will be involved in the rest of the rehearsals.

Due to the member limit, a Marching Thunder senior won't be able to perform the first football game of their last season.

"Personally, this decision hurts me because I have worked for four years to reach one of the top leadership spots in the band," Patrick Carte, Marching Thunder drum major, said. "I have been through three prior seasons and have put in a countless amount of blood, sweat, and tears into my performances to hype up the entire fan base for the football games".

Carte said this pandemic will not last forever; however, the decisions made today will have a lifetime impact.

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W.Va. women make Democratic Party history

By **DOUGLAS HARDING** and **SEQUOIA WARE**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR AND REPORTER

For the first time in the state's history, each of the Democratic Party's nominees for U.S. Congress from West Virginia are women.

"West Virginia is showing the nation once again that change is necessary," said Natalie Cline, the Democratic nominee in District 1. "We have chosen women who truly represent the people of this state. I am beyond proud to be one of the women on this historic ticket."

The Congressional campaigns of Cline, Cathy Kunkel in District 2, Hilary Turner in District 3 and Paula Jean Swearengin's bid for U.S. Senate all are part of a broader slate of dozens of campaigns which advanced through the June primaries operating under the grass-roots-led West Virginia Can't Wait movement and its progressive, pro-labor platform.

If Cline, Kunkel, Turner and Swearengin are elected in November, their victories would more than double the number of women ever to represent West Virginia in Washington D.C.

The only women ever elected to Congress from West Virginia are Elizabeth Kee, a Democrat elected in 1951 and the state's first congresswoman; sitting Republican Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, the first woman from West



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Natalie Cline, Cathy Kunkel, Hilary Turner and Paula Jean Swearengin

Virginia elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014 and now who now faces a challenge from Swearengin in the general; and sitting Republican Rep. Carol Miller, who is being challenged by Turner.

In the general, Kunkel will be up against five-year incumbent Republican Rep. Alex Mooney. Cline is running against incumbent Republican Rep. David McKinley.

Kunkel said she, Cline, Turner and Swearengin are running progressive campaigns committed to justice on the issues most impactful to women. She said women in West Virginia are more severely impacted by such issues than women in many other states.

A 2018 study by U.S. News and World Report ranks West Virginia the third worst state

in the country for access to quality healthcare and seventh for education.

"All of us are fighting for justice on issues that too often disproportionately impact women—issues like affordable childcare, quality public education and...

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Sorority recruitment goes virtual

By **ABBY HANLON**
REPORTER

Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment is going to look different this year than previous years. They have adapted their recruitment system and events to be socially distanced, while still giving potential new members. Recruitment will be September 17-20. The nights will be the same as every other year with Sisterhood Night first, then Philanthropy, then Preference, and ending with Bid Day on Sunday. All recruitment rounds will be held virtually with the exception of Bid Day.

"Bid Day will still be part in person so that the girls coming in can experience at least part of the normal experience," said Faith Wright, vice president of Recruitment for the Panhellenic Council. Wright planned this past Spring Recruitment and is working to make sure everyone gets the most out of this formal Fall Recruitment, despite the different circumstances.

"The PNMs are going to be affected by this change the most. They are not going to be able to truly meet the women who they will possibly call their sisters," said Wright, "Zoom is the closest face to face experience that they are going to be able to experience, which may make it hard to make connections and have good conversations."

PNM's have already had the opportunity to attend Sorority

101, which was an introductory Zoom meeting August 26 to learn more about Marshall's Panhellenic Community and how recruitment would be ran this semester. Sorority 102 will be held over Zoom again September 9 at 8 p.m.

Social media has played a big part this summer and semester in reaching PNM's and allowing them to connect with Marshall's four sororities, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Delta Zeta, Alpha Xi Delta, and Alpha Chi Omega.

"Since we are not able to host events and recruit in person, social media is the main form of communication between PHC and PNMs," said Wright.

