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Marshall Herd stampedes over VMI Keydets in home opener

By **MIKE DOTSON**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Thundering Herd kicked off its 2019 football season Saturday against the Virginia Military Institute Keydets where Marshall won the game 56-17 while gaining over 600 yards of offense.

Marshall is now 1-0 on the season and VMI falls to 0-1.

"I thought the first half was pretty clean," Head Football Coach Doc Holliday said. "We played a lot of players the second half so it was not as clean, but it was great to see some of those young kids make some of those plays today."

Marshall and VMI both started the game off slowly by having a punting war almost the entire first quarter. This ended when Marshall's redshirt sophomore quarterback Isaiah Green connected with redshirt junior wide receiver Willie Johnson for a 29-yard touchdown pass.

VMI remained unable to answer on its next drive and forced a punt to the Herd. Redshirt first-year Talik Keaton returned that punt, 67-yards to the house for another Marshall touchdown and gave the Herd a 14-0 lead going into the second quarter.

Keaton said being part of the play was amazing. "It's the greatest feeling ever," Keaton said.

Green kept going strong to start the second quarter by throwing a 51-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Artie Henry.

VMI did not take long to answer back with a touchdown of its own. Junior quarterback Reece Udinski threw his own 50-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Javeon Lara, bringing the Keydets closer to the Herd with the score 21-7 and 13 minutes left in the second quarter.

Green threw another touchdown pass, this time to redshirt junior Xavier Gaines. Marshall squeezed in another touchdown before halftime with a one-yard run by redshirt sophomore Brenden Knox. Heading into the half Marshall lead VMI 35-7.

To start the third quarter, Marshall's Green threw another touchdown pass, this one being a 33-yard throw to redshirt freshman Corey Gammage. The third quarter was the slowest quarter of the game with the Herd only scoring one more time with Knox getting another rushing touchdown from a yard out. Marshall headed into the fourth quarter with a

commanding 49-7 lead of the Keydets of VMI.

VMI kept fighting in the fourth quarter and showed no signs of quitting. Senior kicker Grant Clemons chipped in a 28-yard field goal for the Keydets and first-year quarterback Seth Morgan finished the scoring for the day with a three-yard run.

Marshall got the last punch of the night when redshirt junior Garet Morrell caught an 11-yard

touchdown pass from redshirt senior quarterback Alex Thomson giving Marshall the 56-17 victory.

"We got to get better, we have a quick turn around and tomorrow is a Monday to us," Holliday said in regard to preparing for its Friday game next week.

Marshall heads to Albertson Stadium at Boise State at 9 p.m. EST Friday, Sept 6.

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It was great to see some of those young kids make some of those plays today."

--Head Coach Doc Holliday

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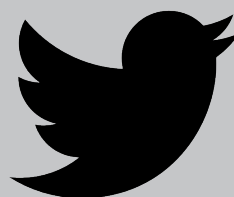


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International students struggle to acquire visas

By **PHUONG ANH DO**
THE PARTHENON

Language barriers, culture shock, homesickness and financial issues are some of the difficulties that international students have to face when they study abroad, but there is another issue that international students may face before other difficulties can occur: getting a visa to the U.S.

For many overseas students, getting a U.S. visa can be more difficult than getting accepted into one school or university.

Sarah Davis, assistant director of enrollment services at INTO Marshall, said the number of students that are admitted to Marshall University is the same or higher compared to previous years, but the students do have trouble getting a visa.

"You cannot say for sure it's all because the political climate, but sure it is," Davis said. "Students are admitting to Marshall, they want to come to Marshall from all around the world, and they go for their visa interview and they get denied. Compared to last Fall with about 200 students, this Fall 2019 semester, INTO Marshall has about 150 students. We did see a decline."

Unexpected denials and a long delay process have become more and more common for overseas students and scholars seeking visas.

Trang Nguyen, a graduate student from Vietnam, said she was denied a visa twice before she could finally get it and had a chance to study at Marshall.

"I was so disappointed and thought I could never have a chance to study in the U.S.," Nguyen said. "At the third interview, I told them I just simply want to study in the U.S., why can't I have that chance?"

That is just one of the cases where an international student was rejected a visa.

One of the most common reasons students get rejected is when the student does not have strong enough ties to his or her home country to show that they will come back after graduating.

