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Board of Governors vote to pass controversial students' rights policy

By **ADAM STEPHENS**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Board of Governors unanimously voted to pass a controversial students rights policy Wednesday that some faculty members and students believed would cause uncertainty regarding a student's right to privacy.

Policy No. SA-1 contains the phrase "students are generally entitled to the same safeguards of the rights and freedoms of citizenship as are afforded those outside the academic community."

There was a section in the policy that was taken out due to the broadness of the phrasing, however the word "generally" is still in the policy.

Professor of psychology Pamela Mulder spoke out against the wording of the policy at a faculty senate meeting last month. She said she continues to believe the wording is too broad and should be more specific.

"If I think you're going to be a harm to somebody else, if I think you're going to harm yourself, if I think you're going to engage in activities that's going to be dangerous to the public, then I am required to report that and to deal with it," Mulder said.

"Otherwise beyond those limits you really have confidentiality. They don't have to say 'generally' if in fact what they're saying is that they have those same rights, but when you say 'generally' those rights are not spelled out," Mulder said. "I get very frustrated when I feel like my students' rights aren't being met."

Nathan Korne is a sophomore at Marshall and said he doesn't think the policy is specific enough.

"I don't like the word 'generally' because it kind of goes down a rabbit trail," Korne



Board Member Christie Kinsey delivers a student affairs committee report during the Board of Governors meeting Wednesday.

said. "I think it's pretty dangerous for me as a student that if another person thinks that somebody else is doing something they don't agree with it could trample on somebody else's privacy rights."

Mulder said what therapists need to do is layout what privacy rights an individual has when going to counseling.

"The first thing that a good therapist does is talk to you about the limits of confidentiality so that you know exactly what you're getting into," Mulder said. "Students should ask for that no matter where they go. Then if those rights are violated, then they need to make

a report, tell somebody, maybe contact the board, write a letter or just get somebody to help them with it."

Mulder also said there were faculty senate members who wanted to change the wording of the policy, but weren't able to.

"There were several of us who talked about seeing if we could get it changed in other ways, but we didn't really have another medium to do it," Mulder said.

Mulder also said this isn't the first time she has had concerns about campus policies.

"I would like for students to know

that there are questionable things that go into a lot of the rules around here," Mulder said. "Many years ago I did a lot of work with the justice plans on campus and I felt that they were heavily weighted toward 'if we think the student's guilty, get him.' In real court, you have to have a preponderance of evidence showing guilt."

Two board members who voted in favor of the new policy declined to comment when asked about the wording of the policy.

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Marshall faculty discuss bills that could affect university

By **KYLEE HURLEY**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Legislative Affairs Committee has been keeping track of bills going through the legislature that could affect Marshall University.

Multiple bills have been introduced in the legislature that specifically relate to higher education.

The Marshall University Legislative Affairs Committee stays updated with this type of legislation and discusses its impact on the university and how to respond to lawmakers.

Marshall psychology professor Pamela Mulder is a member of the Legislative Affairs Committee and weighed in on some of the bills that have been brought up for discussion.

One bill that has been on the agenda in the Legislative Affairs Committee is House Bill 2559.

House Bill 2559 was introduced in the House Feb. 20 and was sent to the House Education Committee, then to the House Judiciary Committee for further discussion, according to the West Virginia Legislature website.

According to the West Virginia Legislature website, "The purpose of this bill is to permit an individual with a current West Virginia issued license to carry a concealed deadly weapon and to carry such weapon on the campus of a state institution of higher education."

Mulder said the faculty had different opinions, as some were for the idea of concealed carry on

"That's where the real power is, is to contact the home counties. We have small enough population in the state that just a few voices can make themselves heard."

- Pamela Mulder, psychology professor

campus, while most were not.

Another bill that was of discussion in the Marshall University Legislative Affairs Committee was House Bill 2097.

According to the bill on the West Virginia Legislature website, its purpose is to "permit community and technical colleges and universities to charge students half the cost of a credit for every credit taken over the fifteenth hour."

The website says this bill was introduced in the House and was referred to the House Education Committee Feb. 8.