Paige Reger, vice president of public relations for PHC, has been utilizing the PHC social media pages to communicate and update PNM's as well as answering any general recruitment questions through private messages.

"I've seen a spike in the individual chapters posting, which is great for PHC and recruitment," said Reger, "Social media has always been used in recruitment, but due to the pandemic the posts are much more frequent and a lot of the chapters try to use this for PNMs to get to know the girls as well as the chapter in general."

Many of the sororities have taken to social media to post about their philanthropies, "meet their members"

with Instagram story flyers, and members taking over the social media for a day to answer PNM's questions and to get to know them.

Currently, 71 women are signed up for recruitment.

"Compared to last year around this time we are about the same in the number of women signed up," said Wright, "This is surprising since we haven't been able to have traditional recruitment."

Although this has been a time of change and adapting for Marshall's Panhellenic Community, Wright is optimistic that this will be positive for the future of sorority recruitment.

"I know we all don't like for things to change but going through this we are going to be more open to change and be better at recruiting for our chapters," Wright said.

Wright's advice to women going through recruitment this semester is to stay open minded and to be yourself.

"The best way to find your home is to be yourself and trust the process. I know it can be hard to put faith into a process that may seem so complicated but trust me when I say it works," said Wright.

The recruitment link can be found on Herdlink or in the bio of the PHC Instagram @Marshall_PHC.

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Intramural sports underway for fall semester

By **ALEX JACKSON**
REPORTER

Marshall University is hosting intramural sports during the fall semester.

Jonathan Sanders, coordinator of competitive sports and camps, talked about what these sports are going to look like, and what precautions the university is taking.

“For each intramural event we are offering, we submit a full safety execution plan, which has to be approved by several parties from the university and the Health Department,” Sanders said. “There are specific trainings and procedures we have in place for COVID in order to ensure everyone’s safety.”

All participants and staff, including officials, will be required to wear masks, as well as complete the university-wide health checks before participating. An increased number of sports will also take place outside to better execute appropriate social distancing. The Intramurals have also limited the number of participants to ensure the gatherings stay under 25 people.

The intramurals are broken down into two categories: tournaments and leagues. Tournaments are designed for quick completion to generate buzz during the first few weeks of the semester.

Leagues run for several weeks and culminate in their own tournaments at the end of the leagues schedule.

Sanders said another precaution is the purchasing of more equipment to ensure each team and game has an individual set. Once the night is over, each set will be sent for thorough sanitation.

In order to comply with West Virginia coronavirus safety guidelines, some sports had to be completely excluded from the intramural leagues fall schedule.

“Unfortunately, basketball is a sport that is just too unsafe to run during the fall semester,” Sanders said. “It is too many people in a confined area with multiple players, staff and substitutes. You get very close to exceeding the gathering limit with one game.”

Even with the adjustments, intramurals aim to restore the competitive spirit in Marshall University students.

“Getting out, doing so safely, but still having a little bit of competition will hopefully bring back a little bit of normalcy to people’s college experience,” Sanders said.

Marshall University students can sign up for the first set of intramural league sports until Sept. 10th. For the full list of intramural sports and schedule, students can refer to the informational flyer listed on Marshall’s Campus Recreation



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Marshall students play soccer on the recreation field.

website. All intramural leagues are free of charge excluding a golf tournament that will run in October.

To complete registration, students can reach out to recsports@marshall.edu

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Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center lights up for RESTART

By **XENA BUNTON**
REPORTER

The Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center was illuminated in red last week to support the entertainment industry and spread information about the RESTART Act.

The red lights symbolize the entertainment industry and the thousands of events that began to shut down starting in March due to the pandemic.

On Sept. 1, thousands of buildings, venues and spaces turned on their red lights across North America.

According to the national movement, We Make Events, the live events industry has an economic impact of over \$1 trillion as they reach over 12 million people annually to the United States, but 96% of entertainment companies have cut staff in the past year. The movement is also asking for a continuous extension of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, which provides additional funding to those currently out of work.

