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Safety Town celebrates a safe Halloween

By FRANKLIN NORTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Even the buildings were fun sized at Safety Town's second annual Safe Trick or Treat Tuesday, Oct. 30, which anticipated well over 1,500 young trick or treaters.

Apart from the candy, music, games and inflatables, kids had the opportunity to use a fire hose, kick in a door and enter into a SWAT vehicle. Various other community organizations were also present passing out candy.

"It’s so important for kids to have positive contacts with first responders like policemen and firemen," Huntington Chief of Police Hank Dial said. "Because often when we come into their lives it’s on a bad day. And if they can have some connection to us in a positive light, then when they have to deal with us in an emergency situation, it makes them more comfortable."

Safety Town has gone through a series of renovations lately, as well as program restructuring for its school and community outreach activities. Most notably, the child-sized town purchased new vehicles for its traffic safety program, and they are hoping to purchase a new handicap accessible vehicle, which would cost around $12,000. While the event was free to attend, donations were accepted to aid in the fundraising goal for the new vehicle.

“We really want to bring more attention to Safety Town,” Beau Evans, traffic safety director for the City of Huntington, said. “Over the past few years, budgets have been tight, the attention has been taken away from community outreach programs. This year we have kind of restructured it.”

As far as staying safe on Trick or Treat night, Chief Dial shared a few tips to ensure safety and fun for all participating.

“Always be aware of your surroundings,” Dial said. “Make sure you stay out of the streets. Stay in well-lit places, stay in a group and always know where your child is.”

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The Weebie Jeebies: a Paranormal Investigator’s experiences in West Virginia

By LEANNA OWENS

Resident Undead is a paranormal investigation group that travels to haunted locations all over the United States and films their experiences, and the Resident Undead team go to haunted locations and recreate events that may have happened at that location to see if it stirs up any energy or paranormal activity.

“If you want to find ghosts in the state of West Virginia you don’t have to look very far because they’re all around us,” said Annie Weibel, paranormal investigator working with Resident Undead and host of RUWebs Radio.

Resident Undead was featured on the Travel Channel about experiences at the seminary in “The Most Terrifying Places in America.”

“It’s been a trip,” Weibel said of her paranormal experiences.

Huntington native and Marshall University graduate, Weibel, has been a paranormal investigator for 10 years.

Weibel has been to many places in West Virginia to investigate paranormal activity. Her first paranormal experience occurred in the Ramsdell House in Kenova, West Virginia.

The Ramsdell House was one of the final stops on the underground railroad. Escaped slaves would swim across the Ohio river into what was then Virginia to be free.

“I do believe that the fact that it was a stop on the Underground Railroad has to do with the hauntings,” Weibel said. “We would play old slave time hymns like ‘Swing Low Sweet Chariot’ and ‘Amazing Grace’ and would get a lot of energy and interactions from that.”

Weibel’s first noticed paranormal activity in the basement of the Ramsdell House.

“I was in the basement and felt a chill come over me. Something ran its fingers through my hair.”

Weibel recorded audio during this experience to capture what paranormal investigators call Electronic Voice Phenomena. The investigators believe that ghosts or spirits can communicate and be heard through these EVP’s.

“When I went back and listened to the recording when I say, ‘I felt something run its fingers through my hair’ you hear a man very loudly say ‘Excuse me,’” Weibel said.

Not only is West Virginia home to many ghost stories and haunted places, but the forests are full of stories of cryptid creatures, or creatures whose existence is unknown or widely disputed.

The Mothman, one of America’s most well known cryptid creatures, was seen several times in a small town in West Virginia in the 1960s.

Point Pleasant started having sightings of a large winged creature like a bat or a moth, which had large red eyes.

Reportedly along with the Mothman sightings came sightings of strange men who showed up in black sedans and wore black suits, named by locals as the Men in Black.

After the tragic Silver Bridge collapse, which killed 46 people, the creature and men vanished.

Weibel was able to tour the West Virginia Ordnance Works, a military facility that manufactured and stored trinitrotoluene (TNT) during World War II and was home to most of the Mothman sightings.

“I probably had one of the most frightening paranormal experiences that I’ve ever had that night,” Weibel said.

