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Americans across the country march for their lives

**By Sadie Helwick**

**Editor's note:** “To the leaders, skeptics and cynics who told us to sit down and stay silent, wait your turn. Welcome to the revolution.” Cameron Kasky, a survivor from Parkland, Florida proclaimed to an estimated crowd of 800,000 people on Saturday’s March For Our Lives rally in Washington, D.C.

“The people in this country now see one past the bias. We have seen this narrative from the first time the corrupt aren’t controlling our story—are the corrupt aren’t manipulating the facts. We know the truth,” said Kasky. “Shooting after shooting, the American people now see one thing they all share in common: the weapons.”

Saturday’s march rallied the people to demand United States politicians to create legislation that bans the sale of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and create universal background checks and was organized by student survivors of the February 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida that killed 17 students and two teachers.

“We must stand beside those who lost and the world that helped them. This just doesn’t happen in schools. Americans are being attacked in churches, nightclubs, movie theaters and on the streets, by us, the people, for this,” said Kasky. “For the first time in a long while, I look forward 10 years and I feel hope. I see light.”

Although this march was led by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, students who have been victims of various forms of gun violence across the country told their stories.

Zain Kelly, a student at Therogood Marshall Academy in Washington D.C., spoke about the shooting of his twin brother, Zaile Kelly, on September 26, 2017 during his walk home from an after-school program.

“He was a person. A leader. An inspiration. Not just another statistic,” said Kelly. “To honor Zaire Kelly, his family has proposed the Zaire Kelly Public Safety Zone Amendment Act of 2018. This amendment will create safe passage zones, to and from schools and activities.”

The amendment expands the definition of a student to include people enrolled in public and private daycare, elementary, secondary, vocational schools, colleges, junior colleges and universities. The amendment would also make recreation centers a gun-free zone.

Kelly walked off the stage with the message “My name is Zain Kelly and, like you, I have had enough.”

Marjory Stoneman Douglas students were not afraid to address their privilege.

“Parkland is the heart of this movement but just as a heart needs blood to pump, my hometown needs the alliance of other communities to properly spread this message. We openly see Americans | pg. 5

Activists take to streets at March for Our Lives in Huntington

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by SYDNEY SHELTON

Society for Advancement of Management places 2nd at business competition in D.C.

SAFE case competition team worked very hard and carefully prepared our analysis and recommendations,” Milk Fluid said. “We are so thankful for the support of our SAM faculty advisor, Dr. Mic Solarz. Dean Ant Mihalec and the Lewis College of Business and the Department of Management and their support has been invaluable. We are so grateful for the support of the Lewis College of Business from SAM.”

A Senior at Marshall University, Milk Fluid said she hopes to build a career in business and is currently looking for job opportunities in the financial industry. She is currently working part-time at a local bank.

A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Milk Fluid said she chose Marshall University because of its location and its size.

“Marshall University is a great choice because it is a great mixture of being a small, tight-knit community and being surrounded by big cities,” Milk Fluid said. "It’s a great environment for learning and growth, and I believe it will help me succeed in the future."
Elmore declares for 2018 NBA Draft

By LEW LAMBERT

Marshall University basketball is getting ready for the upcoming season, as the spring practice season is scheduled to begin this week. Marshall is coming off an 8-win season, including a New Mexico Bowl victory, after finishing the previous year with three wins. The program returns many players from last year, but head coach Doc Holliday said last season is in the past, and the team cannot afford to focus on it. "Any time you're a football coach and headed into spring ball, you're always thinking about the previous season," Holliday said. "You want to put it behind you and start fresh."

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When you join, you get to spectate. are permitted to Green members or the Chris Cline Foundation, at either Joan C. Edwards Stadium or the Bob By COURTVANCE ANDREWS

A strong series-opening game was hindered by untimely errors on the weekend, as Marshall softball (16-14-1, 3-1 C-USA) dropped two of three games on the road at lowly Conference USA foe Florida Atlantic (11-21-1, 0-4 C-USA). "We worked hard to battle back after falling behind early," head coach Jen Steele said. "As soon as we give it back after falling behind early," head coach Jen Steele said. "Momentum is a tough thing to give away. As soon as we give it back after falling behind early," head coach Jen Steele said. "We worked hard to battle back after falling behind early," head coach Jen Steele said. "Momentum is a tough thing to give away. As soon as we give it back after falling behind early," head coach Jen Steele said. "We worked hard to battle back after falling behind early," head coach Jen Steele said. "Momentum is a tough thing to give away. As soon as we give it back after falling behind early," head coach Jen Steele said. "We worked hard to battle back after falling behind early," head coach Jen Steel...
By FRANKLIN NORTON
MANAGING EDITOR
I am writing this on my 21st birthday, a day that most consider one of the most significant age milestones. I spent the morning at the DMV, by myself, shuffling through my identification, bank statements and other legal documents. As I waited in the chair, waiting to hear my number called, I watched as a young guy sat with his mom, preparing to take his driving test. It struck me that this was me and my mother not too many years ago.

