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Huntington offers all-inclusive Easter egg hunt

At Huntington’s Eggciting Egg Hunt at St. Cloud Commons, an all-inclusive playground, children were able to participate in various egg hunts and face painting, play in a bounce house and take photos with the Easter Bunny.
Where Marshall can take you: NASA

By TAYLOR HUDDLESTON
THE PARTHENON

It will be 50 years this summer since Apollo 11 landed on the moon. Days after the Apollo 1 accident, Marshall University alumus Gary Ray accepted a job at National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Cape Canaveral, Florida. But because of his stressful, yet successful career in engineering thanks to Marshall, Ray said he was able to work closely with the construction of the International Space Station, the shuttle launch and the moon landing.

Ray, a Wayne County native, said he chose Marshall because it was close to home.

“You become an adult when you’re at Marshall,” Ray said. “You come here as a kid and leave as a grown-up person. I always wanted to be an engineer. Marshall gave me that opportunity. Going to school for me was a full-time job.”

Ray said Marshall prepared him and others to be able to work anywhere, including places like NASA. He also said he is thankful for his professors’ teaching abilities and said they had more than just textbook experience.

“We had a great group of professors in the engineering department,” Ray said. “They were not necessarily the type that just talked from the textbook. They had some knowledge that they were giving us that we didn’t realize at the time. They were preparing us to go into the workforce. I didn’t really realize what a great job they had done with that until I did go to interview for NASA.”

During his senior year at Marshall, Ray was already married. One day, he said, he came home to his wife and told her that they had choices to go to Florida with NASA, Seattle with Boeing or Huntsville, Alabama with another group. He also offered her that they could stay in town and he could go work for the International Nickel Plant or Ashland Oil.

“It took her five seconds (to answer),” Ray said. “She said ‘We’re going to Florida. So, we left for Florida.”

Ray said his fondest memory of working at NASA is his contribution to Apollo 11.

“When we first landed man on the moon, we worked hard to get to that point and to see that come to fruition was the greatest thing in the world,” Ray said. “Apollo 11 was a monumental, historical moment. I just can’t realize how proud I felt when that happened.”

Ray said the advice he would give to future students who are wanting to follow a career similar to his is just to follow goals and stick with them.

“You just have to work hard and stay focused,” Ray said. “You have to establish that goal and stay after that goal no matter what.”

After the Apollo Program, NASA came up with the Space Shuttle Program and along with that, the International Space Station, which is still in orbit providing great laboratory results, Ray said.

“We flew 135 space shuttle missions, which is a lot, but with most programs NASA has, there is an end,” Ray said. “After the 135th mission, we cancelled the Space Shuttle Program. For us to get a ride to the International Space Station, which is still in orbit providing great laboratory results, Ray said.

The future is looking bright for NASA, Ray said.

“They’re going to do great things,” Ray said. “They think by maybe the end of this year, we may be able to launch our own astronauts to the space station. Our administrator of NASA has set a goal, very interesting goal that we maybe can go back to the moon by 2024. It’s going to take a big budget to do that. (It’s) going to take a big rocket that NASA is working on now called Space Launch System. If we can pull those things off, get the money and get our big rocket built, we’re going back to the moon.”

With NASA making that a test-proving ground, it could later go on to Mars, Ray said.

“NASA is alive and well and doing great things,” Ray said. Taylor Huddleston can be contacted at huddleston16@marshall.edu.

Honors class takes on hunger in Huntington through free meal

By AMANDA LARCH
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Kane Morrone’s goal is to feed 350 people, though, ideally, he said he’d like to see 500 full bellies next Wednesday night.

Morrone, a sophomore marketing and entrepreneurship major, thought of the idea for Project Feed Huntington, a community service project and meal drive for his honors Second Year Seminar class that aims to supply dinners for those in need within the Marshall University and Huntington communities.

“I hope to accomplish just a few hours for everyone just to be happy and enjoying and just full,” Morrone said. “That’s what I want. I want happiness, and I want a full belly for anyone who comes in. I want it to be a great environment; I want it to be positive. I want people to know we’re trying to do something for good.”

Project Feed Huntington will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, in the basement of the Memorial Student Center, and Morrone said people are welcome to come at any time during the event.

“Anytime between then is welcome to come and get whatever food you need,” Morrone said. “Eat, hang out, relax. I think we’ll have some music playing in the background just to make it casual, just this little bit of fellowship. Everybody can hang out and relax and get some food.”

Morrone said he and his classmates have secured sponsors for the event, including Sodexo, Texas Roadhouse, Stewart’s Hot Dogs and La Famiglia, who will donate food, and others, including family members, are making homemade meals to provide as well.