One factor that can possibly affect the overall enrollment of international students is the 2017 travel ban that President Donald Trump placed on mostly Muslim-majority nations that led to a drop in the number of foreign students coming to the U.S. in recent years.

"There was one student from Syria that studied at Marshall University, he couldn't really go home because he was afraid that he couldn't get back to study. In addition, we don't really get a lot of students from that list," Davis said.

Fareed Tariq Butt, a graduate student from Pakistan, said it was getting more difficult for students from Pakistan to obtain a U.S. visa, and some of them had visas for four months only and they had to go back to Pakistan to extend visas.

"A lot of students do not get an admission to University in Pakistan because they wait for their visa process and when they get rejections from the U.S. embassy, they waste one semester for nothing," Butt said.

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PHUONG ANH DO | THE PARTHENON
Marshall University's INTO program has seen a decline of about 50 students since fall 2018.

Friend at Marshall program welcomes, assists freshmen students

By **JULIANNA EVERLY**
THE PARTHENON

Freshmen celebrated the debut of a new program introduced this semester at Marshall during a gathering Friday, Aug. 30 at the Student Center Plaza. The Friend at Marshall Program, or F.A.M., aims to help with freshmen retention by providing first-year students with mentors.

The event was designed to be a laid-back, welcoming environment for all. The event was open to all freshmen and was complete with music, beach balls and ice cream. The first-year students even received a free lapel pin from their mentors, featuring the F.A.M.'s logo.

"Today the freshmen get to come out and meet their mentor, and we have these nice little pins for them," F.A.M. mentor Mary Erwin said. "This event is really just a chance for us to introduce ourselves to our students and let them know that we are here for them if they need anything."

This program has been put into place by the Admissions Office and its main goal is to increase freshmen retention. Statistics show it is common for universities across the state to see a great number of first-year students not return to campus for their sophomore year, and that is why Marshall is implementing this new program. The F.A.M. program has 19 mentors who are assigned freshmen students to mentor for their first year at Marshall. Their main job is to keep in contact with the students all year long and make them feel as at home as possible.

"Our goal is to be there for the freshmen and be someone that is there for them and cares about them, just so they can know they are welcomed at Marshall," F.A.M. mentor Brennan Amaral said. "A lot of them come from far away, so they might not really know

anyone. This program can kind of get them a foot-in-the-door and help them branch out and make connections with people."

Each freshman is randomly assigned to a F.A.M. mentor when they enroll at Marshall University, and it is completely up to them whether or not they decide to take part in the program and meet their mentor.

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- BRENNAN AMARAL

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Locals explore growing populist movement at campaign kick-off event

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
NEWS EDITOR

Community leaders, activists and progressive political officials and candidates from across the state shared stories and sentiments with Huntington residents Monday evening at 1010 Coffee Shop on 10th Street as House District 16 candidate Dakota Nelson, with help from the Working Families Party, hosted his official campaign kick-off event more than a year before first votes are cast.

The slate of prominent populists in attendance at Monday's meeting include, amongst others:

- Stephen Smith, a candidate for governor and leader in the West Virginia Can't Wait Movement;
- Rep. Danielle Walker of House District 51, who has made a name for herself as one of the state's most well-known and passionate populists since being elected last year;
- Rusty Williams, a patient advocate on the West Virginia Medical Cannabis Advisory Board, prominent leader in the legalization movement and candidate for House District 35, and
- Teresa Johnson, candidate for Huntington City Council.

"We're coming together to hold a hand out to each other. This is the message we can spread throughout with our political efforts," Nelson said. "What struggles have been facing you? What has been challenging you? We will stick up for you. That's the beauty of people power, and that's what we're here to do."

Nelson said a major focus of his campaign is to build long-lasting local power deeply rooted in populism to address and combat the most urgent issues negatively impacting local residents and their communities.

"That's what this is all about. The human condition is inherent in all our challenges no matter how hard we're trying," Nelson said. "This is a necessity of what we're trying to do with community power and with people power—coming together to recognize our human condition and how much this political institution, from local to top, has so much to do with that and where we find ourselves within this struggle of life."