Senate Bill 32 has also been discussed in the Legislative Affairs Committee.

The bill's purpose can be found on the West Virginia Legislature website. It would "require that higher education course catalogs include certain information relating to employment rate, compensation, etc. to help students decide on an area of study."

"There's nothing that forces alumni to tell us where they go or what they do, there's no way that we could assure that we are tracking them," Mulder said.

The West Virginia Legislature shows this bill was introduced in the Senate Feb. 8 and was referred to the Senate Education Committee where it still awaits further discussion.

Mulder said the resolutions that were created in the Legislative Affairs Committee towards the bills mentioned will be introduced in the Faculty Senate at their meeting on Feb. 23, and will be considered for passage.

Mulder said if the resolutions are passed, the Faculty Senate is in charge of taking the information to the Legislature for the people who are voting on the bills.

Mulder said if students want to let their voices be heard, there are several groups on campus that are trying to group together and to form coalitions.

Mulder also said students can let their opinions on the issues be heard by contacting the lawmakers that represent Huntington and those in their home counties.

"That's where the real power is, is to contact the home counties," Mulder said. "We have small enough population in the state that just a few voices can make themselves heard."

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'Empty Bowls' leads to full stomachs

By **FRANKLIN NORTON**
THE PARTHENON

Empty Bowls leads to full stomachs in the tri-state area, and for the Marshall University ceramics department, that means it's time to start working.

Empty Bowls is an international initiative to raise money and awareness in the fight to end hunger, and it is coming to Huntington for the 14th year. The event, to be held April 28, sells hand-crafted bowls, with proceeds going to Huntington's Facing Hunger Foodbank, a non-profit that serves 113,500 food insecure individuals in 17 counties across West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. Along with each bowl purchased, there comes a ticket to a soup-kitchen style meal of soup, bread and drink.

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Christian students take stand against human trafficking

By RYAN MURPHY
THE PARTHENON

The Baptist Campus Ministry at Marshall University is taking a stand against human trafficking, which they consider to be modern slavery.

"Slavery is very much thriving in different places of the world in very bad ways," sophomore marketing major Zack Simpson said. "27 million people are still victims."

End It Movement is a worldwide coalition that brings together organizations across the globe to help free people stuck in modern slavery by spreading awareness, prevention, rescue and restoration. They say they encourage people to be creative and help spread their initiative to others around them.

To help spread the initiative and shine a light on slavery, BCM members set up a table outside the Memorial Student Center, Thursday where they planned to sit for 27 hours, one hour for every one



TOM JENKINS | THE PARTHENON

Baptist Campus Ministry spending 27 hours outside the Memorial Student Center raising awareness about human trafficking.

million persons affected by slavery today. This is all part of a larger collection of protests initiated by the End It Movement that happens on Feb. 23 across the world.

"We're going to be out here for 27 hours, 8 a.m. until noon the next day just raising awareness and spreading the news," junior marketing major Jacob Bradley said. "Hopefully we can gain some traction and make more people aware."

BCM members say they

found out about the End It Movement through Passion, an annual event where Christians gather to share and express their faith with others.

"[End It Movement] is very heavily pushed there, some very famous worship artists represent this movement," Simpson said. "The beautiful thing about Passion is that it allows college students to take what they learn there and bring it back to their campuses."

The students of BCM

say they hope other students will take notice of their stand against human trafficking and join in to aid the fight.

"Obviously today we aren't going to end slavery, it's just not possible, but we hope that someone we talk to today will take it to heart and have a desire to make a change," Bradley said.

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MU club combats anxiety, depression

By HEATHER BARKER
THE PARTHENON

A new club is emerging at Marshall University with members who want to combat issues such as anxiety, depression and suicide. "One Body" was started by three students who hope to create a more positive atmosphere on campus and in the community.

"One Body is an organization we all three decided to come up with to help students reduce anxiety, depression, stress, to prevent suicide on campus and to get them more involved so they're not cooped up in their rooms," president Leadra Harper of One Body and junior social work major said.

