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A Farewell from our graduating staff.
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By MICHAELA CRITTENDEN

THE PARTHENON

At the Marshall University Library’s book club, MU Reads, presented an afternoon of learning about guest publishing with books guest lecturer and author Jack Dickinson. Dickinson, curator of Marshall’s Rosanna Blake Library, discussed his journey of self-publishing with printer companies and assisting in publishing a few of his books, one of which, “Should I Tell Them?”, is a remnant diary of a Carolinian soldier. The diary was found and sent back to his family in Alabama. Dickinson said Marshall Libraries hosted a trip for him to visit the soldier’s hometown and family to further his research for the book. Dickinson also shared his experiences in the pros and cons of self-publishing and utilizing publishers. With self-publishing, Dickinson said, someone can own the copyright to their work without having to deal with the distribution, editing and layout of a self-publishing book. Dickinson offered advice to the audience on some reasonable goals for a book’s audience and amount of copies, understanding the differences between self-publishers and ver- sury printers.

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had stood for more than 28 years before senior HollyAnn Swann shattered. Katrina Maynard’s record for the 10,000-meter run in the Virginia Classic the past weekend where records continued to be broken. Swann was the first female track athlete to compete in 10 events Thursday and will take part in six events Friday. Freshman Lauren Zaglifa later broke her own school record with a personal record throw of 159 feet, 4 inches (48.58 meters). Swann and Zaglifa tied for first place in the women’s discus throw with a personal record throw of 159 feet, 4 inches (48.58 meters).

The event, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, regularly attracts track clubs throughout North America and abroad, competing in a variety of events. The first Penn Relays were held in 1895. The event continues successful season for Marshall track and field athletes Thursday morning in the discus throw with a personal record throw of 159 feet, 4 inches (48.58 meters). Swann and Zaglifa tied for first place in the women’s discus throw with a personal record throw of 159 feet, 4 inches (48.58 meters).

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"It’s fun to watch," Braves manager Snitker said. "It’s cool to see young guys and the energy they bring." Snitker was impressed as much by Acuna’s speed as his power.

"He’s more than a speed athlete," Snitker said. "Batting, fielding, running — he does it all. He’s really good at it.

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By TOM JENKINS
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Coming to Marshall, I knew no one. I had no friends, and for a kid coming from Upstate New York, that's a pretty scary move to make. All I knew was that I wanted to be a journalist. I didn't know what that meant—I had no idea how much work it would be.

Here, I am preparing to leave the school. I felt terrified and excited to start the next chapter of my life as a producer in television back in New York, but terrified to leave the comfort of my home in Huntington.

I have come to love Huntington and Marshall so much that I can't imagine a world without being able to go to Huntington Music and Arts Fest in the fall, not seeing Marshall play football every weekend or waking up every Tuesday and Friday to see the new edition of the Parthenon. Yes, that was cliché. Aren't all goodbyes, though?

With the help of my professors who have mentored and encouraged me to push the limit of what it means to be a journalist, I was able to create things that I would have never been able to do at another school.

Throughout my four years at Marshall, I have made some of the best friends in the world, including Nick Herrick. Without him, we would never have been able to create and run any of the shows we've done. In our four years, we have done three television shows (two of which we started from the ground up) and now we have a podcast that I am incredibly proud of. Nick and I plan to continue to entertain and inform, through podcasts, television and after graduation.

I want to thank my Mom and Dad who found Marshall for me. Without them, I would never have come to Marshall. Honestly, I had no desire to ever come back to campus, but after a very informative and loud tour of the J School from Dan Hollin as an aspiring high school student, I was sold. I also want to thank family and friends for helping me grow and articulating that media isn't just one platform and to continue to challenge myself.

Tom Jenkins is graduating with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and minors in political science and film studies. He can be contacted at jenkins194@marshall.edu.

By NATHAN THOMAS

It feels weird to be writing this goodbye letter considering I'm still going to be living in Huntington for the foreseeable future while I save up money to go elsewhere. It's hard to even come from Upstate New York, that's a pretty scary move to make. All I knew was that I wanted to be a journalist. I didn't know what that meant—I had no idea how much work it would be.

I may be staying in Huntington for now but my daily routine will change dramatically. I won't be walking the paths of campus daily. I won't be seeing the same handfuls of students that I've never spoken to, but I misscoging from seeing them about campus. I won't be starting down the squirrels in quiet moments of campus tranquility. I won't be seeing the hoagie off the internet.

The Parthenon is coming to an end. I am excited for what is next for me. I have projects over the city as a presence that is always there. It will all feel weird but I'm looking forward to these changes, even if I don't always enjoy them. I'm still going to be living in Huntington for the foreseeable weeks earlier.

Oh man! What an adventure this has been! When I left for college four years ago, I never would have imagined I would have the knowledge and experience I have now. I know nobody. I was going into a program I knew nothing about. Radio/Television Production just seemed cool and interesting. Boy, was I right?