Building such power within local communities, especially on behalf of those most impacted by the most pressing issues facing their community, is a shared goal of a movement of progressive populist candidates currently running for office across the state, some already elected and many involved and organizing under the West Virginia Can't Wait umbrella.

"Never in American history—never in West Virginia history—have we gotten the change we needed because of one person, and certainly not one politician. Politicians didn't win the mine wars; politicians didn't win the civil rights movement; politicians haven't achieved a single one of the things that make our lives worth living," Smith said. "So, I'm proud to have my small part of the movement be to be on that ballot line, and I'm even more proud to be arm-in-arm with all of you and people like Dakota (Nelson) and Danielle (Walker) and Rusty (Williams) and so many others in this room."

Walker said West Virginia's growing movement away from corporate corruption toward progressive populism is one unrestricted by, and capable of tearing down, traditional



DOUGLAS HARDING | NEWS EDITOR

Candidate for House District 16 Dakota Nelson addresses crowd Monday in Huntington.

partisan barriers and geographical and other boundaries.

"West Virginia can't wait any longer, (but) this goes beyond West Virginia. This movement is not just about one state. This movement is not about one candidate. This movement is about the people, and 'y'all' means 'all,'" Walker said. "This is about investing in candidates who will invest in you, and when I say 'you,' I don't mean you as individuals, I mean you as a community; you as in public education; you as in communities who feel they don't have a voice; you as in LGBTQIA+; you as in the homeless (and) hungry. That's what 'you' means. We come together in masses."

Nelson said the current and developing movements in United States and West Virginia politics are vitally important and will likely go down in history books as a significantly influential era of populist political revolutions in the region.

"Folks, this is a little unique piece of the West Virginia history pie we're cutting out and making our own right now," Nelson said. "In 2016, where was this group of people? We were disseminated, out on our own looking at what's coming at us. Now, we're coming together under this umbrella, under our common causes."

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H.E.L.P. Center offers academic support to Marshall students

By **GRANT GOODRICH**
THE PARTHENON

From small beginnings in a cramped basement office in Jenkins Hall, the Higher Education for Learning Problems Center (H.E.L.P.) has grown over a 35-year time span.

Although their growth has been extremely beneficial, they do not want to grow too large to the point where they cannot help the individual students, said Coordinator of Student Affairs and Special Projects Diane Williams.

"We would rather see fewer students be successful and be able to really help them than to have a lot of students and just give them a glance," Williams said.

Located on the Marshall University campus in Myers Hall and housing seven unique divisions, H.E.L.P. is a comprehensive fee-based academic support program that aids a variety of students. Williams said the H.E.L.P. Center focuses a majority of their effort is the College H.E.L.P. Program.

The College H.E.L.P. Program is a "tutoring support program for college students who are diagnosed with a specific learning disability and/or attention deficit disorder," Williams said.

There are two types of tutoring available to students in the College H.E.L.P. Program – academic tutoring

and skills development.

According to Williams, academic tutoring focuses on a student's specific school subjects, while skills development works to strengthen a student's individual skills like reading comprehension, written expression or time management.

Community H.E.L.P. and Medical H.E.L.P. are two other divisions that are under the H.E.L.P. Center's umbrella, and they provide help to school students and medical students respectively, Williams said.

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Marshall football, sports reporter to be inducted into Journalism Hall of Fame

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

Keith Morehouse, a Marshall University alumnus with lifelong ties to the school and community, is being inducted into the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications' Hall of Fame.

"Marshall has been a big part of, really, our soul for my family," Morehouse said.

Morehouse was a young boy when he was introduced to the world of Marshall football, and since then his life has been forever changed. Morehouse's radio experience also began at a young age when he would follow his dad, Gene Morehouse, to Herd sporting events.

"We were indoctrinated very quickly to Marshall football and basketball," Morehouse said.

Gene Morehouse was one of the 75 members on Southern Airways flight 932 that took the lives of the entire Marshall football team in 1970.

"I didn't know how it would all go from there," Morehouse said. "I was still young."

However, Morehouse found his home among the Herd when he decided to stay in Huntington and attend Marshall. Morehouse did not narrow his career choice to broadcast journalism until later on, and he wrote for the Marshall Parthenon, worked for WMUL, WPBY and MU Report. Morehouse credited the professors who were at the university during his time, specifically Bos Johnson, for helping steer him in the right direction.