Marshall’s School of Theatre was also affected by the pandemic as the production of *Sense and Sensibility* was cancelled in March and moved to October.

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“Watching our industry shut down as quickly as it did during this pandemic was the most terrifying thing I have experienced,”

—*Ally Fletcher*

Ally Fletcher, a senior theater major, said she hopes that the School of Theatre and Dance gets to continue with the production and the upcoming radio shows this school year.

Howard Lang Reynolds, school of theatre director, said it is important for Marshall University to participate in this national movement.

“I was enormously concerned about our kids,” Reynolds said. “This movement helps a group of people who

do not have a collective voice.”

Marshall theater students are doing their part in social distancing in hopes of normality in the theater.

“Watching our industry shut down as quickly as it did during this pandemic was the most terrifying thing I have experienced,” Fletcher said. “What makes it even scarier is the fact that we do not know if we will be able to come back from this.”

Reynolds said the directors are having some interesting times during rehearsal.

“When you are acting on stage you have to maintain a distance that changes the whole dynamic, but the problems are not always physical,” Reynolds said. “The students are going to miss the idea of an audience for a semester or possibly the entire school year”.

See more about We Make Events efforts to pass the S.3814 – RESTART Act for small businesses at www.wemakeevents.org.

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Herd faces early bye-week prepares for Appalachian State

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SPORTS EDITOR

Following its season home opening win against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels, the Marshall University football team is preparing for its next opponent, Appalachian State.

However, the Herd will have an extra week to prepare as it faces an early bye-week during the second week of the season.

Redshirt senior offensive lineman Cain Madden said that having an early bye-week is new for the team.

It's definitely new for us," Madden said. "Playing a game and going straight into a bye-week. It's good momentum for us. We have time to study film and it will be good for us."

The Herd was scheduled to play East Carolina University this upcoming Saturday, Sept. 12, but due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the game has been postponed due to further notice. Marshall is supposed to travel to Greenville, North

Carolina, but cases continue to rise at the university and throughout the state.

Marshall sophomore linebacker Eli Neal said that the team is focused on themselves and are getting prepared for the next game.

"We don't really talk about other teams; we really just focus on ourselves," Neal said. "We're going full steam ahead."

Appalachian State will be playing its first game of the 2020 season against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC), a fellow member of Conference USA Saturday, Sept. 12.

The matchup between the Herd and the Mountaineers is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19 at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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Redshirt freshman quarterback Grant Wells focused on making a play against the Colonels.

Wells awarded C-USA Offensive Player of the Week

By **TAYLOR HUDDLESTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

Following the Marshall University Thundering Herd's 59-0 performance against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels in week one of the 2020 season, redshirt freshman quarterback Grant Wells was named Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week.

In his first collegiate start for the Herd, Wells completed 16-for-23 passing for 307 yards and four touchdowns. He set a new Marshall record for

those passing yards for a Herd quarterback in his debut. This action was performed in just two and a half quarters.

Wells also had six carries and rushed for 30 yards. He helped lead the Thundering Herd offense produce 627 total yards, 34 first downs and did not punt during the entire game.

Wells and the rest of the Herd football team will now prepare for its matchup against Appalachian State,

which is slated for Saturday, Sept. 19 at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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SPORTS COLUMN

LEARNING FROM EKU

By **GRANT GOODRICH**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Because it was a romp over an FCS opponent, Marshall's 59-0 victory over Eastern Kentucky Saturday will receive an understandably tepid and cautious response from many people.

However, the talent disparity on the field does not mean that the game did not present instances where fans, coaches and members of the media could learn about the Thundering Herd football team.

Offensively, it starts with Grant Wells. One way to look

at his performance is to state that Isaiah Green threw for four touchdowns last season in the opener against VMI, so Wells' performance may not be indicative of what is to come?

But I look at it a different way. If you evaluate the throws Wells made in the game and compare them to Green's against VMI, or even back in 2017 against Miami (OH), Wells was more efficient, accurate and explosive.

