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SGA Presidential Elections underway

By **TYLER SPENCE**
OPINION EDITOR

The Marshall University Student Government races have begun, with the election scheduled to take place March 31 through April 1. At the top of the race is the election for Student Body President and Vice President.

The two campaigns are headed by Alyssa Parks, the current Chief of Staff to the Williams and Powers administration and Senator from the College of Liberal Arts, and Cameron Donohoe, the IFC President and Senator from the Honors College. Their running mates are Isabella Griffiths, who currently serves as the Secretary of Alumni Engagement and Mary Doherty respectively.

The Parks and Griffiths' ticket has separated their platform into three main components: diversity and inclusion, health and wellness and community service and outreach.

"I think sometimes people can be intimidated by the fact that they have to run for senate... so we would like to make that more inclusive and welcoming to students," Parks said, explaining her desire for the SGA senate to be more diverse.

Parks said SGA is her second home and feels her experience in SGA, over the years, has given her the knowledge and ability to make an effective Student Body President. Parks also expressed her desire to continue and expand the initiatives seen throughout the Williams and Powers' administration as well as beginning to advertise getting vaccinated and using facilities like the recreation center and the consoling center to boost overall general health.

The Donohoe and Doherty ticket is particularly concerned with mental health and sustainability, including increasing the bandwidth of the consoling center.

"One of the biggest things with everything that we

are working towards is giving the students a platform to speak out on where they feel like the university and community can improve," said Doherty, explaining the reasoning behind their platform.

Both Donohoe and Doherty said they felt the move toward virtual and at-home learning as made a disconnect between the university and its students.

Doherty is particularly passionate about the sustainability part of their platform and hopes SGA can do more to reduce waste and making it easier to recycle.

Both platforms are attempting to improve student wellness during a challenging year for many students, but with differences in focuses on sustainability and community service as pillars of their platforms.

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TEDx Marshall: for a community continuously rising

By **TYLER SPENCE**
OPINION EDITOR

The third annual TEDx Marshall University event will be held on Friday, April 2, with a series of speakers who inspire the Huntington audience during the city's 150th-anniversary celebration throughout 2021.

The event will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the plane crash that killed 75 Marshall football players, coaches, students and community members in 1970. However, the talks will not be told with a sense of grief, rather a positive reminder to the community about how much they have already overcome.

"You can go on to YouTube, and you can find speakers that talk about a range of subjects and ideas. They are great and inspiring, but this is so local that these themes and these talks will resonate with the people of Huntington," Kathryn Leonard, student co-organizer of the event, said.

"For me, it's been about empowering these students to really get this experience," Dr. Brian Kinghorn, faculty director for TEDx Marshall University, said. He has helped organize the event since its onset in 2019.

Kinghorn said the added pressure of having a TED event instead of a traditional series of speakers was much more work and pressure. The added benefits are the increased notoriety and viewership the talks will receive by just being associated with TED.

Last year's event was one of the last events to have some in-person attendance, which was held on March 14. It was hastily switched to being primarily virtual.

This year's conference will be entirely virtual. The theme of "rising" has been incorporated into the selection of the speakers and their messages, including Young Thundering Herd football coach Red Dawson, founder and CEO of Coalfield Development Brandon Dennison and Tyce and Mary Nielsen of Duo Transcend — the first runner up on Americas Got Talent: The Champions.

The TEDx Marshall University website is open to registrations from the general public.

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Marshall University's Student Government plans to host community clean-up

By **CHLOE RIFFE**
REPORTER

Marshall University's Student Government Association has organized its first community clean-up day of service, which will allow SGA and students at Marshall to give back to the community.

"We had planned to do this event last year, but due to the outbreak of COVID-19, it was canceled," Gabrielle Cobb, SGA member and Greek life liaison, said. "Now that we know of the guidelines and procedures to follow, I figured 'why can't we do this now?' It just so happened that West Virginia University was doing something similar, so we partnered up with them for the project."