"Bos Johnson was my adviser and professor," Morehouse said. "He was luminary in broadcast all throughout the country, not just here in the Huntington, Charleston market."

Morehouse also spoke of Ralph Turner, who was the Parthenon's faculty adviser, and George Arnold as being tremendous journalism professors.

"Those people giving you guidance and making sure that this is the way you wanted to go," Morehouse said. "Then once you decided to get into that, making sure you did it the right way. I owe so much to the School of Journalism and those guys for helping me carve the path."

After he graduated from Marshall in 1983, Morehouse's career took off in TV at WOWK in Huntington.

In 1996, he found his way back to Marshall when he landed a freelance situation with ESPN Regional. Marshall employed him to work on the coaches' shows.

"I was lucky to be here with Randy Moss, Chad Pennington, Byron Leftwich, and it just took off from there," Morehouse said. "It has been a wonderful journey."

Morehouse continues to display what being a part of the Herd Family truly means now, and each fall, he makes the run to the cemetery with the Marshall football team.

Morehouse said since the plane crash happened in 1970, there are students who join the Marshall football program who do not know about the tragedy because they were not alive to experience it.

"Well when they come to play football at Marshall they find out," Morehouse said. "Part of that is going to that memorial and seeing it in person. As they go through their careers here, I think it means a little bit more each year they are here. By the time they finish, they understand what Marshall football is all about. I can't thank Doc enough for coming up with that idea."

Morehouse married Debbie Hagley, whose parents died in the plane



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-Keith Morehouse

crash with Gene Morehouse, which he said connects them in a way that no one else could understand.

"We have grown up around it (Marshall University) and to watch the school grow from when we first got here to what it is now," Morehouse said. "I really couldn't have scripted it any better and it has been fabulous to go for this ride for this long of a period of a time."

Morehouse received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the West Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters Association in 2007, is a two-time Emmy winner and also won West Virginia Sportscaster of the Year award in 1999, 2007 and 2012.

The Hall of Fame Ceremony will be Sept. 20.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF KEITH MOREHOUSE

Top: Keith Morehouse calls a football game for WVAZ. Bottom: Keith's dad, Gene Morehouse calls a football game for Marshall athletics.

Marshall football to face Boise State on blue turf

By **BRIGHAM WARF**

THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Thundering Herd looks to improve to 2-0 as they take on the Boise State Broncos Friday at Albertson Stadium in Idaho.

Both teams opened their seasons with wins as the Herd secured a win over VMI and the Broncos rallied from behind in the second half to defeat ACC opponent Florida State.

“It’s obvious that Boise is an excellent team,” Head Football Coach Doc Holliday said. “They have eight starters back on offense and a freshman quarterback that I thought did an excellent job against Florida State with his poise and toughness.”

Marshall and Boise State are traditionally recognized for being top teams who can knock off difficult opponents.

“This game is a really good measuring stick to see where we are,” redshirt senior center Levi Brown said. “Boise State has been really good in the group of five conferences for so long and finishes ranked a lot of years.”

The Broncos were down at halftime 31-19 but turned it around in the second half as freshman quarterback Hank Bachmeier ended his night with 30 completions on 51 attempts and threw for a touchdown in a 36-31 win.

“We treat every team the same,” senior wide receiver Artie Henry said. “We prepare the same and do not make each game too big or too small.”

Marshall also started off slow on offense last week, but found its groove in the second quarter. Redshirt sophomore quarterback Isaiah Green had an impressive outing as well as he completed 18 of 28 passes for 238-yards and tossed four touchdowns in only three quarters of action but is already focused on next week.

“This is what we all dream of since we were kids,” said Green. “Everyone wants to play on ESPN on a Friday night being the only game on TV so it is a big opportunity for us and we are going to make the most of it.”

This will be the second ever matchup between Marshall and Boise State. The last time the two teams faced off was in 1994 when The Broncos defeated the Herd 28-24.

Marshall heads to the Albertson Stadium at Boise State next Friday, Sept 6th. 9 p.m. EST.

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Above: Senior wide receiver Artie Henry celebrates his 51-yard touchdown pass thrown by redshirt sophomore quarterback Isaiah Green in the second quarter.

