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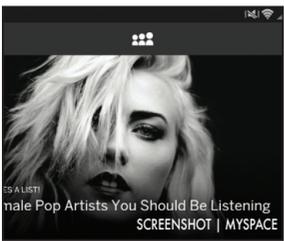
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### TODAY'S WEATHER:

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The National Weather Service in Charleston, WV and The NOAA Storm Prediction Center have issued a **HAZARDOUS WEATHER STATEMENT** for the area from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Severe thunderstorms likely this afternoon into evening. Some could produce hail, strong winds, and heavy rain. Visit [www.weather.gov/ffc](http://www.weather.gov/ffc) for detailed information.

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## Students, officials speak out about gun violence

By TYLER FERRIS  
THE PARTHENON

Gun violence is becoming a frequent headline in Huntington this spring.

A man was shot Wednesday near the Speedway on Third Avenue in what police said was an isolated incident.

Marshall University students and Huntington residents are beginning to notice a pattern.

Jim Terry, director of public safety at Marshall, said shootings near campus are a rarity but are becoming more frequent.

Terry offered advice on how to react if a similar situation happens nearby.

"Call 911, first off," Terry said. "Don't run out to the scene. After you make that phone call to local law enforcement, just be a good witness. You have to keep yourself safe. Let law enforcement handle it."

Sgt. Scott Ballou, Marshall police officer and lead R.A.D. instructor, said campus is very safe, but anybody could be the victim of a crime.

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## CAREER EXPO

ABOVE, ABOVE CENTER AND BELOW: Students looking to find employment mingle with businesses that attended the Career Expo in Marshall University's Memorial Student Center Wednesday. PHOTOS BY ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON



More than 100 companies provided students with job and internship opportunities in the semi-annual Career Expo Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center. Students could pitch themselves as potential employees and meet with representatives of the many companies present.

## MARSHALL TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

By CAITLIN FOWLKES  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's annual Diversity Breakfast is 7:30 a.m. Friday in the Don Morris room of the Memorial Student Center.

The theme of this year's Diversity Breakfast is "We Are the World." Associate Vice President of Intercultural Affairs Maurice Cooley said nearly 360 Marshall faculty, staff, students and guests of the community will celebrate the importance of diversity.

"It is important that the university continue to celebrate and educate, as well as to promote the spirit of thinking because we're educational leaders," Cooley said.

The Marshall Jazz Ensemble will play as attendees enter. The event will start with prayers from three different faiths followed by the breakfast and more jazz music.

Eduardo Pino, medical director of clinical transformation and pediatric intensive care at Cabell Huntington Hospital, will speak after breakfast.

Pino, originally from Cuba, won four major awards in the field of medicine and won more than five chairs at the CHH and a position on the board of directors.

Cooley said these events are important to celebrate and embrace differences.

"Our environment, here at the university, consists of students and faculty from 59 different countries," Cooley said. "Our family is represented probably by all the primary religions, the colors and the races of the world."

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Members of the community come together in Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center for the annual Diversity Breakfast Feb. 14, 2014. FILE PHOTOS

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# NEWS

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## COHP'S RESEARCH AND PRACTICE DAY RETURNS FRIDAY

By **ALLYSON CARR**  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University College of Health Professions is allowing health majors to present their projects to peers, professors and the public 9 a.m. Friday at the second annual Research and Practice Day.

The Research and Practice Day is a student-based event allowing them to choose their own topic to research, which will then be presented at the event.

Topics range from evaluating the effects of post discharge telephone interventions to napping, night-shift nurses.

William Pewen, assistant professor of public health and family medicine, said it is important for students to have the opportunity to present their research because in health majors, it is inherent to research. This gives them real life experience to do research and practice to serve future patients.