He made tight window throws. He made deep throws,

short throws and everything in between. Moreover, his ball placement was perfect on most of his throws. He had seven incompletions, but he did not have any errant passes.

His two deep post completions to Jaron Woodyard and Talik Keaton were in stride and placed over the shoulder. With that placement, it would not have mattered who the corner was because he would not have had a chance to break up the pass.

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Athlete of the Week

Grant Wells, football



PHOTO BY RICHARD CRANK

ABOUT GRANT WELLS:

Position: Quarterback

Class: Redshirt Freshman

Height: 6'2

Weight: 210

Hometown: Charleston, W.Va.
(George Washington HS)

PERFORMANCE:

16-23, 307 yards, 4 TDs

239.1 Passer Rating

In one of the greatest debuts for a Marshall quarterback in the school's history, redshirt freshman Grant Wells led Marshall to a 59-0 victory over Eastern Kentucky University behind four first half touchdown tosses.

Scoring a touchdown on the first four drives, Wells quickly helped put the Herd up by four TDs. Three of those four TD drives were capped off by a Wells TD pass, each time to a different receiver.

His first career TD pass came on the game's opening drive, a 22-yard strike to tight end Xavier Gaines on a post route. The ball was placed perfectly toward the middle of the field where only Gaines could make a play on the ball.

Two drives later, throwing off his back foot, he hit slot receiver Talik Keaton on a corner route for a 21-yard TD. The crashing field corner in zone coverage was breaking fast to the ball, but he was just able to beat him over the top.

At that point of the game, Wells had a perfect competition percentage. It would not be until his ninth attempt that he would have an incomple- tion, which was actually a drop rather than an erroneous throw.

Although he was no longer perfect, Wells still found the endzone for a third time on a two-yard TD pass to tight end Garrett Morrell on fourth and goal.

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EDITORIAL: We deserve better than this



DAVID JONES | STAR TRIBUNE VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this Friday, May 29, 2020 file photo, law enforcement officers stand in formation along Lake Street near Hiawatha Avenue as fires burned after a night of unrest and protests in the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

They say the stench of dying empires wrecks of desolation, death and despair.

In the face of a torn and tattered social fabric which has been ripped apart and exposed entirely throughout the coronavirus pandemic, young Americans are asking themselves, "How much more can we take?"

In a recent article published by The Intercept, award-winning journalist Glenn Greenwald explains: "... The current confluence of crises, each of historic significance in their own right — a global pandemic, an economic and social shutdown, mass unemployment, an enduring protest movement provoking increasing levels of violence and volatility, and a presidential election centrally focused on one of the most divisive political figures the U.S. has known who happens to be the incumbent president — are happening simultaneously, having exploded one on top of the other in a matter of a few months..."

Unsurprisingly, these compounding crises are taking a severe toll on the American people, and on young people, in every aspect of our lives—physically, mentally and spiritually.

This reality, while simple to surmise using common sense and anecdotal observation, also is reflected in scientific studies conducted by experts responsible for gauging such widespread sentiments.

A recent study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which utilizes data from an extensive mental health survey conducted in late June, reveals that more than 25% of Americans between the ages of 18-24 years have "seriously considered suicide" at least once in the past month.

The youth of America are in serious danger. We are struggling and desperate for drastic change. There is no

other way to interpret this data.

The CDC study also reveals that more than 40% of survey participants reported "at least one mental or behavioral health condition, including symptoms of anxiety disorder or depressive disorder (30.9%), symptoms of a trauma- and stressor-related disorder (TSRD) related to the pandemic (26.3%), and having started or increased substance use to cope with stress or emotions related to COVID-19 (13.3%)." Amongst 18-24-year-olds, about 63% reported they are struggling with depression or anxiety.

Given the reality of life in America in 2020, it is difficult to imagine many people being stunned by these statistics, but that does not make them any less alarming. Something must change. A lot must change.