The experience happened in one of many bunkers on the property.

Weibel and her boyfriend were part of a group that was able to tour some of the bunkers on the property, and they were the last of the group to leave said bunkers.

“As we turned to leave I turned to look behind me at my boyfriend and I saw someone standing behind him,” Weibel said. “The person I saw was tall, thin, very pale, was wearing a white suit, his eyes were very light blue, and he was just standing there smiling and watching.”

Based on Weibel’s description, her boyfriend believed this figure to have been a Nordic Alien.

Nordic Alien sightings started in the 50’s and have been described the same way as Weibel described her encounter.

“Do I believe in aliens? I have no idea, but that’s what I saw,” Weibel said.

Weibel and the rest of the Resident Undead team’s experiences can be viewed on their YouTube channel.

“West Virginia is a state full of history and lore,” Weibel said. “People in past times kept our stories alive by storytelling, in a way that’s also what we’re trying to do is preserve history by telling our stories and documenting what happens for future generations.”

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Huntington selected as winner of Mayors Challenge, receives 1 million dollars

By STAFF REPORT

Out of 35 finalist cities, Huntington has been chosen as a champion city in the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge. Monday, Oct. 29, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced from Detroit, Michigan, the nine winners of the Mayors Challenge, all winning $1 million.

“Washington still asleep at the wheel, cities are now driving the agenda across this country,” Bloomberg said in a live broadcast. “Cities are leading the way on climate change, cities are leading the way on gun balance, public health and so much more and not just the big cities. Today, cities and towns of all sizes have embraced the spirit of innovation, and they are leading the ways in which Washington will not.”

The past year, the city of Huntington had been implementing programs to help with compassion fatigue within the police and fire departments. During this “test and learn” phase of the Mayors Challenge, the top 35 cities received up to $100,000 and technical assistance to test their ideas, according to the press release.

Huntington City Manager Cathy Burns was the project coordinator for Huntington’s application for the Mayors Challenge. She said in a press release the growing number of cities overwhelmed by opioid overdoses has generated demand for a proven approach to addressing first responder compassion fatigue.

“While the opioid epidemic has exposed a lack of mental health resources for first responders, stress and fatigue from other events, such as hurricanes, fires, school shootings and terrorist attacks, also increase demand for solutions to protect the mental health of those who protect our communities,” Burns said in a press release.

“This program has been developed from its inception as a replicable model that other cities across the country can use.”

Krishavna Harless, wellness coordinator for the Huntington Police and Fire departments, has been working on the competition for the past six months by finding what works best for the departments through focus groups.

“We sat down at the beginning and we did some focus groups to kind of see what their needs were and what we were lacking and where we could improve,” Harless said. “From that we began to build this program of looking at the physical and mental health of our first responders. Together we built ideas like mindfulness training, we do yoga in the departments now, we do fun things like cooking classes and pottery for the families. We also do training on mental health and important things like that. We have fun, but we look at some hard topics.”

Harless said the past six months have only scratched the surface. With the million dollar prize, HPD and HFD will be able to implement more compassion fatigue and mindfulness training programs.

“The last six months we have only scratched the surface, but we have built that trust and that relationship and got a lot of good ideas, so now we can really hit this hard and really expand,” Harless said.

John Nicholas, a lieutenant at the Huntington Fire Department, called the grant a “good thing” because he has dealt with post-traumatic stress disorder in the past due to his job at the fire department.

“The Bloomberg grant was something they tried to implement and a good thing that we got because, in my past, I deal with PTSD and I did go away to rehab for that,” Nicholas said. “It’s beat into us, ‘Suck it up buttercup, it’s part of your job.’ Times have changed, it affects people differently. In the past, when I couldn’t cope with it, I became a really bad alcoholic, so I basically was drinking myself to death just to cover everything up. Now, (I have) meditations, I pray a lot and have my own time to be at peace.”

One of the ways the city addressed compassion fatigue was through yoga classes at Huntington Police and Fire Departments.

“The yoga classes is stuff that we did when I was in rehab,” Nicholas said. “They are implementing that with HPD and HFD and it seems to be working. It relaxes the guys, but it costs money to have instructors come in and do everything.”

