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Community helps family after house fire out of ‘kindness of their hearts’

By MAKAYLAH WHEELER
THE PARTHENON

It’s the kindness of strangers that a Marshall student said affected her most after her dad lost his home to a fire March 10.

“Little girls brought us blankets... some guy who my dad said didn’t look like he had a lot took out his wallet and was like ‘Can I give you money?’” said Maizie Plumley, a senior anthropology major.

These were people that the Plumleys had either never met or never had a strong relationship with, she said.

Friends and neighbors jumped into action the night of the fire to help Chad Plumley, owner of the home, salvage what hadn’t been burned or suffered water damage, the daughter said.

“The outreach that we got was incredible. It was insane,” she said.

The daughter said three houses were involved in the fire: a vacant house, a next-door neighbor’s house and Plumley’s home. The middle house had been cooking with the window open when the kitchen caught fire and the fire spread to Plumley’s home.

The daughter said once they were able to enter her father’s home, they realized that they would be fine.

“I’ve never experienced a situation like this before so I didn’t know how people in Huntington could come together to help make a situation manageable,” she said.

A GoFundMe was set up the day following the fire by Bryan Chambers, a friend of the family, to help the father get back on his feet.

“Starting the GoFundMe was the easiest and quickest way I could do something to help him and his family,” Chambers said.

The “Plaid Dad (Chad Plumley)” GoFundMe has a goal of $7,500 and, within three days of its launch, $6,619 of that goal had been donated by 111 people.

“I’m not the least bit surprised by the support he’s received, because he’s one of the most genuine, friendly and caring people I know,” Chambers said.

The Plumleys are trying to keep track of all who have helped out, but so many have offered a hand that it can be difficult to keep count, Maizie Plumley said.

“People are doing this out of the kindness of their hearts,” Maizie Plumley said. “They aren’t doing it because they feel like they should.”

Going forward, she said her family is going to try to form deeper relationships with those who have helped.

“The heart of these people is what matters,” Maizie Plumley said.

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Two senators under review by Judiciary Committee

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Two Student Government Association senators were under judicial review Tuesday, during a meeting of the student senate Judiciary Committee in the Memorial Student Center.

Sen. Mary Erwin, an elected representative for the College of Science, and Sen. Angel Wallace, an at-large senator, were under review by the student senate Judiciary Committee due to their attendance at SGA meetings and absent for one, Tremmel said. The committee decides what actions should be taken, she said.

During the senate Judiciary Committee meeting Tuesday, no action was taken against Erwin, who was under judicial review after being late to two committee meetings and absent for one, Tremmel said.

Wallace, who had been late to two committee meetings, absent for two committee meetings and absent from senate three times prior to the meeting.

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Weekly Poll Results

Do you have travel plans for spring break? 53% 47%
Have you already or will you make a March Madness bracket? 37% 63%
Did you celebrate St. Patrick’s Day? 41% 59%
Have you figured out your class schedule for next semester? 37% 63%

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon’s Instagram, @MUParthenon. The results reflect responses from an average of 36 individuals.
Hope for Huntington lies beyond solving drug epidemic

By MAKAYLA WHEELER
THE PARthenON

Huntington has been dubbed the “epicenter of the solution” to the drug epidemic by Mayor Steve Williams, but some citizens said although there is hope, there is still a lot that has not been addressed.

“I used to see Huntington as a good place,” said Bre Britton, a sophomore biology pre-med major at Marshall University.

Having lived in a low-income household in Huntington her entire life, Britton said she has grown to realize that Huntington “looks over” those below the poverty line.

Williams’ viewpoint represents a positive perspective, but Huntington resident Eddie Hinson said he has lived in Huntington since he was eight and the lower classes do not share that same perspective about the drug epidemic.

“I think we are perceived, all too often, solely around the drug epidemic here and the stigma around it,” Hinson said.

The legal ramifications and stigma that surround drugs and poverty encourage people to continue that lifestyle because they are not being given the proper options or opportunities, Hinson said.

“Depending on how you were brought up around here, some people look down on the less fortunate people of this town,” Britton said.

What the city needs is more understanding between all social classes, Hinson said.

“I feel like a majority of Huntingtonians react to adversity as though we do everything for everyone in the city,” Britton said.

Both Britton and Hinson said the solution is not only looking at every part of the city, it is offering and receiving equal, or at least nearly equal, input from all social classes when deciding on any plan of action.

“Being exposed to them (low income individuals, prostitutes and drug addicts) has opened me up to the idea that they’re people too, with lives just as complex as my own,” Hinson said. “Try to give everyone a chance.”