One Body will host an interest meeting, Feb. 24 at 4:30 in Twin Towers East Glass Lounge. At the meeting, the group will discuss possible activities and volunteer opportunities.

"We're going to explain what our club is about; we're going to get new ideas and topics," vice

president Unique Robinson of One Body and sophomore social work major, said. "We want people to get involved and we want them to give us ideas to make them feel a part (of the group) just as much as we are."

The group has plans to donate to Toys for Tots and the local soup kitchen but also want to focus their efforts on organizations that are not as well known.

"What's really important for us, for the organizations we're going to be helping with, we want to do more under the ground ones rather than the ones you see every day, because the underground ones you don't see people helping," Harper said.

One Body members have the goal to reopen a food pantry on campus for students who cannot afford meal plans or fast food. They propose that restaurants in the student center could possibly donate unsold food to the

pantry.

"I was at the Pizza Hut and there was a gentleman taking stuff out and moving it," Harper said. "They were throwing it away and there are so many kids on campus who can't afford to buy this food. So instead of throwing it away, why can't you give it out for free to students on campus?"

Friday's interest meeting is open to any student who wants to be more involved on campus. The group will be holding an election for treasurer, which is also open to anyone willing to fill the position.

"The idea behind One Body is to make friends, even if you don't think you guys could be friends," Robinson said. "If you're just sitting in your room and you're bored all the time, then you're more than welcome to come."

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Police Blotter

By HEATHER BARKER
THE PARTHENON

Sexual Abuse

Feb. 20, the RA on duty called Marshall University Police Department to Freshman North on a report of sexual abuse. The victim stated

sexual abuse had occurred three times off campus and one time on campus. The suspect is known, but the victim does not wish to press charges. According to MUPD, the victim has one year to press charges.

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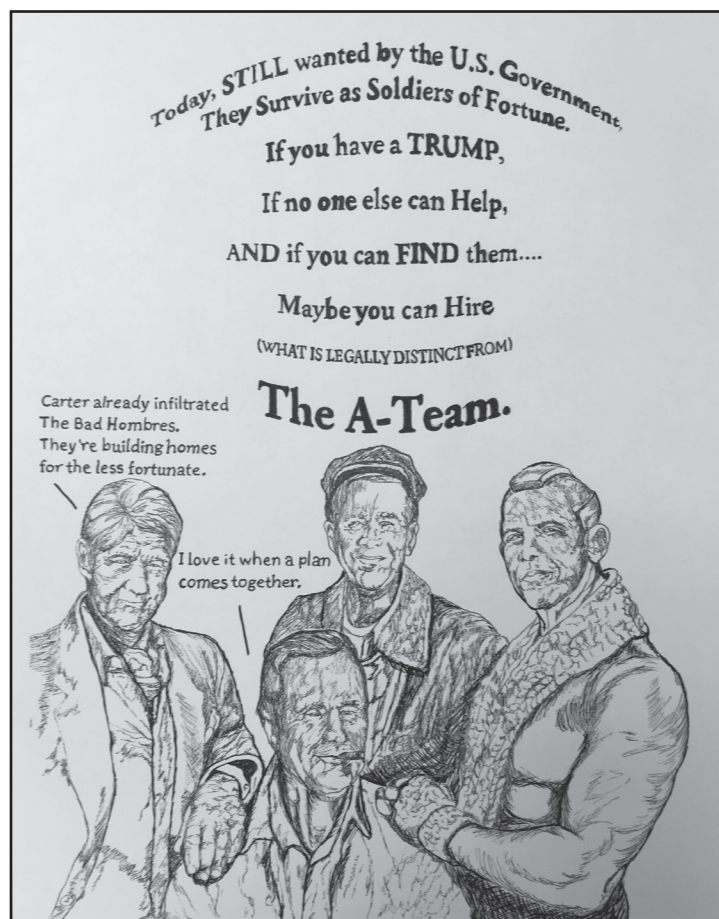
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By MICHAEL BROWN

ONLINE EDITOR

The readers submitted some questions about life, love and everything in between. I answered them as honest as I knew possible. I'm here to keep it real with you when no one else is and to answer with no judgment because I don't know you! I'm just a college senior who enjoys giving his opinion. Here are some of the questions I got this week:

I've been single for a while now and I am ready to start dating again. What advice do you have?