Cobb, a member of SGA and Alpha

Xi Delta Sorority, was interested in creating an event that could unify members of Greek life and do something beneficial for the community.

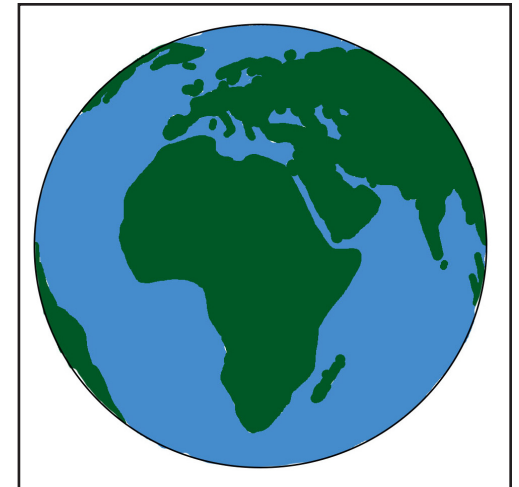
"I was thinking of a way to get members of Greek life together, and I was inspired to revive this event. Hopefully, we can even get more people to participate outside of Greek life as well," Cobb said.

By reaching out and partnering with another university, students at both campuses have an opportunity to participate in the community clean-up. The organization is offering students different ways to give back to the community if they cannot attend the clean-up. Those who cannot

participate in the event, but wish to help, can drop off canned goods and nonperishables at the student center.

"Right now, there is a food drive happening where students can donate to the Marshall Food Pantry — students can drop their donations off at the designated bin in the student center before March 26," Cobb said. "The community clean-up day is March 26 — participants will meet by the Memorial Fountain at 9 a.m. and will disperse to their clean-up locations throughout the community."

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Asian American students express concerns on campus

By **ISABELLA ROBINSON**
NEWS EDITOR

Asian American students across Marshall's campus share their unique experiences with racism and their changing perspectives about race relations in America following the series of mass shootings in Atlanta on March 16.

Shayla Dang, a sophomore marketing student, said she regularly experiences racism on campus.

"There is not really a day where I do not receive a comment about me being Asian and jokes being made of it," Dang said. "I am dissatisfied with the University's response to the recent attacks."

Dang said she does not feel that the university has done enough to educate the community on the issue of racism against Asian Americans.

"No statements have been released about the ongoing attacks whatsoever, but [Marshall University] has given a statement on other minority issues in the past," Dang said. "I feel like the issue is not being brought up because it is not considered as important or urgent, so it is not talked about, which I believe is incorrect — it is just as important."

Dang said the pandemic and the recent attacks have worsened racism against Asian Americans in her experience.

"I can remember a person walking up to my friend, who is white, and out of nowhere I was asked if I wanted to do an interview on COVID, and I noticed that the only person he asked that question was to me," Dang said. "That made me super uncomfortable because after that, he did not talk to anyone else in the Memorial Student Center, and I was the only Asian in the student center at the time, and it was obvious."

The recent attacks have impacted Dang's daily life by causing her family members to worry for her safety and questioning the United States's social progress, Dang said.

"America still has a long way to go, and the attacks on Asian Americans deeply worries me because attacks could happen to any of my family members," Dang said. "My grandmother calls me every day and tells me to be careful in public because attacks could happen to my sister and me, and to fear going in public is something no one should be worried about."

Maurice Cooley, Vice President and Dean of Intercultural

Student Affairs, said, "On behalf of our staff and on behalf of our students, we should realize that in our society we should not have any expression of harmfulness or hatefulness towards any people of any race, ethnicity, religion, color or sexual orientation. It is unacceptable, and we believe at this university, everyone should be respectful of all people regardless of origin. Marshall is a place of peace, and we encourage other people to be peaceful and always show positive regard for all people. We hope that everyone will take these matters into serious consideration."

Travis Rose, a junior psychology major, said he is disturbed by the violent attacks but feels that the university has been a welcoming space for Asian Americans.