“For example, my mom is cooking 100 pepperoni rolls, and they’re so good,” Morrone said. “I had to try and treat as many people as I could to them. We’re trying to not only let anyone and everyone cook for it—we do have an allergy disclaimer, just in case—but there will be all kinds of different foods, desserts, dinners. We’ll have prepackaged stuff too, just so that way people that need it can take it home.”

Everyone, regardless of need, is invited to the event, Morrone said, and food will be served in to go trays.

“We’re also serving food in to go trays so that way people who haven’t been on campus before may not be intimidated,” Morrone said. “I know how it was my first time on campus: it was big. So, we got to go trays just in case they don’t feel comfortable staying around. We’re really trying to get everyone in and get some food.”

All leftovers from the event could be donated or available for attendees to take home with them.

“Whatsoever food we have leftover is getting donated to places like HPD (the Huntington Police Department), the fire department, City Mission and other organizations in Huntington to make sure they get some food too because, even if they couldn’t make the event, we want to make sure they still get the benefits from it,” Morrone said.

“The only problem I want there to be is there’s too much food,” Morrone said.

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Marshall students mourn with Paris

By TREY DELIDA
THE PARTHENON

The week leading up to Easter is a week intended for celebration, service and symbolic rebirth for those who identify with Catholic beliefs, but this week has been shaken by the Notre Dame Cathedral fire in Paris, France.

The Notre Dame Cathedral caught fire Monday around 6:50 p.m. Central European Summer Time. The cause of the fire is said to be an accident, however “firefighters and officials are assessing damages,” according to USA Today.

When the news broke, many individuals were devastated, however this tragedy feels a little more personal to those of Catholic identity. While the Notre Dame Cathedral is an iconic sight for some, it holds a sacred place in Catholicism as “the House of God and the abode of men,” according to the Cathédrale Notre-Dame De Paris’ website.

“My initial thoughts when I began to see just how bad was, it was sadness,” said Patrick O’Leary, former president of the Marshall Catholic Newman Center. “This was an over 800-year-old cathedral that, just below the Vatican in Rome, is one of the most historic churches in the world.

The Notre Dame Cathedral has held historical and religious prominence for centuries, according to O’Leary.

“People have to realize that this cathedral stood during the Black Plague, Renaissance, French Revolution, German occupation, during World War II, and so much more,” O’Leary said. “For that reason, to see videos of it in flames to the extent it was should be sad for Catholics and all people, in my opinion.”

For some, Catholicism is a religion and way of life passed down from generation to generation. Kaylee Kimberlin, a junior at Marshall and life-long Catholic, said the event hits home.

“My first reaction, honestly, was of my grandfather,” Kimberlin said. “He’s played a big role in my vision of the Catholic faith and for him, his Catholicism comes from his parents, who’s beliefs I guess you could say were formed in a very formidable country for Catholicism. To a lot of people, I’m sure, these old churches are just that, but to us, these buildings are symbols not just of our faith but the hard work that went into them, and it’s a symbol of our faith.”

With it being the week before Easter, or as Christians refer to it, the “Holy Week,” the emotional wounds from the fire may be that much more sensitive, according to O’Leary.

“We are now in Holy Week, which, as Catholics, is really the biggest week of the calendar year. Through this week, we remember and celebrate Christ’s Last Supper, passion, death and resurrection,” O’Leary said. “I think Notre Dame brings extra solemn to this, as inside are relics that are believed to be the crown of thorns Christ was made to wear and part of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. While the cathedral was not completely destroyed, those are just more reminders to how important this week is to our faith.”

While the fire has officially been contained, individuals are still feeling the aftershock effects. Donations for the renovations of the Notre Dame Cathedral have already started pouring in.

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Strawberry breakfast remains tradition for sorority

By PAIGE LEONARD
THE PARTHENON

When Carlee Sparks joined Alpha Xi Delta, she said complete strangers would say, “Oh, you’re one of one of those strawberry girls”.

This year, Alpha Xi Delta’s annual Strawberry Breakfast, a tradition that has continued for 68 years, will be held Thursday, April 25 from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Alpha Xi Delta house.

“It’s amazing how this breakfast has connected the Marshall and Huntington communities,” said Sparks, an Alpha Xi Delta member and sophomore finance major. “It’s actually one of the reasons I joined Alpha Xi.”

Sorority members have been selling tickets for the past couple of weeks, said Madison Ray, the event’s organizer and junior elementary education major. She said multiple people have reached out to buy a ticket.

“I think it’s the tradition that brings people in,” Ray said.

