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By JARED CASTO
THE PARTHENON

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Blakeman blogged that the faith community efforts are focused on the organization of groups, sociology analyzes the masses while psychology examines the individual. Club members get the idea for a crochet beard fundraiser at their holiday gift exchange. This member received a crochet beard as a gift, and it spurred the idea for the club to make them. The club is offering to teach students how to crochet and make the crochet beards on Tuesday in Marshall Hall.

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Bill Tramel changing culture of Marshall’s swimming and diving program

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By CHRISTIAN HISMAN

Marshall University swimming and diving head coach Bill Tramel is in his fourth year as Marshall swim coach, coming from Winona State University where he coached for eight seasons.

Since becoming head coach of the Herd, Tramel has taken the program to new heights. Marshall’s swimming program has improved in each of his three previous seasons, including a program-best fourth place finish in the Conference USA in 2015.

Tramel said he has been a long road getting the team to where it is now.

“When I first took over, we were in need of a culture change,” Tramel said. “Now, everyone is on the same page. And now, we are working together as a unit with a common goal.”

Tramel said he has brought to the program is dependent on understanding each individual member of the team and finding the most effective ways to motivate them.

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Senior Maddie Schaffer said Tramel has displayed a genuine care for each member of the team, and his impact has extended beyond coaching.

“He is very supportive, and he is always there,” Schaffer said. “I have a problem, I feel comfortable going to Bill with it.”

Tramel said despite the relationship he has formed with his players during his tenure at Marshall, recruiting has still been a difficult component of his job.

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Tramel said he thinks this season’s team is still a year away from competing for a conference championship, but he is determined to bring one to the university.

“We will win the conference championship, hopefully, next year,” Tramel said. “And once we set it, we are not going to lose it.”

The C-USA Championships begin 6 p.m. Tuesday in Atlanta, Georgia.

Aide aside from Marshall, the three-day tournament will feature Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, the University of Texas, Old Dominion University and Ole Miss University.

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Taylor Swift uses acceptance speech as an opportunity to advocate for young women

By MICHAEL BROWN

The Parthenon

Taylor Swift, who recently submitted some questions about her life, love and everything in between, was chosen as the 2014 Grammy Award-winner for "Best New Artist." The choice was made possible by her unique ability to express herself through music and her strong work ethic.

The Parthenon, Marshall University's student newspaper, is published by students Monday through Friday during the regular semester and Thursday during the summer. The editorial staff is responsible for news and editorial content.

Taylor Swift accepts the award for album of the year for 1989 at the 58th annual Grammy Awards on Monday, in Los Angeles.

Also, there are some tips for parents who want to help their kids get through tough times. Specifically, parents can encourage their kids to talk to a trusted adult and offer emotional support.
“The goal of this is to really make new scholarship accessible to people, as opposed to making a profit off of it so that people in the academic field, but also in the public, have access to the material.”

- Dr. Fones-Wolf (P.312, WVU library professor)

**About the image:**

An evening at the Grammys

Taylor Swift wins Grammy album of the year for "1989".

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