While nuanced debates about specific policies and initiatives that may be implemented to combat the rising sense of despair amongst American youth are inevitable, many of the most impactful solutions seem obvious, especially upon examining the conditions which have made such widespread hopelessness seemingly inevitable.

In the U.S., the disease of student loan debt soon will surpass \$1.6 trillion. More than half of 18-29-year-olds, for the first time since the Great Depression, live at home with their parents, hopeless to participate in a dying economy which has rendered working-class Americans essentially powerless to promote their own interests. Tens of millions are facing impending eviction, homelessness and hunger, knowing no help is on the way from our elected officials in government. In the richest country in the history of the world, Census data show that nearly 20% of American parents cannot afford to feed their children as much...

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RADICAL PERSPECTIVE: Julian Assange is an American hero

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

What do you call someone who exposes the violent, international crimes of a military systemically murdering innocent civilians overseas as its government lies about those crimes to the civilians funding them via their tax dollars?

If you are an average, every-day human being, odds are you would describe such a person as a hero—one who knowingly risked his own wellbeing to uphold moral principles in the name of a Greater Good.

However, if you are an official of the United States government, perhaps you would instead describe WikiLeaks director Julian Assange as “a traitor” or “a foreign agent.”

About a decade ago, WikiLeaks and Assange published classified documents leaked by former U.S. Army soldier Chelsea Manning revealing objective evidence of war crimes committed by the American military on foreign soil, including the infamous “Collateral Murder” video which shows two U.S. Apache helicopters indiscriminately slaying dozens of innocent civilians and several Reuters journalists in Iraq.

Although the First Amendment clearly and explicitly protects the freedom of the press to publish information which may be considered pertinent to the public, both the Obama and Trump Administrations have tried exhaustively to prosecute both Assange and Manning for exposing the blatant cruelties of American imperialism.

Doing so would—unquestionably—create a dangerous precedent for journalists in the U.S. and around the world who are dedicated and passionate about holding powerful public officials accountable in the interest of the general public.

In 2011, The Washington Post explained, “A conviction (of Assange) would also cause collateral damage to American media freedoms. It is difficult to distinguish Assange or WikiLeaks from The Washington Post.”

If Assange, WikiLeaks and Manning are to continue being punished for their crimes, it is logically consistent that The Washington Post and The New York Times—and countless other major media outlets around the world—also may be punished simply for publishing massively important information that the government would rather keep secret. Publishing such information is the responsibility of noble journalists, and punishing or prosecuting anyone for doing so is, quite literally, criminalizing the act of doing journalism.

Democratic politicians in the U.S. often argue that Assange is a criminal because he allegedly colluded with Russia to leak Hillary Clinton’s e-mails leading up to the 2016 presidential elections, while Republicans often claim Assange endangered American lives by leaking classified documents. Crucially, there is no evidence to support either of these claims.

Assange published information that was leaked to him by a brave and noble whistleblower of the American military, just as journalists for The New York Times and The Washington Post did during the Afghanistan War via the Pentagon Papers and on various other occasions. This is what journalists do. If Assange is a criminal, so are countless other journalists around the world.

While the U.S. government, for years, has fought—and continues to fight—to torture and to wrongfully prosecute



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Demonstrators protest for Assange at Westminster Magistrates’ Court in London, U.K., Monday, June 29, 2020.

Assange and Manning, and to send a message to others who may intend to hold powerful officials accountable for their corruption, not a single American official has even been tried for the systemic, blatant war crimes Assange and Manning exposed. This is an international outrage.

All truth-tellers around the world ought to stand up and fight for both Assange and Manning to be freed from detention and from the fear of further wrongful prosecution by the American government. Telling the truth is not a crime. Journalism is not a crime.

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Op-Ed: Follow the science in W.Va. election process

By **MAC WARNER**

WEST VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF STATE

“Follow the science” refers to following facts, not hyperbole and hysteria. It is taking West Virginia elections from good to great.

Health and safety, absentee ballot applications, and timely results reporting became major focus areas during the Primary.