Athlete of the week: Jaquan Yulee

ABOUT JAQUAN YULEE

Position: Linebacker Class: Redshirt Junior
Height/Weight: 6'1/242 lbs. Hometown: Chesapeake, VA.

VMI GAME STATISTICS

20 plays, 2 T's (tackles), 3 A's (assisted tackles), 1 sack, and 1 PBU (pass break up).



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Marshall football player Jaquan Yulee had his first career start with the Thundering Herd this past Saturday against the VMI Keydets at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington. Prior to departing from the game early in the first quarter due to a neck injury, he played a stellar game participating in 20 plays with two tackles, three assisted tackles, one sack, and 1 pass break up. Following the game, Yulee had surgery and is now ruled out for the rest of the 2019-2020 season.

Last season, as a redshirt sophomore, Yulee played in all 13 games and had a remarkable matchup against N.C. State when he hit against the Wolfpack's C.J. Riley, causing a fumble early in the third quarter. Artis Johnson would then pick up the football and score a 22-yard touchdown for the Marshall special teams. Yulee won the HERDSPY award for Football Play of the Year. He finished the 2018 season with 27 tackles, nine solo tackles, 18 assisted tackles, and two passes defended.

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EDITORIAL

Support local journalism



AMANDA LARCH | MANAGING EDITOR

With the rise of cable news networks, online publications and social media, it can be difficult to receive accurate and reliable news. Suddenly, with a camera phone and a Twitter account, it seems like anyone can be a journalist. Cable news outlets such as Fox News and CNN have clear biases that take away from their delivery of the facts. It seems new websites pop up daily, with each claiming they have credible sources and information not available anywhere else.

In an age when news is instantaneous, leading to the rise of inaccurate and misleading information, it seems difficult to know which news outlets to trust. But never fear, because local journalism is the answer.

Fifty or so years ago, and continuing for decades, the American people read their daily newspapers each morning while sitting at the breakfast table drinking coffee. At the end of the day, they watched the evening news on their television sets. This dynamic has changed because of technology, social media and the like, but it doesn't mean these news mediums have disappeared entirely.

Take the local newspaper, for example. Huntington's The Herald-Dispatch has recently ceased its Monday print publication. They've eliminated entire sections from the print edition, and subsequently, some reporters were negatively affected. But while print publications are suffering, they are not dying. And they will not ever die with community support.

Marshall University students are fortunate. The Parthenon is available to you once a week in print and online daily, all for no cost. The staff is also fortunate to report freely on issues that matter most to Marshall students without restrictions. If you are reading this

right now, chances are you are a Marshall student, faculty or staff member. And while we thank students especially for your support, we also deeply encourage you to support other local publications once you graduate and enter the real world. Sure, it won't be free, but the cost of truthful and honest journalism is certainly worth it. Journalists are providing a service, and they deserve to be compensated for their work through subscriptions.

And what about local TV journalists? They also need our continued support. Turn off Fox News, CNN or any other corrupted cable news outlets. If you want to learn about local issues and local people, there is nowhere better than local news. A national news channel may report on large issues happening near us, but those anchors and reporters do not care as much as those locally do.

When it comes to social media, local news organizations are not dinosaurs. They have their own accounts, and you can also follow local reporters; they're a terrific source for breaking news. Yes, the world of news may be changing, but local news is keeping up. Local news accounts post videos, links and photos that may not be found in print or on TV. Local journalists are a resource that we can, and should, utilize. If you help them, they will help you, too.

Support local news outlets, sure, but also support freelancers or student journalists. Most importantly, support those affected by cutbacks or lost funding.

Trustworthiness, friendliness, honesty, hard-hitting, features on local people...these are just a few reasons to support local journalism. Find your own.

PROGRESSIVE PERSPECTIVE: Marshall, ICE investigative division



By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
NEWS EDITOR

In the past week, you may have read several headlines claiming Marshall University's \$4.25 million partnership with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the investigative arm of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), is aimed at combatting the infamous addiction epidemic, which has infected so many aspects of our lives and communities in Appalachia.