Britton and Hinson said by being exposed to situations where people are struggling to survive, they have been humbled and learned to treat everyone with kindness.

“They’re all people too,” Hinson said.

The idea that all people are “broken” is one that Hinson said encourages him to remember it is “what you do about it” that makes a difference.

Despite media attention and politicians’ praise, Britton and Hinson said Huntington has actually not done well about coming together as a community when faced with adversity.

“We could change that by looking at every part of Huntington and not just one,” Britton said.

The drug epidemic could be not only an opportunity to be the center for change but an opportunity to redefine how social classes interact.

“We need measures above and beyond Huntington,” Hinson said “If you put them (low income individuals, prostitutes and drug addicts) in a corner, they’ll have nowhere else to go.”

Huntington has been named by Mayor Steve Williams as the “epicenter of the solution” to the drug epidemic, but some residents said they believe Huntington is missing an opportunity by failing to include lower class residents in discussions of possible solutions.

Having grown up below the poverty line in Huntington, Britton and Hinson said it is going to take a lot more understanding and communication in order for the city to become Williams’ “epicenter for the solution.”

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Socialist Equality Party organizes to support whistleblowers, raise awareness

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As of Wednesday, March 20, Chelsea Manning, a former intelligence analyst for the United States Army, has been imprisoned for 12 days because of her refusal to testify in a grand jury hearing against international non-profit organization WikiLeaks.

Nearly a decade ago, Manning, after joining the army, experienced a disconnect between the reality of war on the-ground and the situation being portrayed to Americans by her own military’s newly-embedded journalists, said Naomi Spencer, a Huntington resident and member of the Socialist Equality Party, at one of a series of recent public meetings organized by the party to raise awareness about whistleblowing persecution.

In 2010, informed by Manning, who was stationed in Iraq, WikiLeaks, a publication founded by Julian Assange in 2006 to publish information relating to war and corruption that would typically be censored, published classified documents which had been denied and opposed by the

For exposing war crimes committed by her country and

for which officials in her own government were responsible but never held accountable, Manning was sentenced to 35 years in prison under the Obama Administration and subjected to torture methods including prolonged solitary confinement before being committed after spending seven years in a maximum-security prison, Spencer said.

Because of the Trump Administration’s attempts to charge Julian Assange and WikiLeaks with espionage and conspiracy, Manning was summoned to testify before grand jury, March 7, when she responded to each question by saying it violated her constitutional rights, and she was correct to do so, Spencer said. Each of the questions Manning refused to answer concerned her previous contacts with WikiLeaks regarding previously leaked materials and had already been addressed during her 2013 court-martial, Spencer said.

Manning was offered immunity for her testimony, Spencer said, but she refused, evoking her rights under the
Members of the campus ministry Cru use Perspective Cards to ask Marshall faculty and students how they view religion.

By MEREDITH O’BARA
THE PARTHENON

A deck of cards with a purpose.

This week the organization Cru is using a tool known as Perspective Cards to reach out to students and engage in conversations about faith.

The cards give students a chance to express their faith in a way they might not have had the chance to before, said Drew Osenbach, movement leader and Cru staff member.

“Perspectives is a card tool that Cru has, and it is a way to get into spiritual conversations,” Osenbach said. “I think it is good for people to articulate what they believe, and a lot of times, people believe what they believe, but do not articulate. I think it is good, even for our own students, to articulate what they believe.”

The cards are separated into different categories that lead students in spiritual conversations. Going in order, the categories are “the nature of God,” “meaning and purpose of life,” “human nature,” “who Jesus is or was” and “spiritual truth,” said Meredith Currin, a senior psychology major and student leader with Cru.

Students go through each category and choose cards that resonate with them. By doing this, students get the chance to question what they believe and give Cru members a chance to share their perspective on faith, Currin said.

“After they (students) choose all the cards and describe them, sometimes it is good for us to ask them ‘Do you mind if I tell you my perspective and the cards I would choose?’” Currin said. “Sometimes students say ‘yes’ and agree, and sometimes they do not. It is cool, though, for us to share our perspective of who Jesus is and was and go through what we would choose.”

With the cards, Cru members survey what students believe and gain understanding of those beliefs, Osenbach said.

“What is cool about this survey is, say someone picks in the ‘meaning and purpose of life’ category, ‘love and peace,’ then you get to ask them, What does that mean to you? and once again, you get this listening exercise,” Osenbach said. “Because, for instance, I can pick ‘love and peace,’ and Meredith can pick ‘love and peace,’ but our definition is completely different. So, it is a really great way to gain a better understanding or perspective from someone else.”