Put yourself out there! Get out there. If I were you, I'd maybe start going out more on the weekends or something. Maybe you could download a dating app or something. I mean, it is 2017, everyone has tried a dating app or two.

How do you tell someone you cheated on them?

I'm not sure. That is a tough cookie. I say just tell them, because holding it in will just get harder and harder.

How do I tell my friend that their breath sometimes is a little stinky?

This is gross. Why are you friends with this person? Did their breath not scare you away when you first met them and why did you continue to befriend them? Okay, I'm joking a little bit, but honestly you should just offer them some type of gum or mint every chance you get. You should

really buy some mints or gum in bulk and bless them with a random gift, or better yet, a toothbrush would work wonders. If you're a real friend, you'll find a way to tell them in the nicest way possible

If you could have a super power, what would it be and why?

I would have the power of invisibility. If you're able to be invisible you can do almost anything. I would get away with so much. There would basically be no stopping me.

What do I like or dislike about Marshall?

I love how welcoming and diverse Marshall is. Marshall University is truly like a home away from home. I can't imagine one can get the education that we're getting here at this university anywhere else. I've never had a professor or met a staff member who didn't want to help me succeed. I am so proud to be a son of Marshall University.

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EDITORIAL

Reminder: The media is still working for the American people

While President Donald Trump apparently has no qualms with labeling the media "the enemy of the American people," it appears that the public aren't entirely on board with the president's sweeping epithet.

A Quinnipiac University Poll found Americans believe the media is more trustworthy than the president, at 52 percent to 37 percent, respectively. The poll also discovered the majority of Americans oppose Trump's treatment of the media, at 61 to 35 percent and the majority believe that Trump is doing more to divide Americans than unite them, at 58 to 36 percent.

Not all findings from the Quinnipiac poll are promising. For instance, 78 percent of Republicans and 55 percent of whites without a college degree believe Trump over the news media, despite the Trump administration fabricating three terror attacks only this month. And Trump's lies are not few and far between, with a Washington Post analysis finding the president had said something false or misleading every day during the first 33 days of his presidency.

The Quinnipiac University poll was conducted Feb. 16 to 21 and surveyed 1,323 nationwide voters by landline or cell phone. The margin of error is +/- 2.7 percent.

Though the news media aren't infallible, we are regularly more consistent with the facts than the president, who tells the truth only four percent of the time, according to Politifact. And even if the news media make a mistake every now and then, this does not, by a long shot, qualify us as the "enemy of the American people."



SCREENSHOT

But since Trump won the nomination, it's become increasingly clear that his administration is only interested in having a relationship with the media if that relationship is wholly beneficial to the administration's efforts. This is a simply absurd expectation on their part, mostly because no past president has ever received such a luxury. Historically, the media has acted as an unofficial fourth branch of the government — a watchdog, in many ways — that aims to keep the other three branches in check.

Because of this, it's acceptable and historically precedented for the media to have a critical relationship with the president; this may not be preferable to the president, but it gives the American people the answers they deserve. Former Obama adviser David Axelrod said as much in a tweet reacting to Trump's "enemy" claim.

"Every president is irritated by the news media," Axelrod tweeted. "No other president would have described the media as 'the enemy of the people.'"

The media has received bipartisan support since Trump's tweet, as well, notably from figures like Sen. John McCain, R-AZ, who criticized Trump on Saturday's "Meet

the Press," saying "the first thing that dictators do is shut down the press."

For those who remain skeptical of the media's reporting of the facts, the media operates for all American people, not just those of a particular political party. This is in steep contrast to our president, who suggested during last week's press conference that Republican representatives only represent Republicans, which is factually incorrect and a dangerous interpretation of representation.

Trump has probably irreparably burnt his bridge with the media — just yesterday The Washington Post changed their slogan to "Democracy dies in darkness," no doubt a response to the events of the past weeks — but this doesn't mean that the 37 percent of Americans who swear by Trump's words need to follow in his footsteps.