However, aside from a few vague and calculated direct quotes of university officials and involved politicians published uncritically, no real explanation has been offered regarding how, specifically, assisting the Trump Administration's anti-immigration fear mongering may accomplish such a task. Why, in the state with simultaneously perhaps the lowest percentage of immigrants amongst its populace and the most evident danger to those immigrants of any state in the country, does a major public educational institution insist on cowardly allocating resources toward helping bigoted agencies lock up even more struggling poor people across the country instead of focusing on helping those people? Whose side are we on, anyway?

If you don't believe such will be the outcome of this partnership, along with striking fear in the hearts of minorities in our communities who know all too well the cruelties carried out casually by organizations like HSI and ICE, then what, exactly, do you suppose the impact will be?

The most likely attempted explanation of this partnership is that aiding HSI investigations on poor, often innocent, struggling, working people in our communities

will eventually turn up a few low-level drug dealers to be thrown behind bars in a pathetic excuse of attempted justice, subsequently making all of us safer from the unfathomable wrath of these evil mind-bending substances. Or so the story goes...

But would it really? Or would it simply be another way for law enforcement, and in this scenario, the Trump administration, to exercise its bigoted tactics masqueraded as justice to further demonize individuals, especially minorities, who are already disproportionately arrested and punished for drug-related crimes, in poor, struggling communities throughout the country?

We need real answers, and our communities need real help, not even more demonization and disproportionate persecution and policing of poor struggling folks within our communities, which is precisely what the MU-HSI partnership seems to promise to bring us

If there is any doubt in your mind about the mission of HSI, don't take it from me, take it from the experts in this ever-present battle against bigotry. According to the National Immigration Law Center, "HSI [...] has played an increasingly significant role in carrying out brutal tactics to target immigrants for deportation. [...] While HSI wants the public to think that it focuses primarily on national security and transnational crime, it is responsible for the ramp-up of worksite enforcement."

Such tactics are represented in HSI's crucial role in countless workplace raids across the U.S. in recent years.

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Welcome to Douglas Harding's first column as news editor. Check for his columns every other week this semester.

Movie Review: 'Ready or Not'

By **DILLON MCCARTY**
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"Ready Or Not" follows a young woman named Grace (Samara Weaving). After leading a life of familial nonexistence, Grace finally has a chance to achieve a sense of familial fulfillment. One sunny day, Grace marries Alex, who hails from the wealthy Le Domas family. While at the Le Domas estate, Grace participates in a family tradition where she must play a game in order to be accepted as a true Le Domas. She draws a card that reads "hide and seek." In reality, the Le Domas family believes that in order to keep their lives/profits, they must sacrifice a bride. Grace, unaware of the family's deadly intentions, picks a hiding spot and from there, the hunt begins.

Historically, the best horror flicks have majestic visuals. These tales throw us into beautifully crafted worlds, complete with accurate imagery and photographic enticement. "Ready Or Not" is not any different. Brett Jutkiewicz, the cinematographer, has really outdone himself. With the help of Andrew M. Stearn (the production designer), Jutkiewicz' photography perfectly parallels the detailed materialism of upper class living. Every

facet of the house looks pristine. Simply put, the Le Domas mansion is cinematic eye candy.

Obviously, style only can take a film so far. Characters are cinematic straws designed to hook audience members. They stir the film, making it a form of legitimate entertainment. Fortunately, "Ready Or Not" has a phenomenal cast, brimming with freshness. The screenplay, written by Guy Busick and R. Christopher Murphy, constructs an array of colorful characters who bring their own forms of energy into the narrative.

Samara Weaving turns in an astonishing performance. With her smile, sense of humor and nervousness, Weaving creates an accurate depiction of a woman battling layers of hardship. Simply put, this is female representation done right. In a wise turn of events, the script doesn't try to overexplain Grace's life. Instead, it gives us valuable bits of information, which stems from her broken past. Once the game of hide and seek begins, we witness the birth of an exceptional heroine, representing the will to survive unpropitious

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Beckett is a year-ish old mutt from the shelter. He was recently adopted by his owner, Hanna, after spending nearly his entire life in a cage. He loves chewing on anything fuzzy, tormenting the neighborhood cats, eating salami and enjoying all the cuddles.

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In these raids, HSI regularly unlawfully persecutes innocent people of color by the tens and hundreds, assuming guilt based on skin complexion, often detaining and arresting innocent citizens (who also have families) for hours with no justification or compensation. What interest does our university and its students, staff and faculty have in aiding such xenophobic barbarism? And if that isn't what is happening, why aren't we getting any clear-cut answers? The university would not explicitly comment when I reached out.