"I have never really experienced any severe racism on campus," Rose said. "I am actually very happy with how supportive a lot of the students have been on the matter, and it shows that definitely not everyone in the world is corrupted by the hate." ...

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100% of students match to residencies

School of Medicine announces Match Day results

Editor's note: The following is a press release sent out on March 19, 2021.

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Fourth-year students from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine found out today where they will train for the next three to seven years. A total of 75 students from the Class of 2021 students matched, representing a 100% match rate for the class.

Coordinated by the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), the main residency match process uses a computerized mathematical algorithm that pairs the preferences of applicants with the preferences of residency programs, resulting in a best result for graduating students. Due to COVID-19, Marshall's traditional Match Day celebration was canceled. Many of the students, instead, opened their results at home with their families.

“This class has continuously shown its resilience and dedication to the medical profession throughout the

pandemic,” said Amy M. Smith, B.S.N., M.Ed., associate dean of student affairs. “The matching process is highly competitive, and a 100% match rate doesn't happen by chance. These students have put in a tremendous amount of hard work and study hours in preparation for this day.”

Fifty-six percent matched into primary care residencies, which are identified in West Virginia as family medicine, internal medicine, internal medicine/pediatrics, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology. Other students were accepted into anesthesiology, emergency medicine, general surgery, neurology, orthopaedic surgery, otolaryngology, pathology, psychiatry and radiology programs. Four students also matched in the military match that occurred in late 2020, and one student participated in the San Francisco Specialty Match earlier this year for ophthalmology. Twenty-one students will remain in West Virginia to complete their

residency training.

“Match Day is such an incredible experience for medical students,” said David Bartlett, president of the fourth-year class. “It's the culmination of all our hard work and dedication over the last several years, not just in medical school, but also the path that led here. It's the finality of knowing that as we finish our journey as students, we learn where we will begin our journey as physicians. As a first-generation college student I couldn't be more excited for the opportunity I have to be a part of this profession and to represent Marshall. Go Herd!”

Across the country, this is the largest match on record, according to the NRMP with 48,700 registered applicants submitted program choices for 38,106 available positions.



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Fourth-year medical student, Ben Frear, internal medicine, on Match Day.



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Fourth-year medical student, Allison Thompson, obstetrics/gynecology, on Match Day.



COURTESY UNIVERSITY COMMUNICAITONS

Fourth-year medical student, Ife Fuwap, pathology, on Match Day.

Marshall Health brings Mohs micrographic skin cancer surgery to the Tri-State

University Communications

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – It is considered the most effective method for treating two of the most common forms of skin cancer – basal and squamous cell carcinomas. Mohs micrographic surgery is done gradually with local anesthesia in an outpatient setting during multiple sessions. A specially trained surgeon incrementally removes layers of skin to ensure all cancerous cells are removed, while preserving healthy tissue.

Mohs micrographic surgery service is now available at Marshall Health's department of dermatology. With the addition this month of board-certified dermatologist and fellowship-trained Mohs surgeon Eduardo Vidal, M.D., local access to skin cancer treatment with a nearly 100 percent cure rate is closer to home.

"Mohs surgery is a terrific option for patients with skin cancer, because it is precise, nearly painless and highly effective," said Charles L. Yarbrough, M.D., professor and chair of the

department of dermatology at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "We are thrilled Dr. Vidal has joined our team of providers at Marshall Dermatology and the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center at Cabell Huntington Hospital and as an assistant professor at the School of Medicine."

Vidal, a Florida native, earned his medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Miami, Florida. He completed his dermatology residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and a Mohs micrographic surgery and cutaneous oncology fellowship at Roger Williams Cancer Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

Vidal has more than seven years of experience in dermatologic surgery and Mohs, most recently as a Mohs surgeon at the Florida Dermatology and Skin Cancer Centers in Inverness, Florida. He is board certified by the American Academy

of Dermatology.

Vidal is also a retired U.S. Army colonel and flight surgeon who served as the 1st Armored Division Surgeon, held several military leadership assignments and completed three combat and operational military deployments. He has been awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart Medal, the Order of Military Medical Merit, the Noble Patron of Armor and many other distinguished military awards and honors.

