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Unprecedented 'Fun Club' experiences exponential growth

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
NEWS EDITOR

At the start of the fall semester, Marshall University's recently established, first-ever Fun Club included roughly 20 registered members, but after tabling for just two days during the university's Student Involvement & Organization Fair last week on the Memorial Student Center Plaza, its membership multiplied to more than 120 students.

"Our membership increased exponentially after our first days tabling," Kane Morrone, a junior marketing and entrepreneurship student and the club's founder, said. "I'm hoping this is just the start of something that's going to be really, really big, and I'm excited to have so many people ready to be a part of it."

Morrone said he decided to start the club after attempting unsuccessfully to join several other campus clubs, having been turned away by their various membership requirements and obligations.

"I tried to join a couple different clubs, but I just couldn't find somewhere that I felt like I fit in," he said. "I don't think you should have to jump through hoops to be part of a club. I really didn't like that type of structure."

There are no requirements or obligations to become a member of Fun Club, Morrone said. Each event is voluntary, and there are no repercussions for members who choose to not attend events that do not interest them.

"Fun Club is just for having fun because that's really what campus organizations are for," Morrone said. "Campus clubs should make students feel good and like they are a part of something. I just took that idea and applied it to something broad—everyone likes to have fun; everyone enjoys something."

Morrone said he plans to expand the club's reach by looking into introducing similar organizations at other universities across the state and, if successful, across the country.

"The opportunities for this club are limitless," he said.

To maintain its theme of inclusivity and to prevent unnecessary conflict between members, Fun Club, Morrone said, has no officially-designated leadership positions. Its only semblance being the role of junior accounting student Todd Turley, who described himself as the club's "hype man."

Turley said Fun Club is, "just a bunch of college kids who want to have fun and have an awesome social group—no stress, no dues, just a fun atmosphere."

Turley said he is excited to participate in the club's future events and to be able to experience its growth across campus.

"There are so many possibilities for this club," he said. "I can't wait to see how far we can take it during the rest of my schooling."

Morrone said future club events will be planned during upcoming meetings and multiple are already in the works, including seasonal Halloween- and Christmas-themed events and a campus biking event.

"We plan to have seasonal events, including a



DOUGLAS HARDING | NEWS EDITOR

Marshall students Adam Bailey, Kane Morrone, Todd Turley and Madison Barker pose for a photo Wednesday, Sept. 11 at The Fun Club table during the university's Student Involvement & Organization Fair on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

pumpkin carving event soon and hopefully a Christmas-themed event," Morrone said. "We also want to rent out as many Marshall bikes as we can and road-hog through campus with our Fun Club shirts on, and they'll be almost like our version of leather jackets."

The club's next meeting is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 25, although a location has yet to be determined. Morrone said those interested may follow the club on social media, @FunClubMU on Twitter and @FunstaMU on Instagram, to keep up with future plans and announcements.

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SOCIAL MEDIA POLL RESULTS

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR GUEST MUSICIANS ON THE PARTHENON PODCAST?	83%	17%
HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE DKMS BONE MARROW DRIVE?	18%	82%
ARE YOU GOING TO ATTEND THE MEN'S SOCCER GAME ON SATURDAY?	13%	87%
HAVE YOU VISITED THE LOOKING AT APPALACHIA EXHIBIT IN DRINKO LIBRARY?	25%	75%

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon's Instagram, @MUParthenon. The results reflect responses from an average of 140 individuals.

Job-A-Palooza connects Marshall students to future employers

By **PHUONG ANH DO**
THE PARTHENON

As the semester sets in, Marshall University's Office of Career Education organized the annual Job-A-Palooza – an event where students can look for part-time jobs and internships and gain experience.

Jennifer Brown, program manager for internships and experiential learning at the Office of Career Education, said this semester, Job-A-Palooza welcomed more than 20 vendors who were interested in seeking employees from various fields.

"We've got 22 companies today and they're looking for a wide range of majors from business, engineering to IT," Brown said. "It's a good opportunity for students to come and learn about different opportunities, whether part-time jobs or internships, that they can gain valuable experiences and add to their resumes."

The event is repeated every semester to allow anyone regardless of year, to participate.

"Networking is important, and I also want to get to know more people," Hope Savasta, a first-year marketing major who attended Job-a-Palooza, said. "This event is a good opportunity to find opportunities. It may be not the job that



More than 20 vendors seeking employees participated in Job-A-Palooza to help students of all different majors find jobs, internships or gain experience.

you're looking for, but you can always find an opportunity here that will lead you to another".

The Job-A-Palooza event has received good feedback from both vendors and students over the past years, Brown said. She said the vendors like this casual event as they have a chance to speak informally with students and

students do not need to worry about having to dress up or being too professional.

Norman Loving, a graduate student health informatics major, said he was able to find interesting internships.

"I'm looking for jobs in computer science or information technology and I found an

interesting internship at ALDI," Loving said. "We all need experience and I feel like this is the only chance you can have it before getting a professional job."