Per NILC: "Worksite raids are a violent and widely condemned enforcement tactic that tear parents away from unsuspecting children, cause profound psychological harm, destabilize local communities, and generally undermine all workers' job-related rights. [...] In the last year HSI has expended far greater resources in pursuing criminal charges against workers — usually for nonviolent unlawful reentry charges unrelated to the criminal investigation that prompted the raid and only identified after HSI took the workers into custody and fingerprinted them (see examples from the raids in Tennessee and in Sandusky and Canton, Ohio)."

It is heartbreaking for anyone in West Virginia, or anyone with a loved one living in West Virginia, to even attempt to fathom the impacts of desperation, trauma and addiction on every aspect of the lives of our brothers, sisters and ourselves, and that is unquestionable. However, we must resist the urge to blame, target and intimidate those struggling along with us, in spite of the endless attempts of agencies like ICE and HSI to normalize and institutionalize doing so.

The harsh reality is this: If you feel the system is rigged against us, and you are outraged that someone has been blatantly profiting off our pain and suffering while our brothers and sisters are dying in the streets, you are undoubtedly justified in your sentiments. However, if you believe the puppet masters pulling the strings behind the curtains of our corrupt criminal justice system (or our politics) are those lower on the socioeconomic and

political power scale than ourselves, not only are you sorely mistaken, but you have also been fooled by corporate propagandists pitting us against each other to further their own fortunes and careers without any reconciliation for their morally vapid actions.

The vast majority of drug-related deaths each year in the U.S., and in Appalachia and Huntington specifically, are the result of regular folks desperate to deal with endless pain and trauma by using legally produced pain pills that have been poured into our communities callously by the pharmaceutical industry while wealthy elites wearing suits and ties turn killer profits and sneak out the back door as low-level offenders are punished for their crimes.

We simply must understand the roots of this addiction epidemic expand far beyond any local dealer or group of dealers cashing in on our pain while struggling to cope, survive and make a living themselves. Furthermore, if MU and HSI are serious about combatting the infectious impact of this addiction epidemic on our communities via punishing those making our suffering inevitable, they should be investigating officials in Washington D.C., Wall St. and, certainly, anyone with any sort of power within the pharmaceutical industry, not raiding homes and businesses within our communities based solely on bigotry, prejudice and racial profiling.

Dear fellow Marshall community members, so often we get caught up celebrating our excellence with unified exclamations of "We are...", often justifiably so. But today I think we ought to be asking ourselves these questions: Who are we, exactly, and what do we stand for? Bigotry, prejudice and demonization of those struggling the most amongst us, or courage to fight for our brothers and sisters when corporate oligarchs and corrupt police state propagandists are doing everything in their power to pit struggling folks against ourselves?

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F.A.M. cont. from 4

The F.A.M. mentors serve as a connection to all other services and resources on campus and are willing to go above and beyond to make their freshmen student feel as welcomed as possible during their first year.

"We really just want to be their friend here at Marshall. We are just here for them whenever they need anything, before they find their group of people and find what they want to get into," Erwin said. "We serve as a steppingstone for them before they find their close-knit group of people that are interested in the same things they are."

"We also want them to get involved," Amaral said. "We can go to events with them if they feel uncomfortable going by themselves. If they want to join a club or organization, we are all more than willing to go to their first meeting with them."

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"We get a lot of people in who are taking their specialty boards," Coordinator of Registration and Tutor Development Renna Moore said. "A lot of them don't even know that they have a learning disability until they get into med school."

Williams said there are probably "quite a few" Marshall students who may have some type of learning disability that they do not know about.

Due to this prevailing issue, the H.E.L.P. Center offers another division tailored to this specific need called Diagnostic H.E.L.P., said Williams.

"We have students who will come over, and some of the students have not been identified until they've been here," Williams said.

"Students often feel ashamed," Moore said, "and I would encourage them to think about this: if they can find a way that would help them to study smarter and not harder, wouldn't you want to try that?"

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Marshall graduate returns to university as Newman Center minister

By **AARON DICKENS**
THE PARTHENON

A former Marshall student has taken the spot as the new minister of the Newman Center to continue its traditions as well as try to bring new students into the Newman Center community.