"I'm honored to bring Mohs surgery to the Huntington area and excited to join Marshall's medical school faculty," said Vidal, who previously served as a U.S. Army Special Forces medic clinical preceptor and an associate professor of dermatology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

Vidal is accepting patients by physician referrals. Please call 304-691-6718 to schedule appointments.

West Virginia state brewers concerned over impact of governor's tax plan



CHESTNUT BREW WORKS OWNER BILL RITTENOUR PUTS RASPBERRY PUREE INTO A FERMENTER FOR THE BREWERY'S BEER 'BERRY ME IN WV.' CHESTNUT BREW WORKS, IN MORGANTOWN'S GREENMONT NEIGHBORHOOD, IS ONE OF THE STATE'S BREWERIES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY GOV. JIM JUSTICE'S PROPOSED BILL HB 2027, WHICH WOULD PHASE OUT PERSONAL INCOME TAXES IN WEST VIRGINIA. THIS INCLUDES A 431% EXCISE TAX INCREASE WITHIN THE CRAFT BEVERAGE INDUSTRY, RAISING THE BEER BARREL TAX ON EACH 31-GALLON BARREL FROM \$5.50 TO \$29.25. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

By GABRIELLA BROWN
THE DOMINION POST

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Gov. Jim Justice wants to phase out personal income taxes in West Virginia through HB 2027, but breweries are concerned over how the bill would impact the industry.

"After having to completely readjust business just to deal with the pandemic, this just seems like another black eye to our industry," said Aaron Rote, co-owner of Short Story

Brewing in Rivesville and president of the WV Craft Brewers Guild.

Del. Evan Hansen, D-Monongalia, said to significantly reduce the state's personal income tax, the bill proposes increases in other taxes.

This includes a 431% excise tax increase within the craft beverage industry, raising the beer barrel tax on each 31-gallon barrel from \$5.50 to \$29.25...

Softball to wrap up seven-game road swing with Akron



ZACHARY HISER | PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman centerfielder Paige Halliwill celebrates with her teammates after her first career homerun against Akron Wednesday, March 3.

By **NOAH HICKMAN**
REPORTER

Coming off a three-game series sweep against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the Marshall softball team will take to the road again to face the Akron Zips in a Thursday doubleheader.

Marshall head coach, Megan Smith Lyon, said that the sweep was a good result that the team was looking for after dropping three straight games.

“What a great way to end the weekend,” Smith-Lyon said to Herdzone.com after its sweep of Chattanooga. “I felt like we had a strong weekend as a team.”

The three-game sweep improved the Herd’s record to 9-3 overall, while the Zips’ (3-13) got two of its three wins over the weekend in a four-game series with Buffalo.

Two of the Zips losses came

to the Herd earlier in the season when the Marshall game swept a two-game series against the Zips in the Herd’s season opener at Dot Hicks Field.

The Herd’s roster is full of talented players, but there is one player in particular that coach Smith Lyon said has been coming into her own – freshman catcher Kat Sackett.

“Kat Sackett continues to be a monster in the box,” Smith Lyon said. “She got her first career home run (against Chattanooga), and it was awesome to witness her and her progress.”

Sackett is coming off a career game, in which she went 3-4 at the plate while recording five RBIs in game one. Shew drove in seven runners in the three-game series.

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Men’s soccer stepping out of conference Wednesday against WVU

By **GRANT GOODRICH**
SPORTS EDITOR

After three-straight conference games, the No. 8 Marshall men’s soccer team (6-1-1) will divert out of conference Wednesday for a meeting with the West Virginia Mountaineers (3-2) in Morgantown.

The Thundering Herd and Mountaineers have only met twice all-time on the pitch. After a 2007 loss in Morgantown, the Herd evened the all-time series last season in Huntington with a 2-1 victory in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

West Virginia, who plays

soccer in the Mid-American Conference, fell 1-0 to Bowling Green on Wednesday, March 17, a team Marshall defeated 1-0 on Saturday, Feb. 27.