Currin said being able to create a safe space for further conversations about faith to happen on campus is her hope for this week.

“My desire is for students to see that what they believe is okay, and I would like to share my perspective on what I believe and show that I am here to listen to what you believe, even if we believe in different things,” Currin said. “I think it is really cool to have this as a topic that we can talk about on campus and that we do not have anything holding us back in talking about what we believe in.”

The week is not just for the student body, as Osenbach said he hopes Cru members grow in their faith as well.

“I think a lot of times, people do not listen, and so I am hoping the students involved in Cru, this will be an opportunity for them to practice listening and engaging and loving on the rest of campus,” Osenbach said.

Cru will be in the Memorial Student Center until Thursday to talk with students about their perspectives on faith.

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BANFF returns April 2

By EMMY PHIPPS
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The Banff Mountain Film Festival is a prestigious mountain festival, and its world tour, which features a variety of action, environmental and adventure short films, will make a stop at the Keith Albee Theatre April 2 at 7 p.m.

The festival takes place every fall in Banff, Alberta, and the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour starts right after, traveling around the world with stops in about 550 communities and 40 countries.

Angela Jones, director of the Marshall Artists Series, said they have had great success over the past three years with this event, but this is the first year Marshall’s Recreation Center is not involved. She said she hopes the previous spectators return.

From approximately 300 short films entered into the annual festival, 36 action, sports and cultural films are chosen for the 2018/2019 world tour, and the Marshall Film Club will pick roughly eight to be viewed in Huntington.

Jones said once the selection is made, movie trailers will be available online. Their selection is to be announced Thursday.

Tickets for Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour are $10. Those interested in purchasing tickets may contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office or order online at ticketmaster.com. People may also visit the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on Marshall’s campus. Box office hours are Monday through Friday 12 to 4 p.m.

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MUPD Chief offers advice before Spring Break

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With spring break just days away, Marshall University Police Chief Jim Terry said there are a lot of generalized tips all students should know and think about before, during and after their travels or stays during the break.

“It is important for students to make sure they are making smart and safe decisions not only all the time, but especially when traveling for spring break,” Terry said.

Terry offered safety suggestions for traveling during spring break.

In addition to the traveling tips, there are also tips to consider before students leave campus and travel elsewhere, Terry said.

“If you are going somewhere for spring break and live off campus in a house/apartment, try to arrange for a neighbor to help you out,” Terry said.

“Have someone you trust get your mail and watch your home for someone lurking around. Leave a light on to make people think someone is home. And never park your car a few days in advance to you leaving.”

While these are simple and easy tasks that can be completed, they are high priority in importance while keeping yourself and your property safe, Terry said.

“Burglaries do increase during the week of spring break,” Terry said. “Criminals know that there is no one here on campus, and they take advantage of the people/students being gone and their homes being empty. And that is the primary reason you want someone to collect your mail and to leave a light on; also, a reason to why you do not pack your car early. They are always watching. The last thing you want is the criminals to think someone is not there. So of course, you want to make sure that there are no signs that there is not.”

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Cyber club on campus promotes women in technology

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Women empowering women.

A new club on Marshall University’s campus hopes to close the gender gap in the technology world, an advisor for the club said.

“Tech fields are dominated by males,” said Chebbie Cooper, advisor for the Women In Cyber club. “Our female students in tech sit in classrooms surrounded by males and male professors. The purpose behind this club is to give our female students in tech a support system of fellow females that share and understand the challenges of being in a field that is dominated by males.”

Women In Cyber formed following a suggestion from John Sammons, director of Marshall’s Digital Forensics and Information Assurance program, DFAI, in hopes of uniting women in the DFAI major, said Morganne Hutchinson, president of Women In Cyber and a junior DFAI major.

“He stated that there would be a new DFAI-based club, revolving around the females of the program, so the females of the program went with it,” Hutchinson said. “We started the group to bring the females of the department together and to be more connected with each other, since there are roughly 30 females in the entire program.”

With empowering women as the goal, the group hopes more become interested in the technology field, Hutchinson said.

“My hope for this group is to recruit more females to the club, spark interest in others to be curious about the technology world, especially the younger generation of females in the community, such as elementary, middle- and high school-aged individuals, and be able to go to conferences, meetings, events to represent the females of the field,” Hutchinson said.

Cooper said she hopes this group can give women a platform to advocate for their role in the technology field.

“We are giving our female students in technology a voice on campus to not only promote our technology programs but to empower females to join them and address the gender gap issue as a whole,” Cooper said.