Other classes that the “test and learn” phase offered were cooking classes at Huntington Kitchen, massage therapy and art classes at the Huntington Museum of Art.

“The cooking classes just allow people to spend more time with their families,” Nicholas said. “It’s a husband and wife or boyfriend and girlfriend getaway to be able to be together and do things. (They offered) massages to keep everybody from being so tense (which was) another relaxing thing.”

Huntington joins Denver; Durham, North Carolina; Fort Collins, Colorado; Georgetown, Texas; Los Angeles; New Rochelle, New York; Philadelphia; and South Bend, Indiana, as winners of the 2018 U.S. Mayors Challenge.

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Huntington Mall seeks help for holiday season

By MEG KELLER
THE PARTHENON

Local retail stores are hiring in lieu of the upcoming holiday shopping season.

With an expected increase in shopping at the Huntington Mall located in Barboursville, West Virginia, stores are looking for extra help during the next two to three months.

Some of these stores are looking to the Marshall University community to fill these seasonal positions.

“We are definitely interested in hiring on Marshall students,” Kacy Elder, assistant store manager of Forever 21, said. “That’s like our target audience.”

Elder said Forever 21 hopes to hire at least 30 new associates.

Stores are hiring so the influx of shoppers can be handled smoothly, said Blain Harber, assistant manager of Rue 21.

Harber said the store is hoping to hire 20 more employees for the holiday season.

“It is hard to keep track of everything during the busy times,” he said.

Although stores are hiring for the holiday season, some plan to keep newly hired employees for longer.

“We want to grow them to be at least part time employees and not just seasonal,” Elder said.

Harber said he hopes his team develops into friends who will work together and enjoy their work environment.

“If you work hard enough you’re not just going to be seasonal,” he said.

The job duties of newly hired employees vary based on the store and its needs.

“At American Eagle we have many different jobs we hire for, all sorts of positions,” Kelly Knuckles, assistant selling manager of American Eagle, said.

Knuckles said American Eagle is planning to have a fully stocked team of more than 60 employees for the holiday shopping season.

At Forever 21 the job duties will include “shipment, working fitting rooms, stocking the floors and cash registers,” Elder said.

As a sales associate at Rue 21 responsibilities include “keeping up with the floor, customer service and suggestive selling,” Harber said.

Regardless of varying job duties, store managers said they are grateful for the extra help during their busy times.

“I really like the help,” Elder said.

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Participants from the President’s Office, Student Affairs, Native American Student Organization and more make up the Building Committee that will decide if Jenkins Hall will be renamed.

By GRETCHEN KALAR
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University President Jerry Gilbert created a Building Committee to meet and discuss the process of possibly renaming Jenkins Hall, which was named after Confederate Brigadier General Albert Gallatin Jenkins.

“We want to hear your voice,” Lacy Ward, of the President’s Office, said. “This is a chance for students voice to be amplified.”

The President’s committee has representatives from the student body, the Physical Plant, the President’s Office, the Board of Governors, Student Affairs, Students for a Democratic Society, Native American Student Organization, Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the History and Education Departments.

Albert Jenkins was a slave owner, and the naming of Jenkins Hall has recently sparked controversy on campus. A student brought Jenkins Hall to the attention of President Gilbert, and he created the Building Committee. The committee is also looking at all building names on campus.

Student Body President Hunter Barclay conducted a study on students’ opinions of Jenkins Hall.

There were 48 responses, and 25 students were in support of the renaming of Jenkins Hall, while 20 students were against the renaming and three students were ambivalent.

“I also included in the survey a place for suggestions of other names,” Barclay said.

The suggested names in the survey could not be released due to confidentiality.

The committee decided on a seminar with student organization representatives and graduates speaking about the renaming of Jenkins Hall.

“We understand that there are different views on Jenkins Hall,” Christie Kinsey, of the Board of Governors, said.

Kinsey said the wide variety of views on the renaming of Jenkins Hall are going to be represented at the seminar.

Groups invited to the seminar include the World Council, Student Government Association, Native American Student Organization, Graduate Student Organization, Fraternity and Sorority Life, political groups, College of Education organizations, Marshall Lab Alumni, other alumni and the student media organizations.