While the Mountaineers are third in its conference, Marshall is tied for first with Charlotte, who WVU defeated 3-0 on Friday, Feb. 26.

With 2.38 goals per game, Marshall averages 1.18 more than WVU. The Herd also shoots it at a much higher pace, 18.4 shots per game compared to 8.0. The Mountaineers are more accurate with its shots, however, shooting 52.5% of its shots on goal

compared to Marshall’s 44.2%.

Defensively, Marshall leads most categories, allowing less shots per game and a lower percentage of those shots on goal.

Individually, junior forward Tony Pineda leads the Mountaineers in shots on goal, with four, and his two goals are tied with red-shirt freshman Bjarne Thiesen for the team lead.

The Mountaineers lost its top two goal scorers from last season, Rodrigo Robles-Grajera and Andrew Muriel-Albino, to transfer and graduation, respectively.

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ZACHARY HISER | PHOTO EDITOR

Members of the Marshall men’s soccer team huddle up during a match with Bowling Green on Feb. 27.

Athlete of the Week:

Kat Sackett, softball

ABOUT KAT SACKETT

Class: Freshman
Position: Catcher
Number: 20
Hometown: Erie, Colorado

PERFORMANCE

Six hits, seven RBIs, four doubles, two runs and one home run in three games vs. Chattanooga

For her breakout performance in the three-game sweep against Chattanooga over the weekend, freshman Kat Sackett has earned athlete of the week honors.

Starting the last four games at catcher, Sackett saw her first action of the season on Wednesday, March 10, against Longwood with Katie Adams out of the lineup.

Ten days later, against Chattanooga, with Aly Harrell out of the lineup and Adams back, Sackett started at catcher once again while Adams took over Harrell's first base position.

Not only did Sackett succeed in her role as catcher, but by the weekend's end, she was also tied for the team lead in hits, with five.

In game one, she hit a double but went only 1-4 at the plate. In game two, she added two more



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doubles, this time with two RBIs. In game three, she erupted for five RBIs on three hits — one home run and another double. She also scored two runs.

Her seven RBIs and four doubles over the weekend led the team.

"Kat Sackett continues to be a monster in the box," head coach, Megan Smith Lyon, said to Herdzone.com after Sunday's game. "Today, she got her first career home run, and it was awesome to witness her and her progress. She did some special things this weekend, and we are excited about what she is going to do in the rest of her career."

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OPINION

Where did our passion go?

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Stephen King, Bob Marley, Wassily Kandinsky, Jimi Hendrix, J.K. Rowling, Amanda Gorman, Jim Carey, Martin Luther King Jr. and Emily Carr: an assorted list of seemingly random people throughout history who have one major thing in common — their passion for their art and life.

This is just a small list of people throughout the world who have made an impact by having a passion for life, a passion for change, a passion for creating something beautiful and/or worthwhile for others to enjoy.

From performing to writing to music to world change and beyond, these people were passionate. They loved what they did, and it showed.

I think of these people, and I learn about other passionate people from history, and I cannot help but think, "Where did our passion go?"

Where did we go wrong?

It seems that somewhere along the way, we have become less about passion and more about checking off boxes.

High schoolers are now trying to have college-like resumes, and they are not developing the foundational skills like they should be or enjoying their last childhood years. College-age students are torn between the degree people push and the trade they love, and when they go to college, they are more focused on the letter grades than developing the career skill. And adults? Well, they are just numbly doing the 9-5, trying to survive.

Add in the pressure for marriage, babies, promotions, house-buying (and whatever else to that list), and we have become burnt-out humans living to survive instead of living life to its fullest.

We have lost our zest, our meaning, and I know I have said the word a million times, but our passion for living while doing something we love.

How did we get here? How did we allow ourselves to become these robots of survival? How can we change it and become passionate humans again?

And before you come at me screaming about how life has always been about survival, I know. Trust me, I know it has been, but at least before, there was some kind of love about living. Now we only have passion about checking off the boxes we think will make us successful, and in reality, those are just unrealistic stress inducers.