Not only does Strawberry Breakfast connect with members of the community, it unites the sorority members with their mothers, according to Ray and Sparks.

“We (Alpha Xi Delta members) organize and work the event, but many of our moms, and also dads, come and help throughout the week and the day of,” Ray said.

Sparks said her mother is the main mother in charge of the event and it has been a way for her to see her daughter’s home away from home.

“Even though my actual house is 20 minutes away, it’s been pretty fun to get my mom involved at my sorority house,” Sparks said.

Ray said the event is “a lot of preparation and work, so it’s always nice to have our moms there to help calm us down.”

To make this event a success, Ray said, the members and mothers have to plan early.

Preparation and work for this year’s event started in January, she said, and “it’s not something you can just throw together.”

Ray said she and Spark’s mother have had to create flyers, press releases and tickets, to buy decorations and to place the large wooden strawberry in Alpha Xi Delta’s front lawn. They will also soon have to place an order for the food, Ray said.

Strawberry Breakfast may be a little overwhelming at times, Ray said, but she said she is proud and happy she organized the event.

“I mean it’s our 68th year, so we are probably doing something right,” Ray said.

Tickets are five dollars for the breakfast, which includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits, strawberry butter, chocolate covered strawberries and a beverage, and people interested in purchasing a ticket can reach out to the sorority’s social media platforms or sisters, Ray said.

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Weekly Poll

Are you celebrating Easter? 78% 22%
Will you be going to an Easter egg hunt? 31% 69%
Have you scheduled for fall classes yet? 48% 52%
Are you staying in Huntington over summer? 53% 47%
Have you ever studied abroad? 22% 78%

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon’s Instagram, @MUParthenon. The results reflect responses from an average of 46 individuals.
Greek Week results in tension instead of unity

By PAIGE LEONARD
THE PARTHENON

Promoting Greek unity was the goal of Greek Week, but to some, it may have weakened the bonds between chapters, said an officer from the Panhellenic Council. “I feel that there is no more camaraderie in Greek Life this year after Greek Week. If anything, I feel that there may be less,” said Kait McClure, a junior criminal justice major and president of Marshall’s Panhellenic Council. “The idea of Greek Week is for friendly competition, but that is not how it went this year...we are handling it internally.”

Following a tiebreaker trivia game which would decide what sorority would win Greek Week, McClure said there was controversy.

When Matt James, assistant dean of students for involvement, congratulated Delta Zeta for winning Greek Sing, a dance competition on twitter, some felt it was partial, McClure said.

McClure said she does not believe Matt James’ tweet was unfair “in any form.”

Even though James tweeted directly at Delta Zeta, James still congratulated Alpha Xi Delta on its wins, said McClure, an Alpha Xi Delta member.

“The aftermath included some dirty laundry being aired on social media platforms,” McClure said.

Despite some controversy with Greek Week, Zach Smith, a junior application development major and programming director of Marshall’s Interfraternity Council, said he thinks the events went “pretty well” because Greek Week was run by students.

Smith said this was a good thing because the faculty did not have any strong control of what decisions were made and all decisions could be made amongst students.

With Greek Week being run by students, Smith said he had a busy week organizing the events and competitions. These competitions consisted of Greek Sing, soccer, volleyball, basketball, trivia, an egg toss and flag football, McClure said. At the end of the week, the tiebreaker trivia game occurred between Delta Zeta and Alpha Xi Delta, McClure said.

This determined the winning sorority of Greek Week, which was Alpha Xi Delta, Smith said. Smith said Alpha Sigma Phi won Greek Week for fraternities.

One of the most important days, Smith said was Unity Day, which was a collaborative effort and consisted of tug of war, egg toss and trivia.

“It shows we care about our chapters and Greek Life as a whole,” Smith said.

Although there may be tension amongst Greek Life, McClure said, “I believe that we will overcome this and become so much better. There has already been conversations in how to enhance Greek unity on our campus, and I cannot wait to get the ball rolling.”

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SGA allows current committee to interview candidates for future senate

By JESTEN RICHARDSON
COPY EDITOR

The following Student Government Association updates were taken from the announcements and decisions made at the SGA student senate meeting Tuesday, April 16, as well as additional information provided by the SGA.

Senate Bills:

—Senate Bill 76.51 was approved.
This bill is a funding request for $500 to be allocated to the university-recognized organization Lambda Chi Alpha by the SGA. The funds were requested for a hotel room for guest speakers, gas to a national conference, to build an escape room on campus, to purchase tabling materials, materials for a movie night and baking materials for a bake sale.