"It is critical to be able to present what they

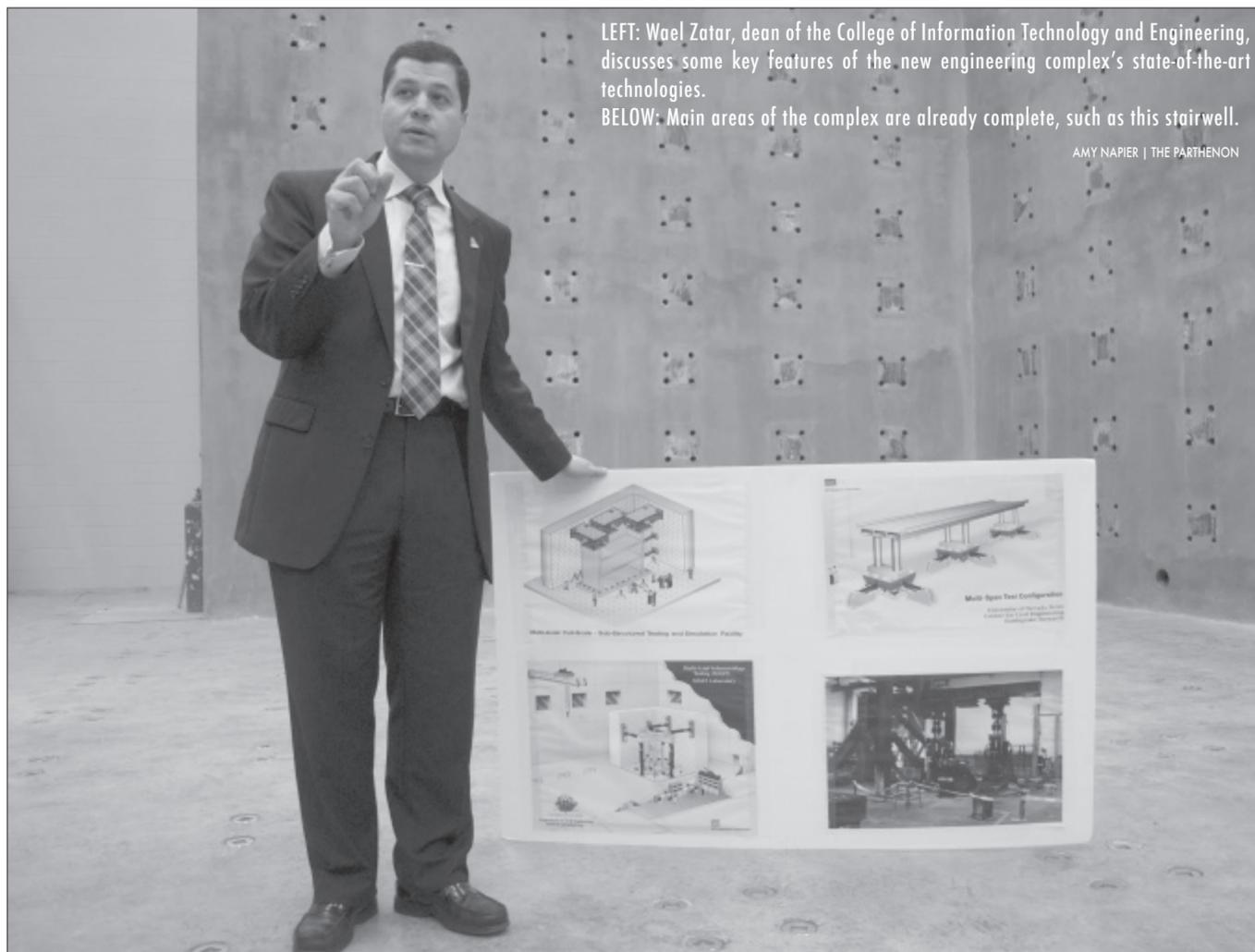
have learned within their major and to be able to communicate research," Pewen said.

In the past, students and professors from other schools have attended Marshall's Research and Practice Day. This gives the students an inter-professional opportunity to communicate with other health professions.

The event will take place in room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.

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## Construction of engineering complex enters its final stage



LEFT: Wael Zatar, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, discusses some key features of the new engineering complex's state-of-the-art technologies.

BELOW: Main areas of the complex are already complete, such as this stairwell.

AMY NAPIER | THE PARTHENON

By **AMY NAPIER**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's new Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex has entered its final stages and is expected to be open by the start of the 2015 fall semester.

Wael Zatar, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, said the new facility is the largest and most expensive on campus, totaling \$56 million.

"We have the latest technology in everything here," Zatar said. "We can educate more students in the best possible way with these tools. We also have all the space and the lab equipment to educate our students better."

Zatar said the state, university and a sufficient amount of fund-raising covered the expenses.

"It's an initial investment that will pay off easily," Zatar said. "Although these things are costly, it's what students want to see."

The complex has several key features including a state-of-the-art experiment room. The room offers a spacious area to conduct stress tests on any number of specimens.

Zatar said this area also features an L-shaped wall which helps conduct the tests.

"This is very unique," Zatar said. "No other institution around us has this wall. It's definitely going to attract more students, more researchers and more teachers."

The building offers advanced technology in the classrooms. Every class will have a 90-inch television screen, and every lab will have an 80-inch television screen.

Zatar said this will allow professors to maximize on time savings and give every student the best view of class material.

The College of Information Technology and Engineering and other fields will utilize the facility.

"Not only does this benefit the IT department," Zatar said, "but we also have room for some mathematics, chemistry and other programs from the College of Science."

The building has been under construction for approximately 30 months now.

Planning started six months before the construction started under the direction of President Stephen J. Kopp.

Zatar said Kopp was the master player in this project.

"He was pushing for all the efforts, and he led the ship in the right direction," Zatar said. "It was a great loss, no question, but he has ultimately created a space that will last for 100 years."

No official date is set for the building's grand opening.

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### SGA NEWS

#### Committee to interview potential cabinet members

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The Marshall University judiciary committee will conduct interviews 6:30 p.m. Monday for incoming cabinet members.

The committee interviews potential cabinet members to show the senate it approves of the president's cabinet.

The senate will vote on the new executive team and the new senate positions April 28.