As for health and safety, West Virginia had the safest Primary in the nation. We had zero reported cases of COVID-19 as clerks, poll workers, and voters did a wonderful job following CDC guidelines, wearing protective gear, and practicing social distancing.

To absentee applications, West Virginia permitted everyone with COVID-19 concerns to vote absentee, and nearly half of all votes cast were by absentee. Our paper applications worked well, but clerks identified substantial issues and asked to improve the process for the General Election. Clerks cited increased workload, illegible handwriting, applications that omitted key information, and they asked to expedite the process.

With courthouses shut down during the Primary, clerks had access to employees from nearby sheriff, assessor, and circuit court offices. But now, with courthouses reopened...

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Weekly Social Media Poll

	Y	N
Did you travel anywhere to celebrate Labor Day?	9%	91%
Have you or someone you know been tested for coronavirus in the past 2 weeks?	53%	47%
Did you attend the football game Saturday in-person?	19%	81%
Have you attended any classes in-person this semester?	40%	60%
Are online classes more challenging than in-person?	66%	34%

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon’s Instagram, @MUParthenon, with an average response of 75 individuals.

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Wells also made two other high-profile throws. He completed one to Gaines and another to Broc Thompson. On both completions, he placed the ball right on the edge of the sideline for the receiver to get a foot inbounds.

Based on these throws, there is enough evidence for fans and coaches to be excited about his potential and not feel hesitant about getting their hopes up.

That being said, it should be expected for him to struggle at some point this year or at least be challenged. However, the potential and tools for success are there.

Furthermore, the depth of the skill positions on offense was on full display. Eight different wide receivers caught a pass while five different tight ends caught a pass. Plus, four different running backs got to carry the ball.

In the 84 offense snaps, the Herd was in 11-personnel for 73% of those snaps. 11-personnel is an example of football jargon that signifies the number of players the offense has on the field at each skill position.

The first number represents the running back position; the second number represents the tight end position. From there, one can figure out how many receivers are on the field by deduction. Thus, 11-personnel means one running back, one tight end and three receivers are on the field.

For 14% of its offensive snaps, the Herd was in 12-personnel, which was a huge staple last year with tight ends Gaines and Armani Levias.

Based on what the Marshall offense did on Saturday, it can be inferred that the team will be utilizing its receivers more than last year. Tight ends will stay an integral part of the offense, but it seems the receivers will play a bigger role.

In 2019, the tight end position was almost equal with the receiver position in total receptions. Tight ends caught 87 balls; receivers caught 92; and running backs caught the remaining 21.

In Saturday's game, the receivers caught passes at a 26% higher rate than they did throughout the 2019 season.

Defensively, Marshall pitched a shutout, holding the Colonels to less than 200 yards of total offense.

There are definite positives to take away from the defense's performance, but there remain questions that can only be answered by facing tougher competition.

Beginning with the positives, new starting Mike linebacker Eli Neal flashed throughout the game with his ability to get downhill and into the backfield to disrupt running plays.

Another player that stood out was corner Jaylon McClain-Sapp. McClain-Sapp was not required to

make any plays downfield, so where he flashed was in his run defense.

He was physical and agile, showing a good propensity to shed or avoid blocks and make heavy, impactful contact with the ball carrier. There was one instance where he rushed his attempt to tackle the ball carrier, but the effort was there.

Moving into some of the questions that remain, the defensive line had a solid day from its starting group, but there was a lack of apparent, impactful depth. The backup players played fine against ECU, but no one, especially in the interior, did enough to answer the D-line depth queries.

The final question that remains for me is: who is the third corner? Finding an answer to this question is important for the defense's nickel package.

The third corner into the game was Josh Bowers, and he gave up a reception immediately. Such a small sample size is not enough to vanquish his potential, so he could be the answer. It is simply not yet apparent.

The matchup with Appalachian State will be the needed step up in competition to challenge the Herd and answer remaining questions.

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