I wish I knew how things evolved to what they are now. I wish I knew the answer to help bring the enthusiasm back to people's lives. I wish we did not feel like we had to fit in a box that society tells us to squeeze into. Oh, how I wish I knew.

While I don't know the answers, I do dream. I dream of a time where we can be free to live life with zest and excitement. I dream of a time where people are free to be themselves without judgment and hate and checkboxes.

I dream we can get one day get our passion back.

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OPINION

Dear Parthenon:

By Xena Buntton
FEATURES EDITOR

By Carter Truman
EXECUTIVE STAFF

Dear Parthenon is an advice column where editors, Xena Buntton and Carter Truman, answer anonymous questions about life, college, and discuss opinions or pop culture from a girl and guy perspective. You can send questions through social media or email at Parthenon@marshall.edu.

Q: What are some binge-worthy shows or must-watch movies on Netflix?

X: Netflix usually only has a few good movies/shows to watch at a time, but I have actually been watching a lot of Netflix lately. I recently watched the new feminist movie “Moxie” in support of Women’s History Month and the fact Amy Poehler (an icon and one of my favorite comedians) is the director. If you want to watch some movies that may cause mental chaos in your life, check out “The One I Love,” “I Care A Lot,” and “I’m Thinking of Ending Things.”

Regarding shows, I just finished the final season of “Schitt’s Creek” and Netflix’s docu-series, “Crime Scene: The Vanishing at the Cecil Hotel.”

C: For the comedy fans out there, I can recommend only “BoJack Horseman” and “Trailer Park Boys.” Both shows are wholly unique in terms of style and delivery; the other perk is that these shows have been on since the early 2000’s so there is plenty to watch. For movies my recommendations are I am Legend and Sherlock Holmes 1 and 2. These movies are great and definitely fun thrillers to watch on a boring day. Also, I know it’s not on Netflix, but if you have HBO Max and you haven’t watched the Snyder cut of Justice League, what are you doing with your life?

What is the best place to go for a first date?

X: First of all, if you were to have any new dates during a pandemic, I highly recommend a Zoom date. You can make virtual dates fun by using apps that allow you to play games or watch a movie together. You can also always cook or study together as a virtual date.

I think first dates should be somewhat short. Offer a lunch break at work or just a morning brunch. This lets you know if they eat with their mouth open, gulp their drinks like a 3-year-old or how many beers they drink in public. These short dates also give you an excuse to leave quickly if it is not what you expected.

C: Alright, fellas, we all know that the first date is an important one; you’re trying to act like you’re paying attention to what she’s saying; she’s sad because she knows she can do better. But the main thing you must nail on the first date is location. Besides your personality, looks, and how much money you make, location is the most important thing. For this, I have a straightforward suggestion, take her somewhere awful, the DMV, a funeral, an ER waiting room, anywhere you wouldn’t want to be on a regular day. Plan a nice day with her, get her excited, and then make whatever excuse you have to derail it. Tell her your license needs to be renewed, or you have to file your taxes; whatever it is, make sure it’s terrible and drag her along with you. If she survives that first date, she’s either in love with you or you make a lot of money.

Q: Best break-up songs to listen to?

X: This depends on how the break-up happened and how you are handling it. Are you sobbing in your bed with some chocolate or are you wanting to scream lyrics in your car while you drive over 20 potholes? Either way— I’ve got you

covered.

Don’t worry, crying is good for you. My go-to songs when I want a good cry session (and yes, I purposely listen to them) are: “Let Her Go” by Passenger, “July” by Noah Cyrus, “Say Something” by A Great Big World, “Skinny Love” by Birdy and the iconic “Fall For You” by Second-hand Serenade.

My go-to scream session song is and will always be “Before He Cheats” by Carrie Underwood. Why was I screaming this in my room when I was 7?