As always, read news from multiple outlets, fact check everything from less-than-reputable sources and remember to not let partisan views color your judgment on important political issues. But most importantly know that the media is here for the American people. We only hope that they will continue to be there for us.

COLUMN

Reflections and painful truths

By CHRISTOPHER SWINDELL

SOJMC ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

In the words of J.K. Rowling's minister of magic, "these are dark times." Institutions of public trust which form the basis of civil society are upended, maligned and starved of public financing. The social contract is collapsing. Fear, fantasy, fake news and fiction replace fact and forward thinking. As educators and as institutions of higher learning, we must confront these stark realities clear-eyed and resolute.

To be sure, the challenges are many and complex, but the task begins by doing what others are not ... taking a breath. In the Potter Box, an ethical tool created by a theologian, the first step in sorting through a dilemma is clarifying the problem. Issue? Millions of well-meaning Americans simply do not have any remaining faith in things we used to have in common. These run the gamut but include organized religion, public education, higher education, family, government and social responsibility. In this last category lies the thorniest issue of all — the trustworthiness of the American news media and, separately, American willingness to make pluralism and

diversity of thought valued and steadfastly defended.

In other words, we face a hostile public taunted into frenzy by a president who claims two very dangerous and untrue things — the media are enemies of the state, and immigrants are enemies of us all. Psychologists warn of the error of "us against them," of setting up some "other" who can be readily blamed for a myriad of ills. To use the president's

"Rather than cower in fear of the many who spew hate, or worse, yell back at them, we must continue to present the truth."

own word, such thinking is a "ruse." Yet, rather than rail against this banality, we must now figure out how to counteract its threatening effects and push back.

What do we value? Marshall, my employer for 11 years, values diversity of thought, academic integrity, facts-based claims, evidence over supposition, reason and the rule of law. Even the Latin root for university has the pursuit of truth built right into it. What

moral principle then should apply to the issue above? Several come to mind, but Mill's "needs of the many" and the Judeo-Christian "Golden Rule" seem to fit best. Mill suggests people who make decisions should effect change as to deliver the greatest good to the largest number, or limit the impact of negative outcomes to the smallest group possible. The Golden Rule says decision making ought rightly to be guided by

basic humanity and decency. Do unto others means don't do it if the roles were reversed and you wound up being hurt. In other words, take a breath. To whom are we loyal? In Shakespeare we find a well-written readily available phrase. "Give every man thy ear but few thy voice. (sic) This above all. To thine own self be true. (sic) Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Higher education is loyal to the pursuit of the truth in an

obscure world where truth is increasingly difficult to discover. This means our task is clear. "When they go low, we go high." That is not a political phrase any longer — it is a rallying cry. Rather than cower in fear of the many who spew hate, or worse, yell back at them, we must continue to present the truth. Rather than allow the ridiculous claim that universities have become "indoctrination" centers for progressive thinking, we must continue to ask our charges to think for themselves. To be sure, we already do this, but our messaging to that effect has been ineffective. In this way, pursuing the truth, we can defend both the news media vouchsafed to check power and better protect helpless people groups targeted by bigots. Speaking truth to power ... unafraid. My pledge in 2017. Marshall's North Star. And a better way forward for all of us.

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Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Marshall Keramos Clay Club will be sponsoring an open studio event in its art warehouse, offering a chance for community members and students to test their pottery skills and contribute to the cause.

Frederick Bartolovic, associate professor of art and ceramics area coordinator, said the majority of bowls contributed to the event each year come out of Marshall.

"The backbone of this event comes out of this studio right here and the students who are working here in the ceramics program," Bartolovic said. "In this studio we typically generate probably anywhere from 700 to 800 of the bowls that get produced and every year, with donations from places like the Huntington Museum of Art and other local potters, we end up at the event with anywhere from 1,000 to 1,200 bowls."