—Senate Bill 76.53 was approved.
This bill is a funding request for $500 to be allocated to the university-recognized organization Emergent by the SGA. The funds were requested to create events and to purchase materials.

—Senate Bill 76.54 was approved.
This bill is a funding request for $500 to be allocated to the university-recognized organization the Strategic Campaigns Club by the SGA. The funds were requested to purchase materials for future charity fundraisers.

—Senate Bill 76.55 was approved.
This bill is a funding request for $250 to be allocated to the university-recognized organization Beta Alpha Psi by the SGA. The funds were requested for reimbursement for an event that took place in the fall.

Senate Resolutions:

—Senate Resolution 76.21 was approved.
This resolution is a recommendation by the student senate for Marshall’s Physical Plant to allocate resources to provide more seating to be placed around the First Year Residence Halls.

—Senate Resolution 76.22 was approved.
This resolution is to provide a mandatory lesson plan for first-time student senators.

—Senate Resolution 76.23 was approved.
This resolution is to allow the senate Judiciary Committee of the current senate session to interview at-large senator candidates for the next session.

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MUPD wants women to feel R.A.D. after taking defense course

The Rape Aggression Defense System course aims to train women how to defend themselves.

By MACKENZIE JONES
THE PARTHENON

Training women in self-defense, for 21 years Marshall University has offered R.A.D., or the Rape Aggression Defense System, and since 2000, Sergeant Scott Ballou, a West Virginia state lead R.A.D. director, has been a part of the program.

“‘I believe that all women should take some form of self-defense class,” Ballou said. “It doesn’t have to be our class, but all women should try to educate themselves at some point on what to do if they find themselves in a bad situation.”

Marshall’s self-defense course, PEL 120, is taught every semester as an eight-week course which is open to all female students and contains approximately 25 students.

Even after taking this course, students can take a second, advanced self-defense course offered at Marshall in the second eight weeks of every spring semester.

“This course gives women such an empowering feeling, I believe,” Ballou said. “They learn how to hold themselves and how to carry themselves, signs to look for in body language and the way others carry themselves and see their intent before they may portray it more. And that is very meaningful, and something they should be proud of.

With this course you find that knowing what to do in these situations isn’t all about the action, how to fight off someone or defend yourself. That’s only about 10%,” Ballou said. “90% of knowing what to do and being ready for any possible situation is the education.”

R.A.D. courses are offered not just at Marshall, but all over the country and the state of West Virginia.

“There are courses for men, women, children, senior citizens… well, there are courses for everyone,” Ballou said. “And there are multiple different courses, as well. Just, specifically at Marshall, we focus on self-defense for our female students. In the end, if I had a daughter attending Marshall University this would be the first course she was registered in, whether I was the instructor or not.”

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COLA Conference welcomes research from Marshall students

By JESTEN RICHARDSON
COPY EDITOR

Two days. Approximately 95 student presenters. And a total of 101 panel presentations.

These are the numbers for Marshall University’s 19th annual College of Liberal Arts Research and Creativity Conference, an experience that allows students to present work in a variety of subject areas in a professional conference setting, said Robert Bookwalter, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

“The College of Liberal Arts Research and Creativity Conference is an opportunity for students in all of our majors to showcase the great work they have done in their disciplines,” Bookwalter said. “The creativity, analytical reasoning and communication skills they show is impressive.”

Students will represent all of COLA’s departments, including communication studies, English, geography, history, humanities (classics, philosophy and religious studies), modern languages (French, Japanese and Spanish), political science, psychology and sociology/anthropology, during the conference Thursday and Friday in Drinko Library, Bookwalter said.

All of the presentations for the conference were reviewed and selected by a COLA Research and Creativity Conference Committee made up of COLA staff members, Bookwalter said.

Each department had one faculty member serving on the committee who reviewed work that students submitted for the conference, said Zelideth Rivas, chair for this year’s COLA Research and Creativity Conference Committee.

“For the most part, what we’re looking for is students who know how to research well in the field that their abstract is in and that it is being well-supervised by another professor,” Rivas said.

Each student who will present during the conference has a mentor who is a faculty member in their department, Bookwalter said.

Rivas said she thinks the conference is “super important” because students get a chance to share their findings and talk to each other; when oftentimes they just sit in the library by themselves and send emails or upload to MU Online and sometimes do not even talk to their classmates about what they are doing.

“It gets boring, to tell you the truth,” Rivas said. “It gets exhausting. Writing can be exhausting, but when you pair writing with presentation and you give students the opportunity to share, new ideas emerge. And it’s from those new ideas and that passion for learning that is shared amongst panelists, amongst other presenters, that the possibility for future research is possible.”