Nicholas Chancey, a graduated student of Marshall University, said he is looking forward to being involved with the Marshall community once again.

"Marshall has always been great to me," Chancey said. "I was a student here from the year of 2010 to 2015 and it was a very good part of my life. My involvement with the Catholic religion increased during my time as a student here. I made a lot of friendships and connections throughout my walk in Catholicism during my time at Marshall."

"After hearing that the former campus minister was leaving, everyone pointed their

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One of the biggest misconceptions of the Newman Center is that many students do not know it exists or that it is exclusively to Catholics which is definitely not the case." – Nicholas Chancey

finger at me to step up to the job," Chancey said. "I then prayed about it, applied for the job, got interviewed for it and here I am."

Chancey said some of his plans will be based on how he wants to continue and enhance the traditions of the Newman Center.

"Something that the Newman Center has done very well is cultivating a culture for students so they can escape from their realities," Chancey said. "I want to keep that livelihood of the Newman Center, and several ways we can do that is by having bible studies, faith-sharing nights, having the place as a hangout spot for students."

Chancey also said that he wants to take certain aspects of the Newman Center and improve upon them.

"I think a place we have to improve on is outreaching to the students," Chancey said. "One of the biggest misconceptions of the Newman Center is that many students do not know it exists or that it is exclusively to Catholics which is definitely not the case. I'm looking forward to taking Marshall Catholicism out from the Newman Center and into campus."

Chancey has improved outreach by coordinating events with the English department. "In October we plan on celebrating Newman Week by hosting several events with the help from the English department," Chancey said.

Chancey's office is located inside the Newman Center across the street from Corbly Hall. He said if anyone has questions or concerns about the Newman Center, or just wants a place to hangout, they should feel comfortable stopping by.

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Huntington Music and Arts Festival features Marshall student

By **MICHAEL MORGAN**
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A young Marshall University first-year student carried on her family legacy Saturday in the Ritter Park Amphitheater during the Huntington Music and Arts Festival, formerly headlined by country music star, Tyler Childers.

Ally Fletcher, new to Marshall University, performed an acoustic set along with nearly 30 other acts at the HMAF, which she described as "out of this world."

"Although I'm young, I've been [playing music] for a long time, and to have the opportunity to play HMAF feels like I've made it to the big leagues in a way," Fletcher said.

In its tenth year, the festival was headlined by the band Ona, who continue their cross-country touring schedule after the show in Huntington. Ona began their set once the 24 other artists finished playing for the large crowd.

"Playing the same festival as Tyler Childers and Ona was amazing," Fletcher said. "I love them and feel inspired by them and it feels incredible to take the same stage as your local heroes."

Fletcher said she has been playing music nearly her entire life due to her mom, Angie Fletcher, being in the Angie Fletcher band, along with Fletcher's musical father, who played in Billy Ray Cyrus' band.

As a West Virginia native, Fletcher plans on continuing to play during HMAF as long as she can because she said she loves Huntington and likes what the festival brings to the city.

In a world where concert tickets to popular musicians can run upwards of \$200, the festival's admission is only \$20 and children under 12 get free admission. The festival continues to add events and increases the length of the festivities each year. It is an event for all ages, not just people in the music business.

The festival has grown each of the last ten years in fan attendance and artist participation and has not shown signs of losing momentum.

HMAF gives artists like Fletcher an opportunity to showcase their talent to a wide variety of people, which could eventually lead to them being signed or noticed by talent scouts.

Fletcher hopes that her performance can jumpstart her hopeful professional career as a musician.



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Marshall University student Ally Fletcher performed at the Huntington Music and Arts Festival Saturday, Aug. 31 at Ritter Park.

"So many great musicians started out as 'babies' playing here and I would be honored to follow that same road, although I realize that I have to continue to work hard to get there. This is only the beginning," Fletcher said.

The young musician can often be seen at the V-Club in Huntington where she attends shows of other musicians and has performed herself.

Fletcher hopes to build her following and improve on what she did at HMAF, possibly even getting a band together instead of just being a solo musician. She is in the works of recording an album and likes to think she is "floating on wherever the wind takes (her)." Fletcher said she hopes to leave an impact on wherever she may perform.

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