“My hope for this group is to spread empowerment and leadership, to give them a support system and for them to empower each other to push through the challenges of being a female in technology.”

Women In Cyber is focusing on getting more women to join and also connecting with the community, Hutchinson said.

As of right now, the group’s meetings run between 45 minutes to an hour, Hutchinson said. She said members throw ideas around about advertising the group to campus, possible non-monetary donations, fundraisers for the community and how they can recruit more females in the cyber and technology world.

“Nothing is more powerful than a group of females advocating for something they are passionate about,” Cooper said.

Women In Cyber meets Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in Drinnko Library 439.

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New ministry encourages religious exploration for Greeks

By PAIGE LEONARD
THE PARTHENON

Uniting Greek Life through Bible studies, the campus ministry organization Greek Impact plans to get more sororities and fraternities involved in spiritual Greek Life activities revolving around the females of the program, so the females of the program went with it,” Hutchinson said. “We started the group to bring the females of the department together and to be more connected with each other, since there are roughly 30 females in the entire program.”

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Town hall meeting calls for student input

By TREY DELIDA
THE PARTHENON

“So, what’s on your mind?” Huntington Mayor Steve Williams opened discussion with this opened-ended question at a town hall meeting Tuesday in Marshall University’s Memorial Student Center.

The town hall meeting, organized and sponsored by the Marshall Student Government Association and the City of Huntington, featured a diverse panel of local professionals and public servants of different fields.

The panel served to answer the questions of Marshall students, Marshall faculty and Huntington residents. Consisting of Williams, City Councilman Alex Vence, Fire Chief Jan Rader and Chief of Police Hank Dial, a variety of ideas and suggestions were available.

Discussion ranged from voting in the state, to the opioid epidemic, to improvements for Marshall and economic growth in Huntington.

Rader also disclosed that there would be some new additions to the fire station closest to Marshall.

“You have a university fire station that’s very close to here,” Rader said. “I’ve been able to partner with President Gilbert to order a new fire truck for that fire station. It will be delivered in June, and it is going to be Marshall green.”

When asked about poor voter turnout in the state, for both residents of Huntington and students, Williams said everybody needs to understand that they have an assignment they need to take upon.

“We are changing the world right here from West Virginia,” Williams said. “We have begun to believe the lie that we don’t matter, that we can’t compete. If you start to buy into that dream and make it a reality for others, then we start rising ourselves up. Then, we’re not buying into the lie we’re buying into the dream.”

When asked how young people can better help the professionals do their jobs for the community, Dial said, for college students, participation is the key.

“Do vote, do participate, do be active members,” Dial said. “Demand more of folks that are in charge and expect your spot at the table.”

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Marshall welcomes Wildcats for midweek matinee matchup

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Marshall softball welcomes the Kentucky Wildcats to Huntington Wednesday after coming off a series win against Charlotte. The game will be on the Dot Hicks Field at Marshall University at 3 p.m.

So far this season the Herd sits at 19-7, overall and 2-1 in Conference with two wins against Charlotte last weekend. In the 2-1 series against Charlotte, Marshall won 7-5 in game one, 13-0 in game two but lost in the third game 11-6.

In game one, freshman outfielder Mya Stevenson had a career day where she recorded her first cycle and drove in seven runs between the two games. She combined for seven hits and nine RBIs.

Although the game went back and forth with Marshall taking the lead and Charlotte retaliating, Stevenson led in the seventh with a double, advanced when Giammarino singled. Sophomore infielder Armani Brown singled and advanced on an Aly Harrell sacrifice bunt and scored on a senior catcher, Hayden Ellis, single to center. The Herd held the 49ers from scoring in the bottom of the inning giving the Herd the win. Senior pitcher Abigail Tolbert earned her 12th win, which matched her career-high.

In game two, the Herd scored 13 runs on 13 hits. Stevenson went three-for-three at the plate including a homerun and two doubles. She was walked her last at-bat.

Junior infielder Brooke Burns. Burch scored on a Harrell hit, and Brown scored on a Stevenson double. Charlotte quickly responded with three runs, taking the lead.

Marshall took the lead back on an Ellis three-run homer to left. Charlotte regained the lead 6-5 on two walks and four hits in the fourth. Charlotte scored five more runs between the fifth and sixth inning.

The Herd scored again in the top of the seventh. Burch doubled and advanced on a hit to center by junior infielder Brooke Burns. Burch scored on a Huerta sacrifice fly to deep center.