C: I’m gonna shoot you straight on this one; I don’t have some long list of break-up songs. I don’t sit in my room all day listening to Drake like some sad jock from a teen fiction novel. When my hearts broke into a million tiny pieces because love let me down, there’s only one song I turn to; there’s only one man, who’s beautiful poetic melody can mend my broken spirits. That man is Ronnie Milsap, and the song is “I Wouldn’t Have Missed This for the World.” When I say I have spent many a sorrow-filled shower, car ride, or lonely night listening to this song and crying my little blue eyes out, I am not exaggerating. Unlike all of the sad-sack contentless pop songs we have today, “I Wouldn’t Have Missed This for the World” was made in a time when you had to actually make good music because your primary audience wasn’t teenagers whose ideas of a long term relationship is a snap streak over 100. No, Ronnie Milsap wrote about real honest to God love and how much it can hurt, and if you’ve ever been there, then “I Wouldn’t Have Missed This for the World” is the song for you.

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SOFTBALL cont. from 6

Sackett's presence adds to an already talented Herd lineup. Junior designated hitter Mya Stevenson, who broke the Marshall home run record with 20 in the 2019 season, has gotten off to a slow start to the season, batting .200 through 12 games.

Graduate student shortstop Sierra Huerta, who finished second on the team last season in home runs, got going in the series against Chattanooga with two homers.

Senior infielder Saige Pye, who hit eight home runs last year — her first year at Marshall — has also not been as hot at the plate so far this year compared to a year ago.

Senior first baseman Aly Harrell, who missed the series with Chattanooga, has been better statistically than her fellow pre-season all-conference players, first on the team in batting average (.444).

The two games against Akron will be the end of the Herd's seven-game road swing.

Marshall will return to Huntington to take on the Bellarmine Knights for a three-game series on Saturday and Sunday.

The two games against the Zips will take place at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Thursday.

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MSOC cont. from 5

Leading the way for Marshall in goals scored, junior Vitor Dias has six, double that of junior Jan-Erik Leinhos.

Junior Vinicius Fernandes scored the game-winning goal against Kentucky Thursday, his second of the season.

With the victory over Kentucky, Marshall earned its sixth win over a ranked team in the coach Chris Grassie era. Ranked at No. 11, the Wildcats were also tied for the highest-ranked team the Herd have beaten in school history.

Coming off a victory of its own against SIU Edwardsville, West Virginia moved to 2-2 in the MAC, and after its matchup with the Herd, the Mountaineers will return to conference play for its final six games.

Marshall will return to conference play on Saturday against Old Dominion at Hoops Family Field and will wrap up the regular season with three more conference games afterward, closing out the season at home against Charlotte.

But before focusing on the final four conference games, Marshall is keyed in on WVU. The matchup will take place at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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CONCERNS cont. from 3

Rose attended high school in West Virginia before attending Marshall and said that racism is an issue statewide.

"It is not a surprise that in West Virginia there is still racism around everywhere," Rose said. "I have heard plenty of names through the years, and I usually try to brush it off, but since the shootings, I agree one-hundred percent that tension has been at an all-time high."

Rose said he wants those who believe that racism is an issue of the past to understand the severity of racism in America today.

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Parthe-Pet: Stella

Stella Bernice is a soon to be two-year-old kitty. She was adopted from Dunbar Animal Hospital in August of 2020. Stella loves to play with her laser and climb on her cat tree in her free time. Her favorite snack is Ritz crackers. Stella is very vocal and loves to snuggle. She is a very talented emotional support animal. Stella is often on campus in her stroller with her mom. If you see her strolling, feel free to say hi!



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All West Virginians urged to pre-register immediately for expected COVID vaccination availability

WV Press Report

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia officials are urging all residents above the age of 16 years of age to pre-register through the West Virginia COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System to ensure they are be ready when vaccines become available.

Increased numbers of vaccines are being distributed, and state officials say pre-registration offers West Virginians the opportunity to receive updates on vaccine availability and be offered an appointment when vaccine supplies allow. Pre-registration does not mean immediate access to a vaccine but does get your

name into the system.

