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MORNING CUP OF WILLIAMS

Students meet with Mayor Steve Williams over coffee to voice their opinions and ideas concerning Huntington.

By Emily Rice

Students and faculty were given the opportunity to express their concerns to the local government Tuesday at the Student Government Association sponsored event, Coffee with the Mayor. Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said the purpose of the event is to let students know the mayor’s office is always open to them.

“The idea is to let all stakeholders at Marshall know that I am their mayor and that I am always approachable,” Williams said in a press release. “City Hall isn’t just a building at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street. I want there to be a connection to his citizens.”

“I hear a lot of the same issues from regular residents in Huntington and from the students. This helps me keep a pulse on the students, because I am their mayor, too.”

Mayor Steve Williams

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“It allows us to hear concerns of one of our key constituencies,” Chambers said. “We want to know what is important to them and what concerns them.”

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“I definitely think it is important because decisions made by the mayor’s office directly affect students whether or not they live on campus,” said Caitlin Grimes, chief of staff of the executive branch of SGA. “This transparency helps continue a working relationship in Marshall.”

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By EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON

This week, Huntington is hosting the BAD (blighted, abandoned and dilapidated) Building Summit, an event that aims to inspire other communities to remove their dilapidated and abandoned buildings. The goal is to use the tools and skills to accomplish those goals.

The summit kicked off Tuesday evening at Marshall University’s Visual Arts Center with a bus tour around the city to discuss some of the areas that Huntington has rezoned into productive properties.

“There is no better place to have this summit than the VAC,” Bryam Chambers, communications director for the city of Huntington, said. “It sat empty for roughly twenty years.”

The first stop on the tour was a Habitat for Humanity house that is being built exclusively for veterans.

“This is the first house being built as part of the veterans housing initiative,” David Michael of Habitat for Humanity said. “This is a great opportunity to reach out to veterans who were previously homeless.”

Another stop on the tour was Northwest Court on 15th Avenue, which is currently in the process of being cleaned.

“We will not rebuild public housing on this property,” said Larry Ellis, department director of the Huntington Housing Authority. “The community has expressed that it is not what they want. It is about the community, not just one or two blocks.”

At one of the stops on the tour, the participants in the summit learned about the SCRATCH project garden. The Masdelou Taylor garden, built where a dilapidated building once stood, is a community garden that helps teach children how to grow crops and sell them in the current market.

“The biggest thing about this project is the kids seeing what it is, and seeing what it can be, which is a beautiful and productive garden,” said Melissa Stewart, of West Virginia State College and the SCRATCH project.

Participants in the summit are hopeful about the help that these strategies can bring to their cities.

“Everyone who is involved in the abandoned housing project took the opportunity to bring a team to come up with strategies,” said Kathy Wysocki, director of planning and development from Fairmont, West Virginia. “We need to hash out strategies to accomplish these goals.”

The organizers of the summit hope to provide such strategies.

“We hope that we can equip other cities, towns, and coun-
ties to be able to use some of the ideas that they will get at the summit to tackle aban-
doned housing,” said Kristal Perry, the city of Huntington’s land bank coordinator.

Perry also said she hopes the skills that participants learn at the summit will help them to renovate their cities, even if they decide that a land bank is not for them.

“Huntington is the only city in the state of West Virginia that has a land bank,” Perry said. “This land bank’s purpose is to make use of and bring back productivity to these properties. It is just another tool in the city’s toolbox that I think will give them hope that they can do this, too.”

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COLUMN: HERD SECONDARY PROVING TO BE CRITICAL IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

By SHANNON STOWERS
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The Thundering Herd secondary has benefited the Marshall University football team in more ways than just defending the pass. The Herd defense has played a type of coverage, man-to-man press, that can give wide receivers fits. In practice through this week's preparation, Marshall's wide receivers are getting a glimpse of the man-to-man press coverage.

Lining up right across the line of scrimmage, as opposed to 5 to 10 yards away, the defensive backs are able to jam the wide receiver at the line and disrupt the timing between the receiver and the quarterback. Using this style of play, the Herd is holding opponents to just 202.2 passing yards per game this season, 38th in the Football Bowl Subdivision. The Herd isn't just shutting down quarterbacks who can't or won't throw the football, but also quarterbacks who have proven they can throw the football well.

Of the five teams Marshall has played so far, three have quarterbacks who have gone over 1,000 yards passing at this point in the season. Those three quarterbacks are averaging a combined 267.8 yards per game. Against Marshall? 554 total yards, an average of 184.7 yards per quarterback.