Bartolovic said last year the event generated around \$17,000 for the foodbank. His own ceramics class, which focuses on service learning, not only makes a large portion of the bowls, but also volunteers their time at the Facing Hunger Foodbank.

Every spring, and sometimes in the fall as well, the art warehouse opens its doors to the public to join in the ceramics department's efforts to produce bowls. Bartolovic said more bowls created equates to potentially more money for the foodbank.

"Each bowl at the event sells for \$15 and all the proceeds from the Empty Bowls event go to the Facing Hunger Foodbank," Bartolovic said. "The Facing Hunger Foodbank can provide seven meals for each dollar they get. They service 16 counties in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. Every bowl that is made and contributed to the Empty Bowls event actually provides 105 meals."

Kelsie Tyson, president of the Keramos Clay Club, said Clay Club always aims to raise more money for the foodbank.

"We try to beat our goal," Tyson said. "Every year we try to raise more and more and more."

The Keramos Clay Club will be volunteering their time Saturday to help teach people who are not familiar with ceramics. The open studio event is open to the public and there is no cost to participate.

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'Rally for Healthcare' strives to show importance of the ACA, Planned Parenthood



The "Rally for Healthcare" allowed citizens to voice concerns about the future of the Affordable Care Act and Planned Parenthood.

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'It saved my life'

Talk of Obamacare repeal worries addicts

By **ADAM BEAM and CARLA K. JOHNSON**

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While the Affordable Care Act has brought health coverage to millions of Americans, the effects have been profound, even lifesaving, for some of those caught up in the nation's opioid-addiction crisis.

In Kentucky, which has been ravaged worse than almost any other state by fentanyl, heroin and other drugs, Tyler Witten went into rehab at Medicaid's expense after the state expanded the program under a provision of the act. Until then, he had been addicted to painkillers for more than a decade.

"It saved my life," he said.

Addicts and mentally ill people who gained access to treatment programs for the first time are worried about how that might change as President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress try to make good on their promise to repeal and replace "Obamacare."

Repeal could end coverage for 1.8 million people who have undergone addiction or mental health treatment and could cut \$5.5 billion in spending on such services, said Richard Frank, a health economist at Harvard Medical School.

Some GOP governors insist addicts have nothing to fear from repeal because, they say, Medicaid will continue to pay for treatment. But Democrats and others are dubious.

Currently the federal government covers a certain percentage of each state's Medicaid costs, however high they might go. As part of the plan to junk Obamacare, the Trump administration has expressed support instead for giving states a fixed amount of money for Medicaid and letting them design their own programs.

But Raymond Castro, senior policy analyst for New Jersey Policy Perspective, a left-leaning think tank, said these block grants are likely to come with less money. And that could force states to cut benefits.

Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who has made the opioid crisis his top priority in his final year in office, said he would support a shift to block grants because of the flexibility they give states. But he said the people receiving treatment through the Medicaid expansion now shouldn't be forgotten.

"Whatever changes are made to the ACA should be made with those people in mind, because we don't help ourselves by kicking those people off coverage," Christie said.



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Tyler Witten, from left, John Holbrook and Jason Stone stand on the steps of the Sanibel House in Catlettsburg, Kentucky. The three men have gone through residential treatment programs operated by Addiction Recovery Care, which is seeing many new patients who are covered under Kentucky's Medicaid expansion as part of the Affordable Care Act.

In areas overwhelmed by the opioid crisis, the uncertainty is worrisome to people receiving treatment.

In Pennsylvania, nearly 63,000 newly eligible Medicaid enrollees received drug and alcohol treatment in 2015, the first year of the state's expansion.

One of them was 44-year-old Pittsburgh restaurant hostess Erika Lindgren, who credits the health care law with quickly getting her into a 26-day rehab program in 2015 and covering the daily medications she takes to fight opioid cravings.

When she was uninsured, getting into rehab involved waiting lists and daily phone calls to see if a publicly funded bed had opened up. With coverage under the Affordable Care Act, "I was able to pack my bag at that moment," she said. "I was in an in-patient rehab within an hour and a half of making that call."

"I am scared to death to lose my coverage," she added. "It saves my life every day."