"I'm glad to see that the judiciary committee is taking this seriously by properly vetting the potential staff," Student Body President Duncan Waugaman said. "With that said, I have full confidence in the staff to do a fine job at their interview."

They can vote for the executives as a whole or they can vote individually, depending on how the senate feels about the new cabinet.

The first meeting for the new vice president and the new cabinet is April 28.

#### Senate to create YouTube channel

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The Marshall University Student Government Association amended a bill to live stream senate meetings for students and staff to watch when unable to attend the meetings.

The bill was brought to the floor March 31 before it was brought to the judiciary committee for a vote.

The judiciary committee approved the bill and brought it to senate Tuesday after the amendments were made.

"Some of the changes of the bill included rewording and switching from a live stream to a YouTube channel," SGA Vice President Lila Mangus said. "I am very proud of senate and judiciary for taking time to look over this bill and make changes that will help better the SGA student bond."

The video of the meeting will be posted to a YouTube channel Marshall students can access. The first recording of SGA senate meetings will be August 2015.

## Thundering Word to perform in showcase

By **HANNAH HARMAN**  
THE PARTHENON

Members of Marshall University's Thundering Word speech and debate team will perform in a showcase 7:30 p.m. Friday in Corby Hall 105.

The team will perform for the home crowd in preparation for the National Forensic Association Tournament April 15 at Ohio University.

Thundering Word members will perform

prose, poetry, persuasive orations and more.

In mid-March, the Thundering Word placed sixth in Individual Event Sweepstakes at the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention Tournament in Athens, Ohio.

David Wellman, director of communications, said Marshall's debate team is highly competitive, considering its low number of 11 members.

"They have consistently performed well against some of the best teams in the country,

many of whom field larger squads than Marshall," Wellman said. "We are very proud of coach Danny Ray and his talented group that makes up our speech and debate team. They continue to improve year after year."

The event is free to the public.

Personal hygiene items will be collected at the door with proceeds benefiting the Huntington City Mission.

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## SPORTS

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Marshall University football begins its season at the first spring practice March 24, at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

PHOTOS BY SHANNON STOWERS



## Herd football to play first scrimmage

By JILL SHEMANSKI  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University football team is preparing for the 2015 spring season and the Green and White Spring Game April 25.

The team will head to The Greenbrier Saturday for its first intra-squad scrimmage.

Rising junior player Michael Selby said going to The Greenbrier is not something they get to experience often.

"It's really exciting because The Greenbrier is such a prestigious place, and we don't get to experience things like that every day," Selby said. "It will be exciting to see where the Saints practice and how the NFL practice facility is all set up. I think a lot of the guys are really excited about it."

Selby said the spring season is a period of growing and becoming a better unit.

"Spring ball is all about getting better and becoming the best player you can," Selby said.

For players like Selby, it is also a transitional period. Selby played right guard last season and is now taking over at center.

"This spring has definitely been a big transition from playing the whole

last season at right guard," Selby said. "As far as technique, making O-line calls and getting everybody on the same page, it has been an adjustment, but I'm getting used to it and I like it a lot."

Injury has kept offensive lineman Tyler Combs, from the field. However, this spring has given him the chance to put his pads back on and play the game.

"It feels really good to be back playing again," Combs said. "It had been a little over a year since I had played, and I think everyone as a whole is just happy to be able to put the pads on."

The search for a new quarterback is also underway this spring as four potential players are competing for the position.

"To us it doesn't matter what quarterback is behind us," Combs said. "We just have to block for them. You can tell who is back there by their cadence. Each one of them has a different way of calling the plays."

Following this weekend's scrimmage, the team will play in a scrimmage at 9:45 a.m. April 18 at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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## Herd Baseball falls to Ohio Bobcats

By ADAM POLSKY  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University baseball team dropped its fourth consecutive contest with a 4-2 loss against Ohio University Wednesday at the Kennedy Center YMCA field.

The Bobcats jumped out to a lead in the third inning when senior infielder Jake Madsen started off his big day



Herd Baseball plays against Northern Kentucky University last season.

with a sacrifice fly to left field. Junior outfielder Manny DeJesus scored on the play.

The Herd bounced back to tie the game in the next inning when senior infielder Andre Dundon doubled down the left field line to bring in junior infielder Aaron Bossi.

A pitcher's battle ensued with neither team able to score a run for the next four innings.

Freshman pitcher Tyler Ratliff threw 2.1 scoreless innings during that stretch which matches his innings total for the entire season leading up to this game.

Ratliff aimed to keep the ball low during this outing to avoid giving up potential base runners.

"That's what Coach Waggoner and I talk about all of the time," Ratliff said. "It's pitching versus throwing. Some innings, being at 86-89(mph), keeping the ball low and getting ground outs and fly outs is a lot better than 89-91(mph) up where people can hit you."

Ohio broke it open in the ninth inning when Madsen struck again, this time with a base clearing double to deep center.

DeJesus scored again on the hit along with sophomore outfielder Mitch Longo and senior infielder Tیره Burch.