Through my four years, I have helped create two television shows on campus, worked for Fox Sports and ESPN during football games, won 11 awards while working for WMUL-FM, and so much more. I went from having zero knowledge of video or audio production to now hoping it is a part of my life forever.

I would like to thank Marshall University, and more specifically, the WC Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Through the school, I have learned how to be confident in my abilities and understand that while an assignment may seem irrelevant, you will appreciate it later on. These four years have gone by quickly, but I am truly excited to move on to the next chapter. Thank you Marshall, the J School, my classmates, my professors and friends for making Marshall home. Go Herd!

Nathan Thomas is graduating with a degree in Online Journalism and minors in both English and Film Studies. He can be contacted at thomas521@marshall.edu.

By SETH PAYNE

Doodling was always a good way for me to focus in class. I knew it was usually seen as not paying attention, but it always helped me.

I would do it on my quizzes to help me think, and my geography professor actually asked me if I could keep one of my doodles. I drew him fighting a volcano. It was red and it made us laugh. I guess that’s why I like drawing stuff. I’m not super good at drawing but it’s a good outlet for me to tell stories or jokes that wouldn’t be if they were spoken. I hope people get the dumb stuff I drew and it was really fun. It was also really good for The Parthenon people to let me do this. They were super cool and I did such a small thing but they were always so thankful and supportive.

Thanks y'all!

Seth Payne is graduating with a degree in Radio/Television Production & Management. He will be working as a news producer at WSAZ. He can be contacted at payne205@marshall.edu.
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A lot of cost we get, we will work with the Federal Task Force or the Huntington Drug Unit. Terry said “They spread out from [Marshall University], where we are central to here, usually, so we work with other agencies that have further reach than we do.” Sarah Ingram can be contacted at Ingram51@marshall.edu.

President Jerry Gilbert also spoke at the ceremony. “I’m sure I could speak to each of you individually today. I’m sure you would see the feeling of being impersonated, persistent and being here. Gilbert said “Because of who I am, I can’t empathize first hand with your struggles but through the lives of friends and family members. I can see what a difficult time you’re going to face.” Michaela Crittenden can be contacted at michaela@marshall.edu.

We are... Reclaiming the City Q&A with President Jeremy Gilbert

By REBECCA TURNBULL | FOR THE PARTHENON

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What would you say to students who might oppose the tuition increase? There’s a small inflationary component, and there’s also expanded services that we want to add. This is an example of one of these expanded services that we want to see that we need to add to increase the safety of the campus. So it’s being done out of concern for the students. We want you have a more comfortable tuition component to see possible. I think it’s important we try to keep it that way, but financial present $630,000 increases in state funding are always going to be probably be there, so we’re always going to have to have an eye on economics and making sure we’re doing the proper resources for the students here. It’s necessary step that we’ve taken.

What, do you feel, made that step necessary? The crime situation in Huntington had ticked up, particularly in the latter part of December last year. We saw three homicides in a row. None of those were close to Marshall’s campus, but we were worried about any possible spill over in the future. We’ve not had any real violent crimes— or much crime at all—on the campus, so we wanted to ensure that that was safe and will continue to be safe by having a stronger force. We’ve also expanded the reach of the campus onto Flat Green Boulevard by building a new pharmacy school and some residential housing adjacent to the Ernst Ford Center. We wanted to reach out along Flat Green Boulevard with our force, so that would require additional officers as well as building up the patrol on the campus. These were the two goals. So would you say the hiring of 10 new officers is more of a proactive measure than a reactive one?

It’s definitely a proactive or preventive nature. I think it seems a signal that we’re making an investment in this campus. I want our students to feel safe here, and I think the vast majority feel safe on campus. I certainly feel safe when I’m here on the campus, day or night. I also feel safe in Huntington. Our crime issue in Huntington has been overwhelmed and has been gargantuan, as if any common citizen could be involved in those crimes or be a victim of those crimes. I think it’s highly unlikely that you would be impacted if you weren’t purchasing drugs or interfacing with people that were in that drug trade. The crime that we’ve seen in Huntington is almost inclusively involved in that and domestic disputes. How much of a reduction in crime have we seen so far in Huntington? We have seen the concerned effort of federal, state and local officials this time. There’s a 24 percent decrease in violent crime in the first three months of this year, a 26 percent decrease in murders, and that was before the big roundup that occurred two weeks ago, where almost 100 drug dealers were indicted. Now that that’s occurred, we’re going to see an even more marked decrease in crime and drug crime.

Now that the safety of the city and campus are being re-established, what’s the next step? People have to believe in Huntington again. We’ve started a campaign called My Huntington, where people can talk about things that are important to them. There are many more positive aspects about Huntington than there are negative. I think it’s important that we start sending the message that this city is a safe city, and a city where people can enjoy life without fear. It’s a significant step that we’re taking along with the mayor’s office to rebrand Huntington and Marshall, so that people will understand all of the positive things about Huntington and understand that there is a safe community here and not a community that’s riddled with crime or violence. Rebecca Turnbull can be contacted at turnbullr@marshall.edu.

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