Football is a team game, though, and while the rest of the defense deserves some credit for the success these forcers are having, a lot of it has to do with that man-to-man press coverage.

Head football coach Doc Holliday explained how that type of coverage is problematic for teams who don't normally face it, as well as how it helps the Herd defense when it sees it every day in practice.

"When you play that defensively, it helps you, as far as your receivers go, because you've got a chance to go up against it," Holliday said. "It's hard to simulate that with scout team players that have never done it, or so it helps us both offensively and defensively."

Seeing that coverage in practice has allowed Herd receivers to get a lot of work separating from the defensive back at the line of scrimmage. Also, when the Herd plays a team that doesn't employ press coverage, wide receivers have it easier than they do in practice.

"Our guys see that every day, that's the hardest thing they can go up against," Holliday said. "Then, when you get into a game, if you do get a cushion and you do get a normal Cover 3 or normal Cover 2, that stuff's pretty easy to make up against." Against Middle Tennessee State University, Herd wide outs won't get the benefit of seeing something other than man-to-man press coverage. The Blue Raiders like to play in the same way Marshall does, but that team will be prepared.

"Middle (Tennessee) is going to play a lot of man press," Holliday said. "They're very similar to what we are, so our guys will not be surprised or unprepared to go against it because they go against it every day in practice." It will be hard not to see the Herd secondary's influence all over the field Saturday. Whether it's trying to stop Blue Raiders quarterback Austin Grammy, who averages 221.5 passing yards per game, or the Herd's receivers playing against a coverage they practice against regularly.

The Herd takes on the Blue Raiders noon Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The game will also be broadcasted on the Pitt Sports Network. Shannon Stowers can be contacted at stowers44@marshall.edu.
Suicide: A Choice not a disease

"Today [suicide] has become a signifier of depression or an unhappy life, but in reality, to commit suicide simply means to take one's own life."

By TAYLOR STUCK
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Brittany Maynard, 29, plans to take her own life through death with dignity after being diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.

Recentatly a viral hit throughout social media platforms, 29-year-old Brittany Maynard was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer early this year. Since a partial craniotomy, a partial removal of her temporal lobe and a prognosis of six months to live, Maynard came to the realization that no treatment could save her life.

She was going to die.

Rather than choose a slow, painful death in hospice care while her family watched the cancer consume her brain, Maynard did extensive research about death with dignity, an end-of-life option that allows mentally competent, terminally ill patients to receive a prescription from a physician for medication to end one’s life if self-ingested.

Maynard’s tragic situation brings up a very valid evaluation of the way we perceive suicide. Today it has become a signifier of depression or an unhappy life, but in reality, to commit suicide simply means to take one’s own life.

“I’ve had the medication for weeks. I am not suicidal, I do not want to die. But I am dying. And I want to die on my own terms,” Maynard said in a CNN column.

Merriam-Webster defines “suicidal” as “wanting to kill yourself or urging someone to do so to kill yourself.”

Maynard claims she is not suicidal, but by definition, she absolutely is suicidal. She has every intention of killing herself. She has chosen to not be deprived of her own life.

Maynard calls the pills her safety net. She has chosen to fight an unbeatable cancer in the only way she knows how by choosing how and when her life will end, rather than allowing the disease to take her.

She has every right to determine how and when her life will end, as does everyone. She is not struggling with depression, she is unlawfully being denied the ability to end her life because she truly believes it is the right option for her and for her family.

And she is every bit entitled to that choice.

Wild, Wonderful

Wild is a great time to enjoy West Virginia's parks

Column

The strange phenomenon that is age

By TAYLOR STUCK
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Age works the opposite way, doesn’t it? I mean, don’t you think that the older you get the more you realize that life is short? The more you realize that you don’t have much time left?

But I am dying. And I want to die on my own terms.

MAYNARD: "I've had the medication for weeks. I am not suicidal, I do not want to die. But I am dying. And I want to die on my own terms," Maynard said in a CNN column.

That’s a valid point. It’s true.

I am only a child. I am only 22. I am only a child.

That, even applying closer to my heart, really hits my mind around the fact I am the same age as Barbara Goto. We walked the same streets that I do, but I still can’t imagine him being a regular person.

Age works the opposite way, too. I still can’t imagine me being a regular person.

I am only a child. I am only a child.

The strange concept of age.