Madsen's ringing double landed just out of the reach of Marshall sophomore outfielder Corey Byrd.

Byrd played shallow to avoid giving up any bloopers, but the strategic move ended up costing him.

"I didn't want to give him any cheap hits, so I was playing in a little bit," Byrd said. "He hit it and it just went over my head. It carried more than I thought, and he hit it well."

The Thundering Herd tacked on one more run on pinch hit single to left by freshman utility player Chad Roberts, but it would not change the outcome.

Redshirt senior infielder TJ Diffenderfer scored on the play.

The Herd has a three game series against University of North Carolina at Charlotte this weekend at Linda K. Epling Stadium.

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## Hamrick, Holliday sign long-term extensions

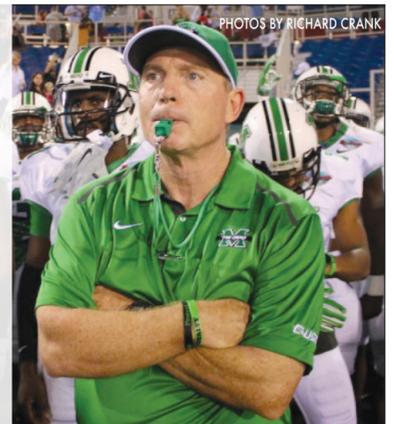
"Mike and Doc have stepped up and done their part."

-Interim President Gary White

By JACK BOGACZYK  
HERDZONE.COM COLUMNIST

Marshall University strengthened its stability and continuity in athletics Wednesday, as the Thundering Herd signed Athletic Director Mike Hamrick and football Coach Doc Holliday to long-term contract extensions.

Hamrick, who returned to his alma mater as AD in July 2009, hired Holliday in December of that year. Together, the two West Virginia natives, Hamrick from Clendenin and Holliday from Hurricane, have lifted Herd fortunes through new and enhanced facilities and record-breaking success on the football field.



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## COLUMN

## #FeministThursday

## Campus controversy and biased news

By **JOCELYN GIBSON**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Controversy creeps up on campus in the most interesting ways sometimes. All it took was a poster about privilege in the freshman dorm hung by the resident adviser of that floor to get an entire article on the Campus Reform website denouncing the poster and its creator.

Because this is a feminist-themed column and I have written about privilege before, I am going to focus primarily on the faulty argument that the Campus Reform piece makes.

The author of the piece Kaitlyn Schallhorn identifies herself as an investigative reporter for the site on her Facebook page.

I, however, identified several journalistic issues with the piece including the use of anonymous sources and the use of screenshots of the RA's social media posts that are private. While using an anonymous source isn't necessarily bad journalism, in this case the source did not face any immediate danger from being identified, and he or she only provided an opinion, no

sensitive information. Using an anonymous source in this case delegitimizes the source and what they have to say.

Another issue I had with the article was the use of highly accusatory language toward the RA who hung the poster. The intro to the story describes the poster as "handmade" in a way that seems to delegitimize it, as well as placing the word privilege in quotation marks as if even the term's legitimacy were being brought into question. The intro also states, "The RA was supportive of similar bulletin boards at App State University on social media." What the RA does or does not do on her own social media account is not relevant. Obviously she is an advocate for the acknowledgement of privilege, hence the bulletin board.

Much like what I am writing here, Schallhorn's piece is clearly an opinion piece, not a work of investigative journalism (it's found under the "News" tab on the website). I also question the ethics involved in acquiring the

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## EDITORIAL

## In the shadow of giants

Television is now overshadowing movies in popular entertainment

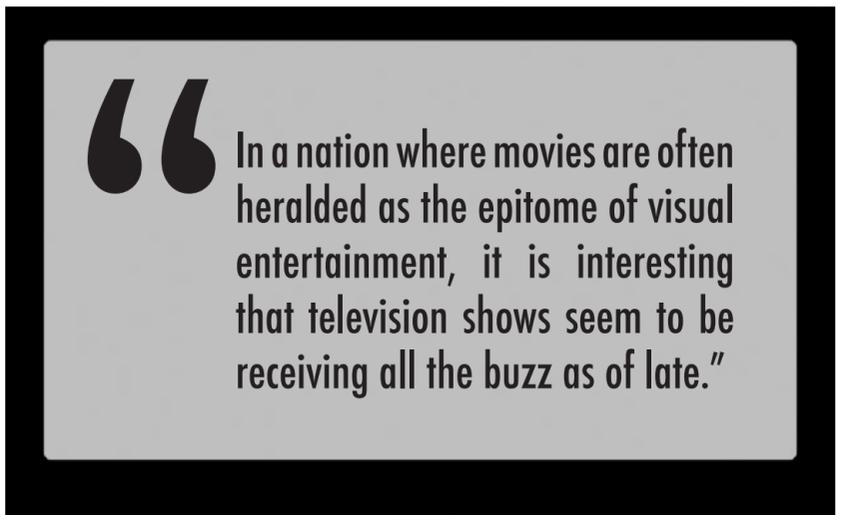
In a nation where movies are often heralded as the epitome of visual entertainment, it is interesting that television shows seem to be receiving all the buzz as of late.