This seminar will take place on Nov. 28 at 5:30 with the location still being discussed.

Following the seminar, a survey will be released to students about each of the responses at the event. University Communications will then create the survey together.

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International Film Festival returns to showcase diversity

By LILY BODIE
THE PARTHENON

Students can travel around the world without leaving Huntington, as the Marshall Artists Series presents its annual Fall International Film Festival, Nov. 1-4 at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

In its 82 years of Art and Entertainment, the Marshall Artists Series provides the annual fall release of six international critically acclaimed films for the Huntington community.

Director of the Marshall Artists Series, Angela Jones, said film has always been a segment of the Marshall Artists Series, but now producing it as an annual festival creates more enthusiasm and a larger audience.

“The very first event was an adventure type film back in the 1930’s,” Jones said. “And the films used to be played once a month still with 12 films a year, but doing it in a festival format gets more excitement and opportunity for people to see multiple ones over a short period of time.”

Jones said the film festival gives people a chance to gain knowledge of other countries’ humanities and social concepts of living.

“It’s important to expose everyone to the world not just the students, faculty, staff, everybody,” Jones said. “The film programming is a way to bridge that gap of what we hear on the news to how much we really know about other people’s culture and family life.”

Jones said while researching films to part of the program, they consider high standards and relevance to Marshall’s campus.

“At the international film festival we try to do films that have received critical acclaims, won awards, been part of the Oscars or Toronto film festival that haven’t played in our area,” Jones said. “And films that represent languages that are taught on campus or the student body make of.”

Mark Williams, online media major at Marshall University, said the international film festival acts as a social endeavor and learning experience the Huntington community would not be able to attain anywhere else in the tri-state area.

“The festival gives people and students in the area a chance to see films that would never play in a theater within 100 miles of Huntington,” Williams said. “It also brings a different type of film to the area. American mainstream theaters are typically full of comic book movies, Pixar remakes and the newest Dwayne Johnson movies. All that is fine, but for audiences looking for something different or out of the Hollywood shick, the film festival is perfect for that.”

Williams said he is excited for the festival to watch the American film, RBG, due to its relevance and timeliness in today’s society.

“I’ve purposely avoided watching RBG on Netflix so I can see it at the festival,” Williams said. “I love a good bio documentary, and she is such a crucial figure for women’s rights in this country.”

Williams said international films do not just stimulate individuals’ brains by the creative movie making skills, but also provide intellect into another person’s world.

“Watching international movies of all kinds can give so much insight to a country’s culture,” Williams said. “I personally love seeing the subtle or not so subtle differences in film making styles, aesthetics, techniques, and approaches of foreign filmmakers. And it really does broaden your horizons.”

There will be four days of six movies that will be played at least twice, Thursday through Sunday. This year for the first time, a matinee of RBG will be offered on Friday at 11 a.m. at the requests of patrons. Films featured will be RBG, A Fantastic Woman, The Insult, Loveless, Back To Burundi and Angels Wear White.

Tickets are still on sale for the Fall International Film Festival are $10.00 per film, $5.00 for part time students, and free to full-time Marshall students with a valid student ID. Tickets may be purchased at the Marshall Artists Series Box Office connected to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, which is open Monday through Friday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. Tickets go on sale 15 minutes prior to each film. For more information call 304-696-6656. To view movie trailers and to download film schedule visit www.marshallartistsseries.org.

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New softball coach readies for Marshall tenure

By RICK FARLOW
SPORTS EDITOR

After nine years as head softball coach for the University of Kansas, Megan Smith moved east this summer and took over as Marshall University softball’s new head coach.

Smith, a Walkertown, North Carolina, native and University of North Carolina alumna, was officially hired by Marshall in mid-July. She said that aside from Marshall’s close proximity to her North Carolina home, Marshall’s softball program matched what she was looking for.

“I wanted to come to a place that supports softball and is excited about softball,” Smith said. “That is definitely what Marshall is. It’s been a great two months now and I’ve really enjoyed it.”