The Herd is set to face the 20-7 Kentucky Wildcats on Wednesday. The Herd is currently 2-12 against the Wildcats, with its most recent win coming in 2001. Marshall has never beaten Kentucky at home.

First pitch from Dot Hicks Field is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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Thundering Herd looks to extend win streak in midweek matchup at Power Park against Virginia Tech

By TAYLOR HUDDLESTON
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Marshall baseball plays its second Atlantic Coast Conference opponent of the season on Wednesday when it welcomes the Virginia Tech Hokies to Appalachian Power Park in Charleston.

The Thundering Herd is coming off a series win in conference play against the FIU Panthers last weekend. In the first game, the Herd was defeated after going to ten innings. FIU right fielder Chris Williams hit a three-run home run to right field for the only runs of the game asn Panthers relief pitcher Everett Hurst kept Marshall off the scoreboard in the bottom half of the inning.

In game two, Marshall outscored the Panthers 16-5 with six runs coming in the third inning. The second game was marred by a benches-clearing incident that resulted in five ejections, including both head coaches.

In game three, FIU scored early two runs in the first inning but the Herd answered with two runs in the second and two runs in the fourth to tie the game. It was not until the eighth inning that designated hitter Zach Inskeep hit a double down the left field line and scored left fielder Tucker Linder, shortstop Elvis Peralta and second baseman Geordon Blanton. Marshall finished that game with a final score of 7-4.

The Herd (12-6, 2-1 C-USA) is now preparing for its one-game match against Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech is an even .500 in ACC play but sits at 13-6 overall. Virginia Tech and Marshall both share a common opponent. Earlier in the season, the Herd played Pittsburgh and defeated the Panthers, 7-2, in a neutral-site game in Kissimee, Florida.

First pitch between the Thundering Herd and Hokies on Wednesday is set for 4 p.m.

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Mercer earns career win No. 250 as Thundering Herd defeats Middle Tennessee, UAB at home

Marshall head tennis coach John Mercer watches his team practice prior to the start of the 2018-19 season. Mercer has led the Thundering Herd, which boasts the youngest team in Conference USA, to a pair of Conference USA wins and four total wins, including the 250th of his career against UAB.

By KIERAN INTEMANN
SPORTS EDITOR

At the beginning of the 2019 season, Marshall head tennis coach John Mercer mentioned having the youngest team in Conference USA.

The Thundering Herd, featuring four freshmen in its six-player lineup, is indeed the youngest squad in the 14-team conference. Age, however, did not make a difference in Marshall’s two-game sweep of C-USA opponents Middle Tennessee and UAB over the weekend, with the latter of those two marking career win number 250 for Mercer, the Thundering Herd’s 17th-year head coach.

“Like I’ve been saying all year, we’re just continuing the process of getting better each and every day and every match – and we will,” Mercer said. “We are working really hard as a team, so it’s good to see hard work result in some success.

Marshall never trailed in either of the two matches, capturing the doubles point both times. In both matches, the freshman duo of Liz Stefanic and Madi Ballow clinched the point, defeating the Blue Raiders’ Kim Kermet and Luisa Zirilli in straight sets, 6-2, and the Blazers’ Dominika Hrabalova and Megan Bertrand, 6-1. Anna Smith and Daniela Dankanych, the only two players on Marshall’s roster who are not freshmen, also earned a pair of doubles wins against Middle Tennessee and UAB.

Stefanic proved to be the difference in the Thundering Herd’s match against Middle Tennessee. Playing against Kermet, a former SEC player at Tennessee, the Aurora, Illinois, native fought off multiple set points to close out a 6-4, 7-6 win that clinched Marshall’s first Conference USA win of the season, a 4-3 win over the Blue Raiders.

“(The match) came down to a couple of points and it was great seeing Liz out there battling at the end, especially as a freshman working hard to fight off maybe six or seven set points,” Mercer said. “Seeing them all battling out there in tough conditions and really working hard was great.”

The Herd played a complete match against UAB, dropping just one match in Mercer’s 250th career win. Stefanic and Ballow cruised to straight-sets wins, while Smith and freshman Victoria Walter won their matches in tiebreakers.

“I’m excited for our team,” Mercer said. “UAB was really competitive and a good, solid team from top to bottom. It was good to see our players gain a little momentum from (MTSU) and play well again.”

Stefanic, Ballow and Smith each went a perfect 4-0 over the weekend in singles and doubles play, while freshman Victoria Walter was 3-1 against the two C-USA foes. Marshall’s next five matches are away from home, starting with a trip to New Orleans for matches with New Orleans and Tulane.