In Wildwood, New Jersey, Ashley Grant, a 30-year-old recovering heroin addict who has been sober since June, is hoping to regain custody of her three children. She has signed up for Medicaid under the health law expansion and is waiting to be approved so she can afford weekly counseling. A county program helps pay for a monthly anti-relapse shot.

"They should make it easier for people

with addiction to get insurance," she said.

Care for mental illness, too, expanded under the Affordable Care Act.

Marquitta Nelson, a 60-year-old homeless Chicagoan with severe depression, is getting psychiatric care and treatment for asthma, arthritis and other conditions since she obtained Medicaid coverage under the health law expansion. She is waiting to be assigned to a shelter and staying with a friend.

"Am I expected not to take my medications and wig out and be walking up and down the street, not coherent?" Nelson said.

While the law expanded coverage, it did not always translate into more treatment.

For those buying insurance in the marketplace, many plans still exclude or limit residential treatment and clinics that dispense methadone, which is used to treat addictions to heroin and painkillers. Deductibles for some plans are so high that people still cannot afford help.

Despite those hurdles, the health care law was beginning to shift the system and giving hope to many, said Samuel Ball, chief executive of the nonprofit National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse in New York.

"At a point where we feel we're turning a corner, to have the whole rug pulled out from under us is very concerning," he said.

After shooting, Roof went toward second black church

By **MEG KINNARD and TOM FOREMAN JR.**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Because he had to leave his day job late, the pastor of a South Carolina church canceled his weekly Bible study class. That move may have averted a second round of deadly shootings after nine worshippers had been killed at another black church.

According to federal court documents unsealed Tuesday, Dylann Roof, who was convicted of killing the nine worshippers during Bible study at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, exited an interstate and drove approximately 30 miles northwest toward the Branch AME Church in Summerville, where another Bible study was advertised on a church sign. That was based on GPS evidence, and prosecutors said Roof shut off his GPS device, which they said indicated he stopped the car.

But Branch AME pastor the Rev. Rufus Berry told The Associated Press he called off Bible study that night because he was going to be late leaving his job at a cement company. He said he was shocked when he learned through news reports that his church, which has 70 members, had been targeted by Roof.

"I'm still trying to digest this. I'm trying to get through it," Berry said Wednesday, moments before heading to the very Bible study class that was canceled the night of the shootings.

"I would hate to know what the outcome would be. I dread to even think about that," he said. "I thank God that he had us protected" from a second attack.

In December, a jury convicted Roof on 33 federal charges for gunning down nine people as they

prayed at the end of a Bible study at the historic Charleston church known as Mother Emanuel.

During trial, prosecutors presented evidence showing that the self-taught white supremacist, now 22, had lists of other black churches in his car when he was arrested in Shelby, North Carolina. The details about the Branch AME church were not mentioned, however.

Roof's legal team sought to keep the Branch AME information out of his trial, noting in documents of their own that the church — one of more than 500 AME congregations in South Carolina — was merely near his route from Charleston to North Carolina and that the government had no evidence Roof had planned an attack there.

"The only possible reason" for introducing this evidence, they noted, "is to invite jurors to speculate that the defendant planned attacks on other churches — a proposition that is obviously inflammatory and for which there is no support."

Further court documents show prosecutors ultimately withdrew their request to introduce information about Branch AME at trial.

During a lengthy confession the day after the shootings, Roof told FBI agents he was too tired after the Emanuel killings to carry out any other violence.

State prosecutors are pursuing the death penalty against Roof on murder charges. No date has been set for his trial, which had been indefinitely postponed during the federal proceedings. Roof is also seeking a new federal trial, saying prosecutors didn't have jurisdiction to bring their case against him.

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Wesley Berg's "Paw Paw: Works on Paper" comes to VAC

By HANNAH SWARTZ
THE PARTHENON

Artist Wesley Berg is from Dayton, Ohio and has been an artist in residence all over the world from Iceland to New Zealand. His trail running and traveling, especially throughout nature, has inspired his works.