Before she moved to Marshall, Smith achieved a notable level of success at Kansas. During her tenure from 2010 to 2018, she established a career win-loss record of 393-265. In that span, her teams achieved six-straight seasons in which they won 30 or more games. Smith also led the Jayhawks to NCAA Tournament berths in 2014 and 2015.

“(Kansas) was a good place to be and now I’m ready to get Marshall into the (NCAA) regionals, hopefully year-in and year-out,” Smith said.

After accepting her first new job in almost a decade, Smith said her move to Huntington was seamless.

“It’s been great,” Smith said. “It’s been an easy transition. Softball is softball. That part of the job is easy.”

Smith said the most positive thing about her move—what she is looking forward to the most—is the student-athletes she now coaches.

“(The young women on our team) have been phenomenal,” Smith said. “Every single person in that locker room loves Marshall, wants to be here and is coachable.”

Marshall has 12 returning players from last season and eight newcomers (five freshmen, three transfers). Smith talked about the mix between old and new players. She says she thinks the mixture creates a balance on her team.

“We have a balance,” Smith said. “Even though we have a lot of good, experienced players back, we’re going to be pretty young and pretty inexperienced as a group on the field. That’s a fun thing—a challenging thing.”

Smith said her returning athletes bring experience and leadership while her newcomers bring talent.

“(The returning players) are head-and-shoulders some of the best leaders that I’ve seen on any team that I’ve coached,” Smith said. “The young players are really talented and look to those upperclassmen as mentors. It’s a good mix.”

Smith is Marshall’s third head coach in three years. Coaching changes are unfamiliar territory for the program after former head coach, Shonda Stanton, maintained the position for 18 years (1999-2017)—a majority of the program’s 24-year history. Stanton took a head coaching job at Indiana University following the 2017 season.

During her time at Marshall, Stanton laid the foundation for the Herd and earned national notoriety. Her teams appeared in two Mid-American Conference championships (2003 and 2005), a Conference USA championship (2013) and two NCAA Regional Tournament appearances in 2013 and 2017. Smith said part of the reason she came to Marshall was because of Stanton’s success.

“I have a lot of respect for (Stanton),” Smith said. “One of the reasons that I want to be here is the foundation she laid. She got Marshall to a point of national recognition and respect.”

Smith acknowledged Stanton’s accomplishments at Marshall. She said it is a new era for Herd softball, and she wants to build on the old foundation.

“This is a new time for us,” Smith said. “We want to build on that (foundation), we want to honor that and respect that, but we want to go even further than that.”

After earning an NCAA Regional Tournament berth in 2017, Marshall was less successful last season. The Herd went 25-29-1 and lost to WKU in the first round of the Conference USA tournament. Smith said with the Herd’s athletic talent and revamped coaching staff—assistant coaches Maddie Holub and Corey Lyon—Marshall softball is built for success.

“We have the staff in place to (be successful),” Smith said. “I think we have players that are hungry and willing to work to do that. Last year wasn’t as good of a year as Marshall softball is used to. We’re working to get back to where we need to be.”

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Journalists are not the enemy

CNN correspondent Kate Bolduan reports from in front of the Time Warner Building, where NYPD personnel removed an explosive device Wednesday, Oct. 24 in New York. Other packages were sent to the offices of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and to the home of President Bill Clinton. (AP Photo/Kevin Hagen).

Journalists are not the enemy of the American people. Journalists are not out to ruin lives and intrude upon tragedy. We are here to inform and serve the people. We do not answer to the government; we are not concerned with what they do and do not like. It is not our job to care about their image—it is our job to care about the facts and making sure they are clear.

Several members of The Parthenon staff attended a journalism convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and it was encouraging. It was a convention full of people who share a love of one thing: journalism. One session at the conference consisted of student journalists telling stories of when they had to face adversity and when people tried to stop them from working and doing their jobs the right way. There was a story of a mayor telling news organizations not to hire a specific editor because they published an article that put that politician in a bad light.

Another story was about a girl who was trying to get the other side of the story in a moment of police brutality, and officers tried to ensure she never got the victim's side. Situations in which students tried to get the Democratic and Republican side to a story and were turned away were also shared. These students were called "left-leaning," "unfair," "biased," and a "lib-tard." These are all instances where student journalists were only trying to do their jobs and report.