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Athlete of the week: Mya Stevenson, softball

ABOUT MYA STEVENSON
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Mesquite, Texas
Batting Average: .373
Hits/HR/RBI: 25/8/24

LAST WEEK’S RESULTS
vs. Charlotte (3 games): .727 average (8-for-11), seven extra-base hits, two home runs, 4-for-4 with the cycle in game 1, 3-for-3 with 7 RBI in game 2, RBI double in game 3.

Mya Stevenson’s first weekend of Conference USA action was certainly one for the freshman outfielder to remember. Stevenson hit .727 (8-for-11) during a three-game series against the Charlotte 49ers, helping lead the Thundering Herd to a pair of wins in its first conference series of the season.

Stevenson went a perfect 7-for-7 in a Saturday doubleheader sweep, hitting for the cycle in the first game and going 3-for-3 with seven RBI in the second game. Each of Stevenson’s three hits in the second game of the series went for extra bases (two doubles and a home run). Stevenson closed the series with an RBI double in the third game.

For her performance over the weekend, which raised her batting average from .304 to .373, Stevenson was named Conference USA’s Hitter of the Week.

Stevenson and the Thundering Herd begin a four-game homestand Wednesday afternoon against No. 13 Kentucky.
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Aftermath of New Zealand shooting

Normally, after an airplane crash, the safety of air travel increases. After an outbreak of a disease, hospitals become more sanitary. But after such a tragedy as a mass shooting resulting in multiple deaths of innocents, nothing changes, and our government does nothing to prevent another disaster or to keep us safe.

This is not so for New Zealand. After a mass shooting resulting in the death of 50 people in two mosques in New Zealand on Friday, the country’s prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, has called for stricter gun control laws, and her cabinet is in agreement with her. New Zealand will experience change in the wake of a tragedy, while in America, we still have seen no limitations. Not even after the Las Vegas shooting or the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. We certainly had no changes to gun laws after the Pulse nightclub shooting, the Virginia Tech shooting, or Columbine High School shooting. Not to mention the various ‘smaller’ mass shootings that we’ve become accustomed to. Or is numb the right word?

What is so striking about the New Zealand shooting is that many of us may have felt numb to it as well because it was so far away and not as personal. It’s hard to feel numb, though, knowing the country’s leaders are already working to regulate their laws. What will it take for America?

We’ve also become desensitized to the media circus concerning the mass shooters themselves. Many media outlets write profiles about these villainous people, plastering front pages with pictures from this awful place by trey cobb

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GINGER’S GUIDE TO: Starting a record collection

By AMANDA LARCH
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I’ve been collecting vinyl records since I was in seventh grade. It started when my appreciation for The Beatles exploded into full-on obsession. My parents had a respectable vinyl collection, which included a George Harrison solo album from the 80s. My memory is a little fuzzy, but I’m certain the first record I purchased was a vintage Beatles album from a favorite antique store in South Charleston.

Since then, my collection has grown, and the last time I counted, I had well over 100 records, varying with artist and genre. I’m proud to say I now own every Beatles studio album, but my obsession has sadly dwindled back into admiration. I have every Led Zeppelin and The Who album. I’ve got a lot of Fleetwood Mac (they’re my current obsession, which has lasted well over three years) and almost all of Stevie Nicks’s solo stuff. With a few Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Dolly Parton thrown in for good measure, I own more than just rock and roll albums as well. It’s hard to find original pressings of 90s grunge albums because that’s when vinyl started to die and CDs became the standard, but I haven’t given up on my search.

I’m really not meaning to brag here, (but if I was, you’d be impressed, right?) but I do want to share some tips and tricks for anyone interested in starting or expanding their record collection. I know it may be tempting to begin with eBay or Amazon, but trust me, there’s no fun in that. Honestly, half the joy I get out of my collection has been from the hunt. Stop searching online and start looking at your friendly neighborhood antique and thrift stores; I’m sure you’ll find something you like.

Amanda shopping for records at Sullivan’s Records in Charleston.

SMIRL MEETS WORLD: Coping with change

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It seems as if one of the most stressful times to be a college student has arrived yet again. I feel like it wasn’t more than a month ago that I was preparing for the midterms of last semester while also trying to figure out how to create a schedule on my own for the very first time. Now, I’m struggling to finish and make it to my midterms before spring break, all while trying to figure out how to create another schedule for next semester with a new major. I’ve felt very overwhelmed these past few weeks, and the choice to change my major has made me feel as if I’m starting over and that this whole year was wasted. I also am realizing how quickly college goes by, since we’re basically five weeks of class away from the end of the year, and I still sometimes forget I’m even a college student.