Bookwalter said he is impressed by students’ projects and their poise. He said he always learns something new from presentations, and students also have the opportunity to learn from each other and to “join the community of scholars in their fields” through the conference.

“Students develop expertise in their disciplines during the course of their degree studies. Higher see COLA on pg. 10
By MILLARD STICKLER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall baseball earned its fourth Conference USA series win when it took two out of three games from rival Western Kentucky at the Kennedy Center Field.

“Obviously winning the series is what you want to do,” Marshall head baseball coach Jeff Waggoner said.

The Herd played the first of the games on Friday when it defeated Western Kentucky 8-2 and split a doubleheader on Saturday when it took the second game 11-7 and then dropped the rubber match 16-11.

Waggoner said that the Herd fell short in game three but that it was great game.

“We played hard. We just didn’t make the pitches and the plays like we needed to,” he said. “But it was a great game because we can bounce back and be ready to go on Tuesday.”

The Herd’s offense was strong throughout the three-game series, scoring 30 runs and hitting six home runs. Junior shortstop Elvis Peralta went 7-for-14, hitting three home runs and 5 RBI, while senior catcher Rey Pastrana, sophomore second baseman Geordon Blanton and senior right fielder Andrew Zban each hit one home run.

The Herd finished with a total of seven more runs than Western Kentucky during the three-game series (30-23), with 16 of the Hilltoppers’ 23 runs coming in the final game of the series on Saturday.

Despite the offensive showing, the Herd had a hard-fought game in the final game of the series and Waggoner said that his team is tough.

“They don’t care about being down,” he said. “If they get down, they will be able to come back and put us right back in the game.”

Waggoner said that there are some improvements that need to be made before the team moves on to Tuesday.

“I feel that overall, there is some depth and some guys that need to step up,” he said. “They can be a lot better than what they are on the mound. They just have to get their confidence and hopefully we will get them right back in the game on Tuesday and we will go out and pitch well.”

Waggoner said that the team just needs to keep doing what they are doing and that overall, they are playing well.

With the series win, Marshall advanced its record to 20-15 and 8-7 in Conference USA play, while Western Kentucky fell to 16-17-1 and 8-6-1 in conference play.

Following its midweek game Tuesday against nearby rival Ohio, the Herd hits the road for a three-game series at Louisiana Tech beginning Thursday.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:

Elvis Peralta, baseball

ABOUT ELVIS PERALTA
Position: Shortstop
Year: Redshirt Junior
Height/Weight: 5-10/170
Batting Average/ Hits/ HR/ RBI: .340/48/6/28

LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS
7-for-14, one double, three home runs, five runs batted in during three-game series vs. Western Kentucky.

Redshirt junior shortstop Elvis Peralta doubled his home run total during a three-game series against Western Kentucky. Peralta hit a home run in each of the three games against the Hilltoppers to bring his 2019 total to six.

Peralta hit a two-run shot to right field as part of a three-run second inning in the first game against WKU on Friday. He followed that by hitting home runs in each of the two games during Saturday’s doubleheader. Peralta hit a solo homer to right field in the eighth inning of Saturday’s first game to cap the scoring and hit a solo homer down the right field line as part of a three-run sixth inning in the series finale.

Peralta has started all 35 games this season and is second on the team with a .340 batting average, compiling 48 hits in 141 at-bats. The redshirt junior shortstop has also shown an ability to get into scoring position, going 8-for-9 on stolen base attempts and having 18 of his 48 hits go for extra bases.
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EDITORIAL
Assange prosecution sends dangerous message to truth-tellers

Nearly a decade ago, WikiLeaks published classified documents that former U.S. Army soldier Chelsea Manning leaked to WikiLeaks director Julian Assange and various other major news publications in the United States, revealing videos of war crimes committed on foreign soil using American tax dollars.

Despite the First Amendment’s protections related to freedom of the press, the Obama administration, which notably spied on and prosecuted several journalists throughout its time in office, tried exhaustively, but ultimately decided against, prosecuting Assange, stating that doing so would set a dangerous precedent for journalists and freedom of the press.

In 2011, The Washington Post reported, “A conviction (of Assange) would also cause collateral damage to American media freedoms. It is difficult to distinguish Assange or WikiLeaks from The Washington Post.”

The reality is that prosecuting journalists for holding the most powerful people in the country accountable for their atrociously irresponsible actions both renders the First Amendment’s free press protections ineffective and spits in the face of fundamental journalistic principles and ethics.

The Trump Administration simply seems to not care.