Journalism is a challenging career, as most important things are. The profession takes patience, passion, courage and fierce curiosity.

"Seek truth and report it." This is the first tenant in the Society of Professional Journalists’ Code of Ethics. Truth is important. Facts are important. While it’s one thing to disagree on matters of opinion, there is a startling emergence of disagreeing with facts. The truth is the truth; facts are the facts.

Journalists work for the public interest, and the public good. The founding fathers were adamant about the First Amendment for the fact that they knew how important it was in a democracy to have an open environment holding its own government accountable.

With shouts of fake news and alternative facts, journalists are being treated with an increasing hostility, not only from the government but also from the people they are serving. While there is certainly bias in the news, particularly in the cable news realm, for the most part, professional journalists are earnestly and fiercely working to seek the truth, and to report it. The work is hard, but the it is vital to a healthy democracy.
SGA House of Representatives executive committee was not a compromise

**By JO TREMMEL**
**SGA PARLIAMENTARIAN**

In the October 24th edition of the Parthenon, the ongoing debate over the House of Representatives was discussed by both the Parthenon and in a piece by Student Body President Hunter Barclay. A similar system to the one proposed had been in place in the past here at Marshall and had been dissolved due to problems. I was interested in how Hunter and Hannah planned on reviving the system again without the same problems that had plagued the system in the past.

However, this is not a critique on the House. Rather, it is a critique on the way that the House of Representatives and Senate's response to it has been presented to the student body and the Barclay administration’s response to Senate feedback. The title of the most recent piece on the SGA meeting was “SGA compromises on House of Representatives proposal”. There was no compromise. Senate first heard about the changes to the plan of implementation of the House of Representatives during the Senate meeting.

Concerning the criticism of Concerns of the Student Body being one of the last line items in each Senate meeting, this was the first time that the Senate had heard concerns from President Barclay about it being at the end of the meetings. Should they want to suggest that it be moved more forward in the agenda, a simple conversation with the Pro-Tempore could have it done.

As far as the concern from President Barclay of a committee of Senators editing the governing documents of the House, it confuses me to no end. President Barclay initially asked the Judiciary Committee to review the House documents. He has praised the expertise of the Senate in our eye for detail in governing documents, even down to the commas. In the entire time of discussion of the House, there have been zero alternate suggestions of people to review or revise the House documents. In refusing to form a committee similar to those formed to revise the SGA Constitution and Bylaws, President Barclay is doing a disservice to the students that would be governed by the documents as well as disregarding the skill set of all of those in Senate.

Because of the balance of power inherent in governing bodies of this country, it is the Senate’s duty and within their enumerated powers to have say in and edit the suggested documents. In order for the House to have been implemented, the resolution doing so would have to be sponsored by a sitting Senator. The original intent of the Barclay administration was to “go around Senate” in order to enact the proposed House because there was a concern that Senate would change parts of their “vision”, as any balancing governing body has the right to do in a democratic society.

When the executive session was held a few weeks ago, Vice President Petracca was calling and texting multiple people at 11 PM in order to attempt to override the Senate's right to expel any non-Senator from an executive session.

Throughout the entire process of the House of Representatives, President Barclay and Vice President Petracca have acted as though Senate is an undue burden on their plans. In reality, a large majority of those in Senate have more experience than Hunter and Hannah in Student Government and with the procedures that must be followed. With President Barclay stillouting SGA as broken even after his Vice President retracted previous statements made on the campaign trail during debates, perhaps it is time to participate in some self-reflection and to realize that governing and representation is difficult; without help, support, and communication it is impossible. A key to any leadership position is communication, and this administration is severely lacking in this central and critical aspect.

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**SMIRL MEETS WORLD: FIRST-TIME VOTER**

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This year is a special one for me, as it’s the first general election I have ever been able to vote in! I remember going with my mom to her polling place when I was too young to fully understand who she was voting for or why, but I do remember her telling me in the primary election of 2008 that she was voting for our first female president, and she told me the same thing again in 2016, but this time I was old enough to know I was wishing I could do the same thing. Now, I’ve already voted early because I couldn’t wait any longer to exercise this ability I’ve been dying to be given for years. I excitedly filled out my ballot and displayed my “I Voted Early!” sticker on my chest, but even while I was thinking about how long I had waited for this chance, I couldn’t help but remember what I have heard from adults and on the media nearly my whole life: young people aren’t educated enough on our world to be able to vote, and their votes don’t matter anyways because there aren’t enough of them showing up to the polls to make a difference. Is this what we as a generation really want to be known for? When we show up to vote, do we want people to be surprised to see someone as young as we are, or do we want them to expect more of us to be there on election day?