The combination of the immense amount of change in my life, the stress I feel as if I’m constantly under during projects and exams and assignments, and the way I can’t seem to be fully invested in college because it’s all going by so quickly, has led to a lot of anxiety and mixed feelings for me. I want to keep pushing through to make it to break and then make it all the way to summer, but part of me wants to stay where I am, knowing that it’s all going to be past me before I fully realize I’m even in it. I seem to get this way pretty frequently. Toward the end of my senior year of high school, I realized just how quickly everything had gone by and how big the changes were going to be that were rapidly approaching. I’m already having to think about looking at law schools, when I’ll take the necessary tests, and when I’m going to visit these schools all while still doing my class work, doing my real job and making time for my family and friends so that I don’t explode from the pressure of it all. My parents and older siblings always told me that this period of life is full of more changes than almost any other time I will go through. I can’t seem to get a grasp on what I’m currently doing before I already have to start thinking about the next big decision I’m going to have to make about all the other changes that are going to come up.

So, for right now I’m going to focus on midterms and making it to spring break without letting myself worry too much about everything else on the horizon. College is weird and confusing and stressful and seems to be passing by faster than anything I have ever done. But it’s also exciting and interesting and allows me the time to figure out how to get to the next place in my life, which is the best part of it all for me.

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This is Ivy. She is a seven-month-old who loves to get the ‘zoomies’ and run through the house, usually when her ‘grandmother’ is trying to sleep.

Her ‘grandmother’ works at Harless Dining Hall.

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was censured, or given a strong recommendation to change her behavior, with the condition that if she does not attend the next SGA meeting or required event, she will be impeached by the Judiciary Committee, or recommended for removal from SGA, Tremmel said.

When a senator is impeached by the senate Judiciary Committee, members of the student senate vote on a secret ballot whether or not to remove the senator from SGA, Tremmel said. In order to remove the senator form SGA, a two-thirds majority vote is needed.

Senators who are removed from SGA are also put under one year of probation, making them unable to hold any position in SGA for that year, and after the year has passed, they will not be allowed to be appointed to an at-large position by the senate Judiciary Committee, but will have to be elected in order to rejoin SGA.

“IT’s the senator’s job to represent the students, but in addition to that, it’s the university and SGA creating a culture at Marshall of accountability,” Tremmel said. “And then in addition to that, you’re at college to learn, and so if you’re learning that there are consequences for your actions, which some students haven’t had that before college, learning that you need to be accountable, there are consequences for your actions if you don’t follow the rules, then that’s also a valuable learning lesson.”

Wallace was not in attendance at the senate Judiciary Committee meeting or full senate meeting Tuesday.

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Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the Constitution.

In a statement released March 7, Manning wrote, “In solidarity with many activists facing the odds, I will stand by my principles... My legal team continues to challenge the secrecy of these proceedings, and I am prepared to face the consequences of my refusal.”

Spencer said she unequivocally condemned the jailing of Manning and believes Manning has taken a courageous and principled stance against war crimes of American imperialism.

One of the most prominent 2010 leaks was a video commonly referred to as “Collateral Murder,” which shows a U.S. Military helicopter gunning down 16 people, including two Reuters journalists, and severely injuring two children near Baghdad as pilots and gunners audibly joke and laugh about the war crimes and atrocities being committed, Spencer said.

In 2016, two more prominent leaks occurred when WikiLeaks published Democratic National Committee e-mails revealing corruption within a supposedly neutral DNC which had effectively rigged the 2016 Democratic Primary for Hillary Clinton while undermining the Bernie Sanders campaign.

Additional leaks include Hillary Clinton text messages with her campaign manager, Anthony Podesta, in which she reveals herself lying to voters about policies while assuring hedge fund managers in paid speeches that their interests would always remain aligned, Spencer said.

Clinton admitted to having two policy positions for each issue: her public position and her private position, she said.

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There is no evidence showing collusion between WikiLeaks and the Trump Administration or Russia,” Spencer said.

Notably, WikiLeaks— unlike most American major news publications, including CNN, which was recently exposed by the NYT for spreading an untrue story about anti-American-intervention Venezuelans, and NBC and MSNBC, which have been exposed by the Intercept for fabricating and spreading untrue stories regarding the Russia investigations and various critics of the Democratic Party— has never been forced to retract a story for factual errors, Spencer said.

Behind the attacks against whistleblowers like Manning are attacks against free speech, access to truthful information and the democratic rights of the working-class in general, Spencer said.