To this day, not a single official has ever been prosecuted for the horrific American war crimes exposed by WikiLeaks. Meanwhile, Manning has been tortured by the U.S. government for years as punishment, and Assange has been seeking asylum in the Ecuadorian Embassy in the United Kingdom for the past seven years.

Last week, Assange was dragged out of the embassy by police following a press conference in which WikiLeaks claimed to have discovered the Ecuadorian government spying on Assange. Shortly after, the Trump Administration indicted Assange for conspiracy, claiming he helped Manning (unsuccessfully) uncover a government password related to the leaks from nearly a decade ago, the same exact claim the Obama Administration refused to prosecute Assange for because of its clearly dangerous impacts on journalists and freedom of the press.

The indictment against Assange also alleges he possibly encouraged Manning to stay vigilant for more possible leaks while helping to protect her identity, both extremely common practices for corporate and independent investigative journalists alike across the world.

Many corporate news outlets and journalists today—many of the same outlets and journalists who defended Assange for exposing American war crimes in 2010—are now supporting Assange’s prosecution for partisan reasons, citing his involvement in leaking Hillary Clinton’s emails in 2016 and even alleging a conspiracy that Assange colluded with the Russian government to help bring down the Clinton campaign, an accusation for which there never has been any real evidence and which WikiLeaks and Assange have always denied.

Crucially, the 2016 leaks are not even mentioned in Assange’s indictment, and, furthermore, Robert Mueller’s extensive Russiagate investigation, including over 2,500 subpoenas, 500 witnesses and 500 search warrants, never once even attempted to contact WikiLeaks or Assange.

Considering the lack of any substantial evidence of collusion between WikiLeaks and Russia, it seems a glaring question as to why so many journalists—namely those working for corporate news outlets—are cheering on Assange’s persecution when it so clearly will have countless dramatic and dangerous impacts on journalists. Why are so many journalists neglecting to defend a fellow truth-teller being thrown in jail for exposing the corruption of countless government officials?

Journalists who do not stand up for truth-tellers holding the powerful accountable are only revealing they actually seem to identify more with establishment, elite, corrupt government officials than they see ASSANGE on pg. 10
By HEATHER BARKER AND AMANDA LARCH
EXECUTIVE AND MANAGING EDITORS

Did you know red is the most popular dyed hair color? That’s right, most of your favorite red-haired actresses probably aren’t natural. It seems like everyone wants to have red hair, but no one actually wants to be a redhead. So what exactly does this mean?

Well, being a natural redhead certainly has its ups and downs. Going through school, we’re usually bullied and called a whole slew of offensive nicknames, most of which are not worth repeating, although we’ll explain one in more detail later. Once we go to college or enter the real world, suddenly those middle school teashings don’t make much sense anymore. That’s because we see so many people who are trying to be us by dying their hair or drawing on freckles as part of their daily makeup routines. When does that switch happen, from hating us to wanting to be like us? And more importantly, why?

Maybe one reason is that redheads stand out, which is good and bad. We’re never lost in a crowd, but we can’t easily hide if we want to, either. We always receive attention whether we want to or not, and sometimes, just sometimes, things might get handed to us if someone has a thing for redheads. Sure, creeps do exist, but at least some people appreciate our hair, which makes it easier for us to do the same. Because that can be hard sometimes.

One term we hear often is “ginger.” Both of us grew up hearing ginger with a negative connotation, which made us hate the idea of being a redhead. The term comes from a “South Park” episode, “Ginger Kids,” where a brunette kid gives a report on ginger kids and how they “creep us out and make us feel sick to our stomachs.” He calls being a redhead a disease, “Gingervitis,” and how “it occurs because gingers have no soul.” To compare, the brunette kid also explains that those with red hair and no freckles are called “daywalkers.” So under this definition, Heather is a ginger and Amanda is a daywalker, which is silly to try and define what a ginger can and cannot be in the first place.

Thanks to that “South Park” episode, which aired in 2005, our childhoods, all the way through high school, were full of bullying, even though the episode ended with somewhat unity. Now, though, we embrace the term ginger and have reclaimed it to make it our own. We have learned to joke along with others while also recognizing that it is a part of our identity. It’s getting a little easier to laugh at redhead jokes and not feel diminished with our self worth.

As true redheads, we don’t often see ourselves represented in the media, and if we are, we’re usually stereotyped. Redheads in TV and movies almost always play villains or seductresses, or, if they’re men, they’re usually cast as nerds or sidekicks to heroes. (Think Harry Potter and Ron Weasley.) Cartoon representation is even worse. Just think of Jessica Rabbit and how she looks, and most cartoons follow suit.