Berg's artist demonstration took place Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in The Carroll Art Gallery inside the Visual Arts Center. His artist talk was Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. in the VAC.

"There's something about drawing that is really direct," Berg said. "It feels like this direct

translation of thoughts you're having, and other mediums that I've tried and worked on in the past have required a bit more time and patience, whether it's mixing paints or firing a kiln."

For the artist demonstration, Berg did a piece from start to finish on the back wall of the Carroll Art Gallery. This gave the public, but especially the students, a chance to see firsthand what the process is like. Berg said he likes working with charcoal because it's one of the more Earth-like materials which ties into the nature of the pieces.

"There's something about using charcoal

— it's a real earthy, kind of messier material, so I feel with that directness and that kind of messiness, there's something there that's connecting me, I think, to being outside and being in a more natural state," Berg said.

The significance of the name of his exhibit, "Paw Paw: Works on Paper," comes from a few different things, such as the fruit, a nature shelter in Berg's hometown where he would spend a lot of time named the Paw Paw Shelter and even the paws of the animals featured in his works.

"There's just something repetitive about the word paw paw, and

the symmetry within the word that even appears in some of my work was appealing to me, too," Berg said.

For the talk, Berg focused on his influences, such as Philip Guston, Käthe Kollwitz, William Kentridge and former professors Arnold Mesches and Jerry Cutler. He also talked about what he tries to express through his work: a certain level of realism, nature and, in particular, the treatment of the environment. The room was packed with students and educators for the presentation.

"I've always liked making big work. I think the

scale being a bit larger is to the level of confrontation that I want. These drawings are going to occupy your space and you can't deny that," Berg said.

The opening reception for the exhibit will be Thursday, Feb. 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Carroll Art Gallery.

Wesley Berg's exhibit, "Paw Paw: Works on Paper," will be up through March 31 and is free and open to the public during the VAC's Carroll Art Gallery hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Part of Berg's "new drawing 80 x 122".

Zilla Bash 2017 set to rock V-Club stage

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Live music is coming to The V-Club Friday night with a show called Zilla Bash, which will feature bands such as The Settlement, Moonshine Crossing, The Tangled Roots, J Squared and Chris Sutton.

The show will begin at 8 p.m., is for ages 18 and up and costs \$7 at the door for entry. The show is called Zilla Bash for the birthdays of Bob Zilla, guitarist, mandolin and vocalist of Moonshine Crossing, and his wife, Cheri Zilla. They hold the event for each other at the end of February every year.

"Our birthday party became too large for a house party, so we stepped

up our game and began holding our party in different music venues, finally landing at The V-Club for the last few years," Bob Zilla said.

Every year, the Zillas gather together a few new acts, a popular veteran act to bring attention to the show and Moonshine Crossing to form the Zilla Bash. Charlie Brown Superstar will close out the night with a DJ set.

The lineup for the night is J Squared, Chris Sutton, The Tangled Roots, Moonshine Crossing and The Settlement.

The Settlement is a funk-fusion jam band from Huntington, West Virginia, according to the band's Facebook page. The band was formed in 2014 and has toured throughout West

Virginia and Ohio.

"The Settlement cleverly combines rowdy rock riffs, complex jazz harmonies, funky bass lines, creamy pop vocals, jammin' reggae grooves and a multitude of diverse world music influences," the band's Facebook page says.

The Settlement has shared the stage with local acts like Ona, Tyler Childers, Of the Dell and Moonshine Crossing. The band has opened for national acts such as BIG Something, Wayland and The Ying Yang Twins. Among these shows, according to the band's page, they also released a debut album in September of last year.

The band's page says their main goal is to bring people together and to

spread love through the universal language of music.

Another act on the Zilla Bash lineup is Chris Sutton. Sutton is a West Virginia-based mountain blues performer, singer and songwriter. He has won awards such as a spot in Memphis, Tennessee at the International Blues Challenge, according to his official Facebook page.

"I think that sounds like an amazing event," Mykala Hopkins, Marshall junior photography major, said. "It would definitely be something I would attend if I had the time to spare. I'm always up for live music and discovering new bands."

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