The past several years have been some of the most challenging and joyful times of my life, as I have been thrust into adulthood, a world full of bills and job interviews and making my own doctor’s appointments. Life moves fast. We have found ourselves immersed in a narrative of constant development and change, and it is at times we wonder this change that we feel so much purpose. One of my favorite writers, Donal McKee said this: “I feel written. My skin feels written, and my desires feel written. It feels literary sometimes, doesn’t it, as if we’re characters in books.”

Every story has one thing in common: conflict and struggle, leading to remarkable character development. How can we not be written, in an eight-page story where we create a new dynamic character, one who can find joy in every tragedy and meaning in the most mundane.

How brightly a better story shines. How easily the world looks to it in wonder. How quickly we are to hear these stories, and how happy it makes us, to repeat them,” Miller wrote.

Don’t believe the lie that life is meant to be meaningful. Life doesn’t stop, and it has never. Let’s live out our dreams, and let’s stop waiting for our turn. So, what happens next?

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Cynthia Nixon blasts Cuomo as 'bully,' wannabe Republican

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The presence of guns at schools is a serious issue that needs to be addressed head-on and provide a safe environment for all students.

The Center for Disease Control does not address the issue, which is why we must come together to find a solution.

The National Rifle Association (NRA), putting the price of student's lives at $1.05. This tag represents the cost of a gun to someone who is unable to afford it.

The gun lobby is also pushing for more hardening of school security and funding for the gun lobby to continue lobbying for gun rights.

The issue is undoubtedly an epidemic that needs to be addressed now. We must come together to find a solution and make sure that our students are safe in schools.

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My hope for the future is that one day I hope I can look at my children and not have to worry about them going to school because of the fear of violence.

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Black Sheep expands and moves downtown

By AMANDA LARCH

An athlete, a mechanical engineer and a future surgeon, three women of different ages and backgrounds decided to join Marshall University’s ROTC program, and each said that decision has changed their lives for the better.

Of the 70 ROTC cadets at Marshall, less than 20 are women. Holly Ackerman, Heather Ellenberger and Kim Calhoun fall into different roles in the program, but they said they all help to uplift and inspire one another and other female cadets as well.

“Just being a female is the hardest part of being in the ROTC because there’s not a lot of us,” Ackerman said. “I think being a female is a big deal because you don’t see a lot of women in the field of healthcare management and criminal justice major, said. “We are outnumbered. The atmosphere is a little different when there’s a whole bunch of boys. So, we just stick the girls together and make sure we get real close out of it.”

Ackerman has been running for both Marshall’s cross country and track team for three years, and she said being in the ROTC has helped her with time management and keeps her physically fit.

“Sometimes they do clash,” Ackerman said. “In the fall semester, I was doing both ROTC training and practice, so I was practicing three or four hours a day just straight in the morning. So that was difficult, but ROTC has helped me with track, and track has helped me with ROTC. They do kind of go together and play off of each other.”

Ellenberger has already been contracted into the Army, something she said was an accomplishment for women.

“I wanted to become more involved, and to become a part of the Army has come from and where it’s going, I think there’s pros and cons to both sides there. When it comes to learning about where the Army itself has grown as far as having women in combat, it’s important, too, because when you’re talking to people that maybe were either frowned upon or weren’t acceptable back the day,” Calhoun said. “I think just going back and realizing how far women have come in society as far as whether it’s from voting to now females are going to Ranger School. Just kind of setting a new standard as far as what women are capable of.”

Calhoun said recognizing women in the military is important as well.

“I think there’s definitely some value in knowing how the Army itself has grown as far as having women in combat roles, which is something I would never have thought. When I was in high school or college, there was never a woman in that,” Calhoun said. “I think it’s all mostly about acknowledging that there are females in roles that were not typical in the past.”

When she decided to come to Marshall after getting her associate degree from Ohio University, Calhoun said she did not plan to become a contracted member of the ROTC, but she knew she wanted to be a part of the Army.

“What I planned to do was come here and do my two years with ROTC in non-contract,” Calhoun said. “I was not going to stay in ROTC. Well, that didn’t happen. I wound up contracted with ROTC, so I made a commitment with the Army that I’m going to graduate and be a second lieutenant.”

Women’s History Month can mean something different to every woman, but Calhoun said it is important to reflect on women’s accomplishments.

“Just showing we are capable and we can do things that maybe people didn’t think we could do,” Calhoun said.

When her ROTC program was large enough for her to become a contracted member, her ROTC company was formed.

“I proved them wrong because I can do it.”