“Manning is a hero, and she needs our help right now,” Spencer said. “We as young people and part of the working class need to defend her and demand her release.”

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it does not matter what Greek Life chapter a student is in, but what matters is that “it brings about unity and brotherhood to a Greek Life system that maybe doesn’t feel as whole with the main part of campus or student organizations,” Foster said.

Greek Impact, which Roberts said is still in its beginning stages of development, welcomes all sororities and fraternities, and Foster said he is looking forward to getting more sororities and fraternities involved with the organization.

Because of Greek Life students’ busy schedules, Roberts said Greek Impact meetings tend to change each week and semester, depending on what works best for the students, but the organization typically meets in the Memorial Student Center.

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their childhoods and with their families. As if we are supposed to sympathize with the victims or the reasons for the shooting or the weapons involved.

It goes without saying that there are no positives following mass shootings; nothing at all is positive about a shooting spree. Yet if we stop focusing on the suspects and start pushing for better gun laws — at the very least the banning of military grade weapons — then we may be able to cease the ever-growing list of mass shooting in America and around the world.

Negativity aside, one small flower that has bloomed from the pile of death and destruction is the New Zealand shooting is the outpouring of support from people all over the globe, including right here in Huntington. Local residents have been praying and and leaving flowers for mosque members. Social media posts demonstrate the power of kindness when complete strangers, in New Zealand and America, visit mosques and offer support and love.

As beautiful as this is, however, we must remember the New Zealand shooter published a manifesto with anti-Muslim and white nationalist themes. He targeted and attacked two mosques. That is scary, and it deserves more attention in the press than his childhood or background or his name.

There is so much hate in this world, but no matter how much it tries to destroy, remember that flowers of love will always bloom in its aftermath.

Hate can not win if we do not allow it to.

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guarantee you’ll find a lot more than you might think.

Don’t be skeptical; though I do have a few of my most prized records from online, most of my records are from places I frequent, like that South Charleston antique store. And let’s not forget that record stores are a thing as well. Though I’m unfamiliar with any in Huntington, I know there are a few in the Charleston area. These places are well organized and full of used (and new) records that need homes.

We’ve established that vinyl records and places to get them are abundant, but what about record players? Well, many retail outlets such as Target, Books A Million and Walmart have record players, and many are very affordable. Some even come with other features, like Bluetooth and CD players. Plus, vinyl is easy to take care of, and you can buy cleaning kits for your records. Just be sure to store them vertically; be leery of laying them down, as this can damage the vinyl. I recommend getting a record crate or repurposing an old milk crate.

So what are you waiting for? Music was meant to be listened to in its purest form, on vinyl, and it sounds better on a record player than anywhere else, besides maybe live. It’s not a terribly expensive hobby, and you automatically become cooler when you listen to vinyl. It’s true; I don’t make the rules.

And, by the way, the plural of vinyl is vinyl.

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By TIARA BROWN
THE PARTHENON

The professors and staff of the INTO program at Marshall University are very helpful and friendly, said Anh Do, a graduate student in the program.

Do said she came from Vietnam to join the program in 2018 to further her studies in the field of journalism.

“I would like to become a journalist and write the news, staying on top of breaking news every day,” Do said.

Do said she enjoys anchoring, along with writing, and finds anything related to journalism to be amazing. She gives credit to the INTO program for teaching her everything she knows.

“The spirit and education here is very uplifting,” Do said. “The professors and my friends are always saying that, ‘You are doing very well and should keep going.’ This makes me feel very comfortable to go to class and makes international students feel confident, knowing they can further develop their ability.”

She said she feels confident going to class every day because her teachers and friends always remind her that the INTO program is a judgement free zone.

Aside from school work, Do said she enjoys spending her free time cooking, watching movies and having a good time with her friends.

Do said Marshall is a very nice school, and West Virginia is a nice location when compared to her home.

“I love that it’s not too big. When you walk onto campus, you get to know your friends in different departments because of the size,” Do said. “The facilities are also a lot better compared to where I come from.”

Do said she also enjoys that she can experience all four seasons here since her home country is so hot, but the only thing that she misses is the variety of activities she was able to do there.

“Whether I would like to stay in this country or not is not important, because as an international student you cannot decide,” Do said. “But I think I would like to get an internship and experience so that I can work no matter where I go.”

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HERD AROUND THE WORLD: Anh Do, Vietnam

Anh Do joined the INTO program in 2018 and said Marshall University has done a great job making her feel welcome as she furthers her studies in journalism.

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