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Navy Yard shooting near US Capitol unlikely to spur new gun laws

By Michael McComber
The Associated Press

A leading advocate of stricter gun safety laws and gun control legislation said that momentum had not stalled in Congress as a result of the shooting.

"I think it’s quite clear that there wasn’t some kind of untoward movement or shift that happened," said Gun Control Inc. President John Culhane. "I think it’s quite clear that there wasn’t some kind of untoward movement or shift that happened."

The shooting came in the wake of a string of mass shootings in recent months, prompting calls for new gun control measures. But the prospects of Congress taking action on gun control have been dim in recent months.

"We had a lot of momentum before this shooting," Culhane said. "We want to see some action on this."

The shooting has also put pressure on President Joe Biden and his administration, which has been working to keep the government open amid a partial shutdown and a budget impasse.

"The administration needs to work with Congress on this," Culhane said. "We need to see some progress on gun control measures."
Volleyball seniors set example for team

By TAYLOR KIRCHWEIN | THE PARTHENON

Seniors Laura Diet, Dorothy Rahal and Sasha Byous-McConnell lead the Marshall volleyball team. Each comes from different volleyball backgrounds but together and on the court for the team.

Dorit began playing volleyball at the very “early” age of 8 years, unlike many of the girls in her class who started playing as young as 3 years old. The senior said she got in it when she did so she could maintain the same love for the game throughout her career.

“I didn’t start playing until I was 14, which is kind of good because a lot of girls get burnt out at 17 then and want to college for a year and decide they aren’t just done,” she said. “I’ve been able to play all four years and still love the game.”

Volleyball wasn’t always a first choice for senior Dorothy Rahal who said she did not make the switch to volleyball until halfway through high school.

“I was a big tennis player all my life up until my sophomore year of high school,” Rahal said. “I’ve never thought tennis was my ticket anywhere, and then I just kind of fell in love with more of the team atmosphere of volleyball that’s what kind of made me transfer over.”

Most kids growing up see every sport a try and see which one they end up liking the most.

Sasha Byous-McConnell is no exception and said she tested every sport until finally finding volleyball.

“When I was younger, my mom made me try out all the others and she said I had to be active in all the other sports,” Byous-McConnell said. “I tried tennis, but I could only serve the ball, not return it. I tried soccer but I didn’t like to run as much so we cut out. Then volleyball was the last sport I tried, and I picked up the ball and I loved it from the first day on.”

For these seniors, their days are almost done. As each day passes, Dorit says she is playing every day like it is her last.

“I am a senior and that locker in the locker room isn’t going to be mine in December or so right now it’s all about making these days count,” Der said.

Not just Der, competing every day she has left to secondary and also she is trying to convey the same importance and desperation to her teammates.

“Coach talked about it at the beginning of the past few years for the freshmen coming in they are tangible ways this is day 20 or this is day 30, and I’m looking forward to this,” Der said. “It’s just having that sense of urgency as a senior leader and trying to convey that sense of urgency to my teammates.”

Rahal said her duties as a senior are sheroes — to bring home a victory.

According to senior setter Sammie Bane (9), setter during the Thunder Invitational Sunday, Sept. 15 in the Cam Henderson Center.

Men’s golf wins for first time since 2000

By MICHAEL CIRCLE | THE PARTHENON

The first tee-shots of many were raised Tuesday to signal the next step of Vision Campaign.

“The facility will be beneficial to all student athletes, not just football or basketball players,” said Steve Simel, associate director of athletics. “It’s going to be a great addition.”

The facility is part of a $20 million campaign that includes the new soccer complex.

The building is scheduled to open for the fall semester and is expected to reach its financial goal within the next six months.

“This campaign has been cross-functional sports medicine and establish both athletic and academic centers of excellence,” Hamrick said. “That includes indoor practice facility with an NCAA approved track, a soccer stadium complex, a physical medicine and research Center and a Student-Athlete Academic Center.”

The facility will also include a Hall of Fame atrium, which will be the shared entrance to the three sections of the building. The atrium will also be a reminder of the academic and athletic standards of Marshall student-athletes.

Along with a 120 yard practice football field, the practice facility will house a skatepark and a 20-foot high diving board.