The power of modern television really began when movie stars began working on TV. The series "24," starring Kiefer Sutherland, was the first program to feature an actor known primarily for his film work. Premiering in 2001, "24" set a new standard for television drama. Aside from its plot device in which each moment occurred in real time, the show broke the mold in a number of ways.

The trend has gained momentum ever since.

Today, the appearance of movie stars on the small screen is so ubiquitous that it has become par for the course. Some of TV's most popular shows feature big screen actors: "The Blacklist" (James Spader), "True Detective" (Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson), "The Killing" (Kevin Bacon), "House of Lies" (Don Cheadle) and "State of Affairs" (Katherine Heigel), to name just a few.

Not only do viewers like seeing big stars on the small screen, the actors like it as well, largely because it is a



steady job that allows them the time to build their character, something that a two or three hour movie doesn't allow.

However, all these actors bring with them a star power that television stars just don't possess. Although viewers enjoy seeing popular movie stars on their TV every week, other shows tend to suffer as a result — shows that might actually be as good, or possibly better than, the star-driven shows.

Some programs do not suffer from this problem, such as "The Walking Dead,"

which is a strong series comprised of mostly unknown actors — at least on American movie screens. But most of these shows comprise a slew of entertainment on the long assembly line of programs routinely considered interchangeable.

Obviously, this trend will not stop, but the only reason other programs suffer low ratings may be lack of interest in a show that might not carry star power with it. Perhaps viewers should not limit their viewing solely to programs that have big stars, otherwise, they might

be missing out on something great. After all, many famous actors started out somewhere, several of them on TV.

There are many great writers out there who create programs that suffer for a number of reasons, regardless of their quality. One example is 2002's "Firefly," an arguably original and genre-bending sci-fi show that has built up a huge following despite its cancellation after only one season. Its popularity even allowed the series creator, Joss Whedon,

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## COLUMN

## Missing the nostalgia of Myspace

By **BRI SHELTON**  
COLUMNIST

Does anyone else besides me ever miss the old social networking site Myspace?

Back in the day, Myspace was the hip social medium to be a part of. There wasn't really any competition with other websites until later on, and Facebook wasn't as largely popular back then as it is today.

Myspace was where we learned proper online etiquette. It taught us how to post statuses and take decent selfies for our profile pictures. We took the things we learned and later applied it to the other apps like Twitter and Instagram. Well, most of us did anyway.

Below is a list of the top five things I miss the most about Myspace. No matter how many years pass since my last login, I'll always remember the first major online network that encompassed my generation for a while.

## 1. The profile song.

Sorry Facebook, but you'll never be as cool as this site without music you can add to your profile. The most fun thing about

Myspace was getting to find a cool song for people to hear when scrolling down your page. It was always a race between your friends to get the popular song first because no one wanted to have the same music as one another. I don't know about everyone else, but mine was always something random and weird like the Free Credit Report theme song.

## 2. Tom.

He was the creator of Myspace and everyone's first friend. Even if you weren't popular in school or just allowed to send requests to people you knew, Tom was definitely a part of your friends list. The picture of him standing in front of a white board will probably forever be etched in everyone's brains. But that's okay.

## 3. Profile View Counter.

This little number was one way you could tell how many people were clicking on your page. If the number jumped dramatically, you could basically assume someone had a crush on you or was stalking you. When you logged on to your account, you could always see how many

people had viewed your profile during the time you'd been on the site. No other social media sites do this nowadays, and it's definitely something I miss.

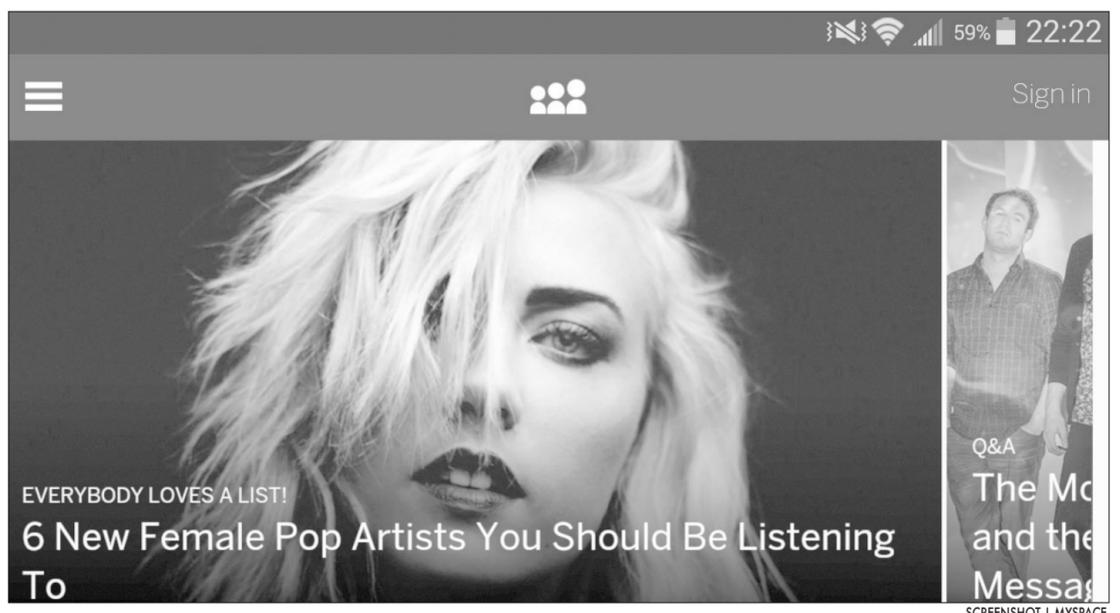
## 4. Personalizing your profile with a layout.