When redhead roles are available in TV and movies, redheads are not cast, and you can definitely tell the difference between natural and dyed. Kim Possible was a role model growing up for many young redheads, including us. When the live action version was released this year, we were...

**Jena’s Creative Corner**

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**Carnival Craze**

Every year in Norfolk, a carnival is thrown. Carnival Craze was a year round event that all townies looked forward to. It was a time when families, teenagers and adults could spend their weekend riding rides, eating junk food and playing. The summer evening called for everyone to come out to have a good time and make memories. One individual in particular did not plan on partaking in any type of Carnival Craze madness. Derek Scott is the average introverted seventeen-year-old that would rather stay in and play video games than go and be social. Until his mom made the conscience decision to kick him out for the night. It was nearing 7 p.m., and he knew he couldn’t hide in his room any longer.

“Derek! C’mon it’s time to go hun,” his mother yelled. A groan emitted from his mouth in dismay; there was no way he had any interest in leaving his gaming chair that night.

“Coming!” Derek groaned even louder; not only was he dreading to go, but he would be attending with his thirteen-year-old brother Ronnie. The walk downstairs was brutal as every step was a reminder that he’d be spending his Saturday like a normal socially active teenager. “But why does Derek have to take me, why can’t I just go with my friends? He doesn’t even want to go!” Ronnie exclaimed.

“You’re right, I don’t,” Derek said, guzzling pop out of the bottle before his mother snatched it away from him.

“You’ll see your friends there Ron, but you’re going with your brother. Now let’s get in the car,” she stated.

The drive to Carnival Craze was filled with rules of what not to do from his mother and back talk from his brother. Yet he himself stayed quiet. Approaching the big event was somewhat nerve-racking for Derek, as he hadn’t prepared himself for being surrounded by the big crowd that exploded the area. His eyes roamed over the carnival rides and the big Ferris wheel that stood tall over...

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**Parthe-Pet**

This is Baby! She is eight months old and the love of her owner’s life. Baby is a spoiled little kitty! She had fun dying Easter eggs.

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disappointed in the director’s choice of actress. Not that the actress is bad at acting, but you can tell she obviously is not a natural redhead. Also look to the characters on “Riverdale.”

Sure, other hair colors, blondes especially, may have it bad sometimes too, but at least they’re always represented. Redheads are treated as novelties, have it bad sometimes too, but at least they’re all characters on “Riverdale.”

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everything and everyone. Ronnie jumped out of the car almost immediately as he went off in search of his friends to be seen the whole night. Derek had friends, but they were home doing what he wished he could be doing. He never expected them to join him. He ventured off by himself with one thing in mind, cotton candy. In line at the cotton candy station he noticed someone familiar, a very pretty girl he has went to school with for years. Her name was Makira, and he almost contemplated even getting any cotton candy. However, his sweet tooth outweighed his shyness. He got in line behind her and never expected her to greet him as he was just there waiting but instead she turned with a big smile.

Hey, Derek! I don’t think I’ve seen you at the carnival before! She said excitedly. This was odd for him as they didn’t have many interactions with each other, but she was known for being a kind girl, and very beautiful.

“Uh yeah, this would be my first time,” he said nervously to the very friendly girl.

“All these years and this is your first time? I’ll take a blue please,” she said while ordering simultaneously.

“Yeah, I’m not one for big crowds or riding rides,” he tried, refraining from the fact that he was both antisocial and has a fear of heights and any roller coaster.

“No kidding, like not even the Ferris wheel?” She asked curiously while accepting the cotton candy from the cotton candy man.

“Especially not the Ferris wheel. Can I get a blue please too?” He asked while noticing Makira was still waiting for him, which left him a good feeling as she probably had her friends there that she could easily ditch him for.

“Well, then we have to go on,” she stated, smiling and eating her candy.

“I don’t know, I don’t really like... heights,” he said truthfully. Her face seemed amused as she started laughing. Even though he knew she was laughing at him he still enjoyed watching her. She was a sight for sore eyes, dark skin, kinky curls and a bright smile.

“We’re definitely going,” she said, grabbing his hand but in enough time so he could grab his own cotton candy. She led him to the Ferris wheel, and luckily for them the line wasn’t long at all. Derek felt nervous, he liked that Makira wanted to spend time with him, but really gulped at the thought of being that high. Makira sensed his tension and took a squeeze at his hand.

“It’s okay. I promise you’ll love it,” she said confidently. She radiated confidence, and from someone who was socially awkward and scared of heights, he really admired them both at the front of the line and got in the bright yellow cabin. He was nervous, but the view of the city on one side and the water on the other, with a very calming Makira, calmed his nerves. The car started to move slowly but stop as they let more passengers on. They’re weren’t quite at the top yet as it started to begin the ride.