In an age where political polarization and tensions between parties seem to be rising faster than ever, being educated on what we are able to vote on is so crucial. The internet makes it easier than anything now to simply find your ballot for your area and learn about the candidates and issues up for election this year. Obtaining absentee ballots or voting by mail only require a few clicks and messages if you aren’t going to school where you’re a registered voter. And if you’re not a registered voter yet, there’s literally a code you can scan with your phone to register yourself in minutes. While this isn’t a purely freshman year issue, it’s an issue with being a college-aged student in America today. Older generations don’t believe we should have a voice as big as theirs, and we have to demonstrate that we do and we will. It’s hard not to be constantly exposed to all the bad we hear about politics and politicians today, but every few years we are given an opportunity to do something to change how our nation or state or district or county is being run. I came to the student center on a cold and rainy Saturday to vote and make my voice heard, and I strongly encourage all of you to take advantage of the same opportunity; most people don’t get a polling place right in their backyard.

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Pittsburgh begins burying its dead as Trump faces protesters

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh's Jewish community began burying its dead Tuesday after the synagogue massacre, holding funerals for a beloved family doctor, a pillar of the congregation, and two 50-something brothers known as the Rosenthal "boys."

President Donald Trump, meanwhile, arrived in Pittsburgh to pay his respects and encountered hundreds of shouting, chanting protesters with signs such as "It's your fault" and "Words matter," a reference to allegations his bellicose language has emboldened bigots. Pennsylvania's governor and the mayor of Pittsburgh declined to join him during the visit.

Earlier in the day, thousands of mourners jammed a synagogue, a Jewish community center and a third, undisclosed site for the first in a weeklong series of funerals for victims of the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history.

Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz, Daniel Stein and Cecil and David Rosenthal were among 11 people killed in the shooting rampage at the Tree of Life synagogue Saturday. Robert Gregory Bowers, a 46-year-old truck driver who authorities say raged against Jews, was arrested on federal hate-crime charges that could bring the death penalty.

With Tree of Life still cordoned off as a crime scene, more than 1,000 people poured into Rodef Shalom, one of the city's oldest and largest synagogues, to mourn the Rosenthal brothers, ages 59 and 54.

The two intellectually disabled men were "beautiful souls" who had "not an ounce of hate in them — something we're terribly missing today," Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, a survivor of the massacre, said at their funeral.

Myers, his voice quivering, told the Rosenthals' parents and other family members: "The entire world is sharing its grief with you, so you don't walk alone."

"The brothers were widely known as "the boys," the Rosenthal's sister, Diane Hirt, noted. "They were innocent like boys, not hardened like men," she said.

She said Cecil — a gregarious man with a booming voice who was light-heartedly known as the mayor of Squirrel Hill and the "town crier" for the gossip he managed to gather — would have especially enjoyed the media attention this week, a thought that brought laughter from the congregation.

Rabinowitz's funeral was held at the Jewish Community Center in the city's Squirrel Hill section, the historic Jewish neighborhood where the rampage took place. Two police vehicles were posted at a side door and two at the main entrance.

A line stretched around the block as mourners — some in white medical coats, some wearing yarmulkes, black hats or head scarves — passed beneath the blue Romanesque arches into the brick building.

The 66-year-old Rabinowitz was a go-to doctor for HIV patients in the epidemic's early and desperate days, a physician who always hugged his patients as they left his office.

"A lot of people are feeling really angry about this. A lot of rage built up inside about this, because of it being a hate crime. Don't get me wrong, I do. But I'm so overwhelmed with sadness right now that I can't even be angry right now," said Robin Faulkner, whose family had seen Rabinowitz for 30 years and counted him as a dear friend. "It's just such a loss. Just tragic."