Note: Residents are encouraged to create an account in the system even if you have received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or if you are already on a waitlist through a local health department or healthcare provider.

West Virginians who need assistance with pre-registration for any reason should call the West Virginia COVID-19 Vaccine Info Line for help at 1-833-734-0965. The info line is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Recent weather pattern typical

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From ice storms and flooding to snow in Texas, will 2021 be the year of extreme weather?

Kevin Law, West Virginia state climatologist, said most of the recent weather is typical for this time of year.

“This is the time of the year when we, most of the time, have our worst flooding,” Law said. “You look when the Ohio River typically goes above the flood crest, and it’s typically going to be at the end of February, also at the beginning part of March. So that part is not that unusual.”

Law said the flooding was expected with the spring rains moving in after the ground was already saturated from snow. He said as the temperatures start to warm up, the atmosphere gains ability to hold moisture bringing greater chances of potential rain when it is warmer.

Law said while tornadoes are not common in this region, there is always a chance. He also said there were strong tornados in March 2012 that went through West Liberty, Kentucky and Wayne County, West Virginia.

“There is always that risk. Since we’re seeing temperatures in the 70s and [then] there’s a pretty strong cold front coming through,” Law said. “That’s going to knock temperatures back into the 50s, so that’s a 20 degree drop and with that big of a drop there is always a risk for potential tornadoes and thunderstorms.”

While the weather seen lately has been somewhat typical, Law said ice storms, like seen in February, tend to not be as severe.

“An ice storm of that magnitude really is not that common in our area,” Law said. “We have ice storms, but nothing quite that bad. You have to go back several years to even probably

come close to what we experienced.”

Law said the recent ice storm brought about half an inch of ice to the Huntington area, where the region would usually see only about a tenth of an inch.

“That can be pretty devastating in our area with all the trees,” Law said.

The recent ice storm closed schools across the state due to several road closures from fallen trees, and thousands of constituents were without power for an extended period of time.

During the ice storm, several people in the area reported falling rain that immediately froze on contact.

“Whenever you talk about an ice storm, it’s called freezing rain. It’s actually raining above like in the upper parts of our atmosphere, and then by the time it makes its way to the surface, it starts to freeze on contact,” Law said. “What was happening was that when you go up into the clouds, it starts as snow and there’s a warm pocket of air somewhere in the mid-level, and it starts to melt that snow, and it becomes regular old rain, but then the temperatures down here at the ground are below freezing.

“So, it’s raining into 27 and 28-degree air. You may look outside and say, ‘well, wait a second, it’s raining outside.’ That’s not rain; that’s freezing rain, and that’s dangerous.”

While West Virginia saw unusual freezing rain, Texas saw an unusual cold outbreak.

“That’s what we call a big, cold air trough,” Law said. “Whenever we talk about the jet stream, that is the boundary of air between cold air to the north and warm air to the south,” Law said. “That jet stream really traveled far to the

south. It was along the Texas and Mexico border. It brought a lot of cold air to Texas that might normally only be in places like Nebraska or the Dakotas. So, you saw temperatures along the Texas/Mexico border that were about as cold as what we have here in West Virginia. They had snow along the Rio Grande Valley.”

Law said there is no single explanation as to why the jet stream will go so far south. He said it is not common, and you would have to go back to 1899 to see temperatures that cold previously.

We can see climate change in our day-to-day temperature variability, Law said.

“It seems like those cold outbreaks were more persistent [historically]. They stayed maybe a week or two,” Law said. “It seems like now, once you do have a cold outbreak, you wait a few days, and then all of a sudden, it’s warm again. The time that the cold wave lasts is not as persistent. I think it’s really evident in this last cold wave you saw in Texas.”

He said the climate changes will cause more variability in the weather in the future.

Law said we can see heavy snow well into April, but with more spring-like temperatures lately, there is a possibility the winter weather is close to over.

“We can’t let our guard down for winter weather probably until April. But most of the time, we can kind of maybe stop worrying about it for the most part,” said Law.

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