That is age.

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Crew at Ebola home steps into national spotlight

By JAMIE STENGLE

The Fort Worth, Texas, company Cleaning Guys has dealt with hazardous spills. It has cleared bloody crime scenes, including some that involved HIV.

But Garrett Eison, the company’s operations manager, said he was initially anxious when the company agreed to take on a job others were hesitant to do: cleaning up the Dallas apartment where an Ebola patient stayed.

“Every single mining job that I’ve ever been a part of, the anxiety that comes with going into a high-profile job,” Eison said. “I’ve always been fascinated by the idea of cleaning up the most high-profile job.”

The job wasn’t easy to fill.

For the next several days, the crew cleared out the place, including a 24-hour final flush lasting through Monday. The job required re-testing two-person teams after they worked for 40 minutes to avoid exhaustion. They dis- posed of most of the family’s belongings but were able to save all the family’s electronics and some personal items: a laptop, a family Bible, trophies, photograph and other keepsakes.

Company owner Erick Mc- Callum said that for the job they set up a “little city” outside the apartment that included food, portable toli- etts and a place for workers to rest. They also made sure workers went to the bathroom before and after decon- taminated and had their blood pressures checked.

McCallum said his crew didn’t have any specific train- ing for Ebola, which is spread by contact with bodily flu- ids and has killed more than 3,400 people in West Africa. But it wasn’t that different from dealing with hazardous materials, including black and green tarps as they filled about 140 barrels with items from the home for incineration, including mattresses, the pa- tient’s sheets and the entire carpet.

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Meet an INTO Marshall Student

Akira Uchida

By JARED CASTO

Akira Uchida is a Japanese INTO Marshall student pursuing a graduate degree in sports administration. Uchida has always been fascinated by the American approach at sportscasting and has been involved with the sports staff at WMUL-FM since his arrival at Marshall University last year. One of Uchida’s main interests at Marshall is the INTO program and how American students on campus can get involved. He hopes more students will consider becoming a Conversation Partner for an INTO student, so those who need help with English or adapting to American culture won’t be afraid to do so. Be sure to tune into WMUL sports events and Sports Buzz Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. for a chance to catch Uchida in action.

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How do you think you’ve adapted to West Virginia?

When I came here last year, it was my first time studying in America for eight years, so I had a lot of blanks. (…) I didn’t know what to expect. I didn’t know how college students speak. Not a language barrier exactly, but how to communicate. (…) I adjusted to it by watching sports in English, listening to English as much as possible, speaking in English, talking to INTO staff around here, and talking to international students.

How do you think you’ve adapted to Marshall University?

The first impression I had of Marshall was that it’s a pretty big campus. (…) In Japan it’s a lot smaller. When I came to Marshall, it was a different feeling because I wanted to come back to America so badly. (…) I didn’t come here for fun, I came here to fulfill my dream.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?

The future plan is to be a sportscaster back in Japan. Their sports business is very, very small. The only popular sports in Japan are basically baseball and soccer. So I want to change that environment since I lived eight years in America and, in America, the sports business is huge.

What kind of sports do you like?

I was a baseball kid back in middle school. (…) Then I started to get into basketball. A Lakers game on TV was the first basketball game that I watched. I’ve never had any experience at playing basketball, but the experts or analysts that analyzed the game and the angles that they spoke of were pretty interesting. It was completely different from how Japanese people explain the game. American experts focus more on details like personal life and what’s going on in the league, but in Japan they only focus on the game itself. (…) I was fascinated by how they explain every sport. That’s how I got interested in becoming a sportscaster.

How do you keep in contact with your family?

I have a Skype, which allows us to talk for free. What I’m using is an iPad Mini that I bought in Japan. (…) I usually text my mom using wifi since it’s free. If I tried to use an international phone to call Japan it takes a dollar per minute, and that’s a ridiculous number. (…) I adjust to it by watching sports in English, listening to English as much as possible, speaking in English, talking to INTO staff around here, and talking to international students.

What has been your favorite experience at Marshall so far?

Probably working with the staff at WMUL. I’m on the sports staff over there. It’s been amazing. It was weird when I started working at WMUL last September. (…) There was a paper on the wall that said “WMUL. If you want to talk about sports, everyone is welcome.” I went to the first meeting and I was really terrified. All of them were American students. I was the only Asian. (…) But the people over there are really, really great. They’re really patient with me. I get to be part of the broadcast with basketball and baseball and other sports.

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