Senior setter Sceneire Renie (9) sets a ball for senior outside hitter Sacha Byous-McConnell during the Thunder Invitational Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Cam Henderson Center.

TOP: Graphics of what the new indoor practice facility and accompanying aspects of the Vision Campaign will look like after completion.

BOTTOM: A crane lifts the first beams of the indoor practice facility.
A recent study by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that the number of Americans using smartphones to access the Internet has doubled from 31 to 63 percent since 2009 when Pew first began tracking Internet and cell phone usage.

These people, identified as “cell Internet users,” include those who use their phones to access the Internet for such purposes as surfing the web or checking their email.

The study also said 91 percent of Americans own a mobile device. This means that more than half of all Americans go online using a cell phone. To add to that, 56 percent of American adults own smartphones.

Not surprisingly, young adults, age 18-29, are the most likely to go online using a mobile device.

By looking at all the data, there’s an apparent shift in the way we use our smartphones, how well we use it in the future. By using a cell phone, smartphones in particular, we have the ability to retrieve or share almost all of the same information we would by using a desktop or laptop computer. Does this mean that these devices are on their way to becoming obsolete? Probably not, but the way we use them will certainly change.

When it comes to cell phones, Apple’s tagline, “There’s an app for that,” is not only true, it’s making it easier for us to rely on our handheld devices. Not only can we check our email, but we can manage our bank accounts and organize our day-to-day schedules.

Cell phone makers are aware of the country’s dependence on their mobile devices and have answered this by improving the quality of the displays and the size of the screens to better fit these new needs.

So, again, what does this mean for desktop and laptop computers? For the time being, their importance in our society is still strong. The amount of work businesses, organizations and colleges use them for makes them vital.

As for the home computer, it’s already shifting to that of a gaming device, which replaces its purpose and gives it new life, and developers a new way to market their products.

It will still be interesting to see Pew’s next search results in another four years and just where traditional means of Internet access fall on the spectrum because the times are definitely changing.

The FTC, on the other hand, considers any information posted on social media to be public. This means that more than half of all Americans using their cell phones to access the Internet has doubled from 31 to 63 percent since 2009 when Pew first began tracking Internet and cell phone usage.

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By KEVIN G. NALL MCT/STAFF-WASHINGTON BUREAU (WDC)

A day after a bloody rampage at the Washington Navy Yard, 13 dead in the nation’s capital, troubling new details emerged Tuesday about the psychological state of gunman Aaron Alexis and why his life appeared logical state of gunman Aaron Alexis.

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The Navy said Tuesday that it was providing a follow-up to determine whether Alexis, a reservist until 2011, was actually a defense contractor.

The newly released police report raises questions about other weapons he had, in addition to the Remington gun used in the attacks from the Defense Department.

Hepatitis, cirrhosis, hepatitis C, and hepatitis B.

Alleged gunman was an employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to law enforcement officials with knowledge of the case.

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Shooting and further police investigations Inn.

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Mass shooting at Washington Navy Yard

Washington, D.C. police say a gun that shot a sailor at the Washington Navy Yard last Monday morning, the U.S. Navy officers were shot there between 3:45 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. (11:45 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. GMT) on September 16.

The FBI interviewed one of the contractors, Daniel C. Barlow, in June. He was killed.

Murphy is expected to try to force a vote on sports-betting legislation.

An Aug. 7 police report from Rhode Island that was re- 

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I had no idea that what I was getting into would change my life for the better.

- Zachary Morris

A three-day pass is $30, and a VIP pass includes early entry with concert entry and entry for all after-parties. Children under 12 accompanied by an adult.

Shockacon pays homage to horror and sci-fi genres. UD students and staff members worked in the design department to create a new logo. The logo paid homage to the logos for the shows "The Vampire Diaries" and "Glee," which are currently airing. The logo was designed by senior public relations major Andrew Steele. The logo was created by UD Art Department faculty member and senior public relations major junior Ashley Crafton. The logo was designed to represent the horror genre and the sci-fi genre. The logo was used to promote the event on social media and on the Shockacon website. The logo was also used to design t-shirts and tote bags that were sold at the event.

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