A private funeral was also held for Stein, the 71-year-old men's club president at Tree of Life.

The other victims' funerals have been scheduled through Friday.

Trump and first lady Melania Trump landed in Pittsburgh after the day's services and lit candles at Tree of Life for the victims. Outside, they laid white roses as well as stones for each of the dead, a Jewish burial tradition. The president and first lady later went to a hospital to visit with survivors.

They were joined by Trump's daughter Ivanka and her husband, Jared Kushner, as well as Myers, the Tree of Life rabbi, and Israeli Ambassador Ron Dermer.

Hundreds of protesters gathered near the synagogue and the hospital.

"He didn't pull the trigger, but his verbiage and actions don't help," said Squirrel Hill resident Paul Carberry, 55, wearing anti-Trump patches on his hat and jacket.

Another Squirrel Hill resident, Shaya Marcus, who had hoped to catch the presidential motorcade with her young sons but just missed it, said the anger at Trump is misplaced.

"I don't think focusing on Trump is the answer, or on politics," said Marcus, a 34-year-old nurse and Trump supporter.

Democratic Mayor Bill Peduto had asked Trump not to come while the city was burying its dead. He and Gov. Tom Wolf, a fellow Democrat, said they would skip the president's visit.

Community leaders expressed to the governor that they did not feel it was appropriate for Trump to come, so the governor made a decision not to join him on his visit out of respect for the families and the community," said Beth Melena, Wolf's campaign spokeswoman.

Among the mourners at the Rosenthal brothers' funeral was Dr. Abe Friedman, who typically sat in the back row of Tree of Life with the two men but was late to synagogue on Saturday and was not there when the gunman opened fire.

As he stood in line at the funeral, Friedman wondered why he had been spared.

"Why did things fall into place for me?" he asked. "I usually sit in the back row. In the last row, everyone got killed."
Halloween can be deadly for pedestrians, traffic study says

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Trick-or-treaters beware: Halloween can be deadly for pedestrians, and children face the greatest danger.

Research published Tuesday, Oct. 30, found a 43 percent higher risk of pedestrian deaths on Halloween night than on other nights near that date.

The study was based on four decades of U.S. traffic data, including 608 pedestrian deaths on 42 Halloweens.

Canadian traffic researchers launched the study after noticing advertisements for Halloween parties and noticed an increase in the number of pedestrians on the streets” in costume, said lead author Dr. John Staples of the University of British Columbia.

Canada celebrates Halloween, too, but U.S. traffic data is remarkably complete, so Staples and colleagues focused their analysis south of their border. The study appears in JAMA Pediatrics.

Using National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data, the researchers compared pedestrian deaths on Halloween nights with deaths on two evenings the week before and the week after. They found car-pedestrian accidents kill four times more people on average on Halloween than on other days.

The findings echo a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analysis of 1975-1996 data from the traffic safety agency.

Kids aged 4 to 8 faced the highest risks in the new study: There were 55 Halloween deaths in this age range compared with just 11 on control days.

“That age group is maybe particularly excited about Halloween and that vehicles pose," Staples said. "They may be unaware that drivers aren’t able to see them.”

Deaths peaked near dusk, around 6 p.m. Staples offered some advice: Attach reflective patches to costumes, carry a flashlight or glow stick to be more visible, make sure masks don’t obstruct vision, and look both ways before crossing the street.

In this Oct. 31, 2013 file photo, emergency personnel work at the scene where police say a woman was critically injured after being struck by a minivan on Halloween night while trying to cross the street with two young children in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Police said the 1- and 5-year-old children weren’t injured.
Having served as Student Body President and Mr. Marshall, I always keep our campus on the top of my priority list while at the Capitol and will continue to do so. I’m asking for your vote so that I can partner with you to keep fighting for:

- Economic Development, creation of job opportunities, recruitment of innovative technology
- Policies that help foster good Administration/Faculty/Staff relations
- Incentives to keep and recruit young professionals in the area
- A clean, healthy, safe, and socially vibrant community

Yours Truly,
Son of Marshall,
Delegate Sean Hornbuckle.

Early Voting October 24th-Nov. 3rd at MU Student Center