Everyone on Facebook has the same blue background. Twitter lets you have more options in terms of design, but it'll never compete with what Myspace had to offer. Some of the layouts were animated and would even move. No two profiles ever looked the same. Myspace was definitely the place to show what you were into and to get the coolest layout on the Internet.

## 5. Getting to have top friends.

This was the one way to prove who your best friends and favorite family members were back in the day. It was always the ultimate compliment if someone included you in their top five, seven, or so. It was also the biggest drama showdown if someone didn't put you in their top too.

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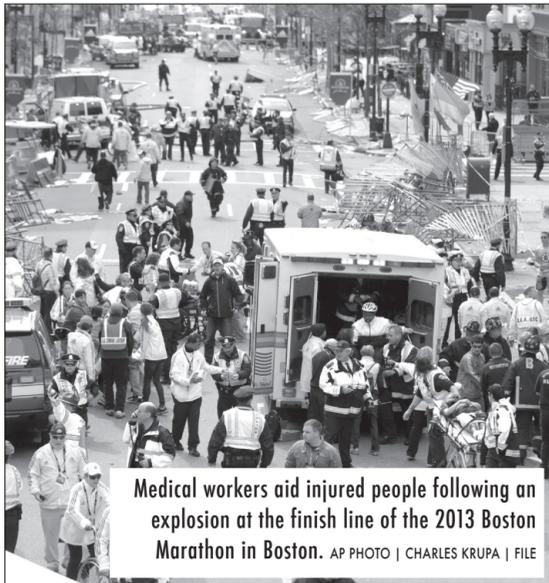


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# Jurors convicts Tsarnaev in Boston Marathon trial



Boston Marathon bombing survivor Karen Brassard, left, speaks alongside Laurie Scher, middle, and Mike Ward Wednesday outside federal court in Boston. AP PHOTO | STEVEN SENNE



Medical workers aid injured people following an explosion at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon in Boston. AP PHOTO | CHARLES KRUPA | FILE

By DENISE LAVOIE  
AP LEGAL AFFAIRS WRITER

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was convicted on all charges Wednesday in the Boston Marathon bombing by a jury that will now decide whether the 21-year-old should be executed or shown mercy for what his lawyer says was a crime masterminded by his big brother.

The former college student stood with his hands folded, fidgeted and looked down at the defense table in federal court as he listened to the word "guilty" recited on all 30 counts against him, including conspiracy and deadly use of a weapon of mass destruction. Seventeen of those counts are punishable by death.

The verdict, reached after a day and a half of deliberations, was practically a foregone conclusion, given his lawyer's startling admission at the trial's outset that Tsarnaev carried out the terror attack with his now-dead older brother, Tamerlan.

The defense strategy is to try to save Tsarnaev's life in the upcoming penalty phase by arguing he fell under Tamerlan's evil influence.

The two shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs that exploded near the finish line on April 15, 2013, killed three spectators and wounded more than 260 other people, turning the traditionally celebratory home stretch of the world-famous race into a scene of carnage and putting the city on edge for days.

Tsarnaev was found responsible not only for those deaths but for the killing of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer who was gunned down days later during the brothers' getaway attempt.

"It's not a happy occasion, but it's something," said Karen Brassard, who suffered shrapnel wounds on her legs and attended the trial. "One more step behind us."

She said Tsarnaev appeared "arrogant" and uninterested during the trial, and she wasn't surprised when she saw no remorse on his face as the verdicts were read. She refused to say whether she believes he deserves the death penalty, but she rejected the defense argument that he was simply following his brother's lead.

"He was in college. He was a grown man who knew what the consequences would be," Brassard said. "I believe he was 'all in' with the brother."

Tsarnaev's lawyers left the courthouse without comment.

In the penalty phase, which could begin as early as Monday, the jury will hear evidence on whether he should get the death penalty or spend the rest of his life in prison.

Defense attorney Judy Clarke argued at trial that Tsarnaev was led astray by his

radicalized brother, telling the jury: "If not for Tamerlan, it would not have happened." She repeatedly referred to Dzhokhar — then 19 — as a "kid" and a "teenager."