“It’s not so bad huh?” She asked.

“No it’s not. I don’t like being this high but, it’s kinda nice.” He said almost relaxed. It was beautiful at the time, the sun was setting and it laid a golden hue all over the city. He noticed it really brought out Makiras rich melanin, she really was beautiful.

“I find being up here calming. Normally by myself but I like your company.” She said not making eye contact but looking out into the water.

“Yeah, how come you’re not with your friends?” He asked.

“Sometimes, it’s nice to get away and enjoy things for yourself ya know,” she said with a faint smile.

“I do know, but I like this.” He did like what was happening, he had known her for years but never imagined he would be spending his evening with her.

“Good. Where are your friends?” She asked which led him to roll his eyes. His friends are just like him. If only they had pushy moms, could they be having a good time like he is now? “Probably sleeping, eating, or playing video games. We don’t do much,” he chuckled out.

“Well, you’re here. That must say something about you right?” She asked as the Ferris wheel started to slow to a stop. They hadn’t realized the time that went by while enjoying each other’s company. They weren’t quite at the stop, but nearing to it. That alone made him nervous.

“It’s beautiful isn’t it?” She asked before getting an answer to her previous question.

“Yeah, it is.” He looked down to the scramble of people and, as it would normally freak him out, in a way he was at peace.

“You know, it really is worth it to try new things” she said getting closer to him. At this time he was in awe.

The night was spent with the two playing games, riding rides and eating good food. He never would have thought he would spend the evening with her having as much fun as he did, let alone enjoying himself at all. In the end he learned that even if we don’t want to, it is worth it to try new things.

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do with the noble reporters seeking only to tell regular people the truth.

Even more interesting, despite frequently and publicly (via Twitter) praising the work of WikiLeaks throughout the 2016 campaign, President Trump recently claimed he “know(s) nothing about” the publication. Assange’s prosecution, supposedly based on a non-significant technicality, clearly serves only to set a dangerous legal precedent: to send a message to journalists and

The COLA Research and Creativity Conference will run Thursday and Friday. All panels will be in Drinko rooms 138, 349 and 402, and program information will be available in the Drinko Library Atrium during the conference. The event will also be open to the public.

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St. Mary’s School of Nursing provides decades of education in medical field

By ANNA MARSH
THE PARTHENON

For more than 90 years, students have been able to get an education and learn how to pursue a career in medicine as part of the St. Mary’s program. “The Pallottine Sisters who founded St. Mary’s (Medical Center) began with a nursing school, with the goal to educate nurses for the hospital they were building,” said Autumn Booton, a registered nurse (RN) at St. Mary’s and alumna of the St. Mary’s program.

“Now, the Center for Education is affiliated with Marshall, but most of the clinical aspects of the nursing school are completed at St. Mary’s Medical Center,” Booton said. “RN’s mentor nursing students and a lot of students from the Center for Education take jobs at St. Mary’s after they graduate.”

St. Mary’s offers a Center of Education for those who wish to pursue a career in the medical field. The Center for Education is at a different location than the hospital. The facility provides students with a center for distance learning and offers students the latest in training technologies, such as human patient simulators.

“Aside from being well-prepared in written work to pass my boards immediately after graduation, I was also very well-prepared clinically,” Booton said. “St. Mary’s nursing students are required to complete a 220-hour precepting program where you work one-on-one every day with a practicing nurse. You get to work as a nurse and see what your job is really going to be like before you start your career. The last semester where I completed those hours gave me confidence in myself to know that I was capable of being successful as a registered nurse.”

St. Mary’s is not the only hospital in the community. Cabell Huntington Hospital is located at the other end of town.

“Between Cabell and St. Mary’s, there are two awesome hospitals close to each end of town,” said Alexis Smith, a current nursing student at St. Mary’s Center for Education. “This aids to the people outside of the Huntington area who are brought here in emergency situations.”

St. Mary’s is the second largest medical facility in the tri-state area. Cabell is one of the largest general hospitals in West Virginia. The two hospitals offer different services for the community.

“We do things a little different than Cabell,” said Isaiah Hill, clerk in the Pain Relief Outpatient Center for St. Mary’s Hospital. “We not only focus on people’s medical needs but also spiritual needs. We have prayers throughout the day and services during the week. There are certain areas where we are better at, like the heart.”

St. Mary’s is also a faith-based organization. “St. Mary’s affects the community in a lot of ways,” Booton said. “It is the largest employer in the cave-like county and provides care for people all over the area, and it is a teaching hospital.”

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