Prosecutors, however, portrayed the brothers — ethnic Chechens who moved to the United States from Russia more than a decade ago — as full partners in a brutal and coldblooded plan to punish the U.S. for its wars in Muslim countries. Jihadist writings, lectures and videos were found on both their computers, though the defense argued that Tamerlan downloaded the material and sent it to his brother.

Tamerlan, 26, died when he was shot by police and run over by his brother during a chaotic getaway attempt days after the bombing.

The government called 92 witnesses over 15 days, painting a hellish scene of torn-off limbs, blood-spattered pavement, ghastly screams and the smell of sulfur and burned hair.

Survivors gave heartbreaking testimony about losing legs in the blasts or watching people die. The father of 8-year-old Martin Richard described making the agonizing decision to leave his mortally wounded son so he could get help for his 6-year-old daughter, whose leg had been blown off.

In the courtroom Wednesday, Denise Richard, the boy's mother, wiped tears from her face after the verdict. The youngster's father, Bill Richard, embraced one of the prosecutors.

In Russia, Tsarnaev's father, Anzor Tsarnaev, told The Associated Press in recent days that he would have no comment.

The others killed in the bombing were Lingzi Lu, a 23-year-old Chinese graduate student at Boston University, and Krystle Campbell, a 29-year-old restaurant manager. MIT Officer Sean Collier was shot to death at close range days later.

In a statement, Collier's family welcomed the verdict and added: "The strength and bond that everyone has shown during these last two years proves that if these terrorists thought that they would somehow strike fear in the hearts of people, they monumentally failed."

Some of the most damning evidence at the trial included video showing Tsarnaev planting a backpack containing one of the bombs near where the 8-year-old boy was standing, and a confession scrawled inside the dry-docked boat where a wounded and bleeding Tsarnaev was captured days after the tragedy.

"Stop killing our innocent people and we will stop," he wrote.

Tsarnaev's lawyers barely cross-examined the government's witnesses and called just four people to the stand over less than two days, all in an effort to portray the older brother as the guiding force

in the plot.

According to defense testimony, phone records showed Dzhokhar was at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth while his brother was buying bomb components, including pressure cookers and BBs. Tamerlan's computer showed search terms such as "detonator" and "transmitter and receiver," while Dzhokhar was largely spending time on Facebook and other social media sites. And Tamerlan's fingerprints, but not Dzhokhar's, were found on pieces of the two bombs.

Clarke is one of the nation's foremost death-penalty specialists and an expert at keeping her clients off death row. She saved the lives of Unabomber Ted Kaczynski and Susan Smith, the South Carolina woman who drowned her two children in a lake in 1994.

Tsarnaev's lawyers tried repeatedly to get the trial moved out of Boston because of the heavy publicity and the widespread trauma. But opposition to capital punishment is strong in Massachusetts, which abolished its state death penalty in 1984, and some polls have suggested a majority of Bostonians do not want to see Tsarnaev sentenced to die.

The 12-member jury must be unanimous for Tsarnaev to receive a death sentence; otherwise the penalty will be life behind bars.

During the penalty phase, Tsarnaev's lawyers will present so-called mitigating evidence to try to save his life. That could include evidence about his family, his relationship with his brother, and his childhood in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan and later in the volatile Dagestan region of Russia.

Prosecutors will present so-called aggravating factors in support of the death penalty, including the killing of a child and the targeting of the marathon because of the potential for maximum bloodshed.

Dan Collins, a former federal prosecutor who handled the case against a suspect in the 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, said Massachusetts' history of opposition to capital punishment will have no bearing on the jury's decision about Tsarnaev's fate.

"When you ask people their opinion of the death penalty, there are a number who say it should only be reserved for the horrific cases," he said. "Here you have what is one of the most horrific acts of terrorism on U.S. soil in American history, so if you are going to reserve the death penalty for the worst of the worst, this is it."

Liz Norden, the mother of two sons who lost parts of their legs in the bombing, said death would be the appropriate punishment: "I don't understand how anyone could have done what he did."

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"I have to take the concealed weapon class which costs about \$50," Callison said. "And I have to go to the sheriff's station for

a background check which costs another \$50. If that goes through successfully, I apply for the permit and pay for my concealed weapon license. It's definitely a costly thing."

Ballou advised those who do possess weapons, to be responsible.

"If you have a weapon and you take it out, there's a couple of things you need to make sure of," Ballou said. "One: you're willing to use it because if you're not willing to use it, they can use it on you. Really you need to know how to use it because if you're not able to or not willing to, that's a bad combination."

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screenshots of the RA's personal social media accounts. One was described as being submitted by "a student who wished to remain anonymous" and the other was simply described as being "provided" to the site.

Also, the article states "According to a screenshot.... Swiger [the RA] bragged about her 'last bulletin board' on her Facebook page."

While it is a fact that Jessie Swiger wrote a Facebook status about the bulletin board, saying she bragged about it is an assumption made by Schallhorn.

Now to get back on my feminist high horse, the students who were interviewed for the piece, despite Swiger's informative bulletin board, failed to understand the concept of privilege.

An anonymous student from the floor was quoted in the article saying, "This creates a situation that ostracizes individuals. [The RA] shouldn't be trying to divide us." Understanding your privilege has everything to do with bringing people together and nothing to do with pushing them apart.

Another student who was named said, "You can't

control your life and what you obtain. The true concept of 'privilege' is simply a bad attitude because somebody has something you don't." Ironically, that is exactly the opposite of privilege, which is about acknowledging that you have things others don't in order to tap into your empathy.

While the article does say the site attempted to contact Swiger, who is not allowed to comment, it failed to interview anyone else who agrees with her position.

I also found the content of the article directly contradictory to the site's mission statement: "Campus Reform holds itself to rigorous journalism standards and strives to present each story with accuracy, objectivity and public accountability."

As a journalist I object to this clear opinion piece being presented as news on a site that claims to live up to journalist standards. As a feminist, I feel a need point out the obvious bias against realizing one's privilege in a world where many are discriminated against while others receive special treatment that has been systematically enforced to the point it is no longer obvious.

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## EDITORIAL

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to make a movie based on the defunct show.

There are a lot of great programs out there that may disappear as fast as they arrived because the

great shadow of giants like "The Blacklist" may obscure them completely. As long as viewers keep their minds open and give other shows the chance to thrive, some real gems may be uncovered in the process.

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"They just need to pay attention to where they're at and who they're with," Ballou said. "If they see something, it's best not to interact. The best option for them is to call 911. We teach our students to give a good suspect description and just get as much information as they can, so they can relay that to the dispatcher."

Ballou and Terry said as long as residents are "not directly involved with drug activity" they are not at risk as much as someone who is.

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## #INTOMUviews | Kumar Raj

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Vinay Kumar Raj is a Marshall University INTO student from India currently pursuing a master's in health informatics.

Raj came to America under the impression it would be far different from his home in Hyderabad. However, he was surprised to find there were many similarities between Huntington and his home.

Raj said he came to America because of the greater job opportunities and pay, but now sees Huntington as much his home as Hyderabad. So far, his favorite experience has been a 1,700 mile trip in the middle of a snow storm in which he visited Pittsburg, Niagara, New York, Cleveland, Lexington, and Cincinnati.

He also participated in the International Film Festival, representing India's culture and food.

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**Q: How do you think you have adapted to America and Marshall University?**

A: When I moved here, I thought there would be lots of differences between America and India in climate, culture, people and everything. But when I came here, I didn't feel that much different.

In my city — I'm from Hyderabad, and it's almost the fourth largest city in India — it has a mix of both the western and Indian cultures. So I have lived in a place where the culture is close to western. (...) Soon after coming here, we made good friends with the Indian community who helped me settle in.

They're American citizens, Indo-Americans. They made us so comfortable after coming here. They helped us in all ways. After coming here, I didn't even feel homesick. Hyderabad or Huntington, there's not much difference between them. Both are one and the same for me. I love this place, actually.

**Q: What is the biggest difference between America and India?**

A: Food (...) and here we have excellent transportation facilities. People are very good. Everybody helps us. Development is the only difference, otherwise both are one and the same.

**Q: How and why did you choose to come to America?**

A: For Indian students, especially students who are in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, their major goal is the top Indian institutes. After that, Indian students will aim to come to U.S. because in India we can't earn much.

When we go to get jobs, we get little money compared to the U.S. with the same skills. A student will (...) come to U.S., pursue his master's, complete it and then he'll have excellent job opportunities, make good money and have a good life. So this is the reason Indian students come here, and I too came for the same reason.

**Q: What are your plans after graduation?**

A: After I graduate, I want to get a job. We'll have an optional practical training period of almost 27 months. So I would like to get a job, (...) and if I get a local girl to marry, I would like to get married here.

**Q: How do you keep in touch with your family?**

A: Regularly, I am in touch with my family on the phone, Skype and other video messengers. I'm always in touch with them. At least twice a day I call my parents, my family and my friends.

**Q: What do you think your favorite experience in America has been?**

A: After coming to the U.S., we had a long drive for 1,700 miles continuously. We went from Huntington to Pittsburg, Pittsburg to Niagara, Niagara to Cleveland, Cleveland to Lexington, Lexington to Cincinnati, Cincinnati to Huntington. (...) It was one of my favorite experiences because it was in a winter storm.

Everybody called us and said to us "Don't drive. Don't travel." They warned us and (...) ordered us to return back. But we went. Niagara (...) was an awesome experience. Everyone's been to Niagara in the spring or summer, but we had a different experience. We saw the frozen Niagara. Luckily we didn't face any problems. We drove smoothly, we ate and we had good fun.

**Q: What are some activities or hobbies you enjoy?**

A: I have participated in the International Film Festival and fashion show.

I have been in the headlines of the Herald Dispatch with my picture.

In the International Festival, we participated on behalf of India. It was a wonderful experience for us because we showed our culture, our food and our costumes.



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