The Job-A-Palooza can also be beneficial to employers, according to one vendor. Rod Jackson, news director at WOWK-TV, said he thinks the

event is a good time for exposure to talk to students who are interested in this career.

"I think everybody benefits from a thing like this," Jackson said. "Whether it's the vendors trying to find employees or whether the students are looking for a career. The thing about an internship is it's a good chance to find out is it really what you want to do with your career, or do you need to start thinking about changing?"

Employers said they expect students to bring their resumes with them and be open to having a conversation about what the job involves.

Upcoming events include the Career Expo from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Marshall University Recreation Center, where students can apply for full-time jobs, and a Suit-Up event Nov. 3 at J.C. Penney, an event to provide students with professional ties and business suits at a discounted price.

Students and faculty interested in learning more about services and events at Marshall University's Office of Career Education may visit their website.

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Campus DKMS bone marrow drive saves lives

By **TAYLOR SPEIGHT**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Bone Marrow Week helps find matching donors for patients in need across the country.

Campus student ambassador Adam Guthrie said he is excited about the involvement at Marshall University and hopes to see a big turnout this year. The international nonprofit organization DKMS is dedicated to the fight against blood cancer and other blood disorders by creating awareness, recruiting bone marrow donors and raising funds to assist with donor registration cost.

Guthrie said this is the first time Marshall has done a bone marrow event to this capacity.

"It's the largest event we've had here at Marshall,"

Guthrie said.

Guthrie said he wants potential donors to understand that bone marrow and stem cell donations have changed in recent years.

Student volunteer Emmalee Moles donated stem cells in spring of 2017.

After being swabbed, Moles said she was contacted roughly two weeks later to donate stem cells. Moles said she believes DKMS made the process smooth and convenient for her, which makes her willing to donate again if needed.

"I'd do it 100 times if I could," Moles said.

The objective of the week is to get as many students swabbed as possible and into the database to help build a more diverse list of donors that could

potentially help save more lives.

Student volunteer Emily Moore said she was motivated to get involved with DKMS after a friend in high school was diagnosed with leukemia.

"We just wanted to help her out and do anything we could to support her and others with leukemia and other blood disorders," Moore said. "Our goal is the swab at least 100 people per day to get 500 for the entire week."

DKMS will be collecting cheek swabs until Sept. 21 on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

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University College a valuable resource for students with undeclared majors

By **GRANT GOODRICH**
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Unlike the other nine undergraduate colleges at Marshall, University College does not offer degree programs; they focus their efforts on conditionally admitted and undecided students, said Director of University College Sherri Stepp.

"Our advisers work very closely with those students to help them do all the exploration that they need to do to help them select a major," Stepp said. "Students have up until their 45th credit hour to declare a major."

Stepp said that it depends on the individual student as to whether coming to college without knowing what you want to do is a good idea.

"There is just a lot of opportunity, and we want students to know that they're not boxed in," Stepp said. "You can have multiple majors that lead to a specific career. You can have one major that leads to multiple careers."

One way University College provides an advantage to students is by not having a high advising load, Stepp said.

"We have fewer number of advisees," she said. "That

“There is just a lot of opportunity, and we want students to know that they're not boxed in.”
- SHERRI STEPP

gives us the opportunity to spend more time with our students. We want to look at each student holistically. If they are struggling, we want to try to get the reasons that they're struggling, so that we can provide support for them."

In some cases, advisers in the University College have discovered students have learning disabilities and may

not know about it, Stepp said.

She said in other circumstances, students know about their learning disabilities but may be hiding it in hopes of a fresh start in college.

Stepp also said there could be situations outside of the classroom that are deeply affecting a student's performance for the worse.

In some cases, Stepp said the students may be pointed toward counseling or tutoring services.

Stepp said tutoring services are not only available to University College students, but offered campus-wide to any student who needs help. Some of the courses offered through tutoring services include accounting, biology, foreign languages, math and more.

Tutoring services are located next to University College on the second floor of the Communications Building.

"We often just walk students right over and schedule an appointment right then and there," Stepp said, "and we encourage them to do that."

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Encouraging Every Step to Recovery 5k raises \$2,000 for local recovery houses

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**
THE PARTHENON

Some Huntington community members skipped a morning of sleeping in and headed to Ritter Park for a Saturday morning run in support of addiction recovery during the first Encouraging Every Step to Recovery 5k.

Walk FM radio organized the event to benefit some of the local recovery houses that they said they believe have supported the station and made an impact on the tri-state area.

"We wanted to do something to give back to them because they give to us," Magan Staten, event coordinator and director of listener engagement, said. "They're the ones doing the hard work out here in our community to help with the recovery effort."

All proceeds will be split between three recovery houses: Recovery Point, The Life-house and Field of Hope.

"I listen to Walk FM all the time," community member Sarita Gumm said when asked about her reason to participate in the race. "The drug issue hasn't really touched my family until now. My nephew has lost his newborn baby, so it touches everybody. You think it won't touch you, but it does. And so I wanted to support that and support the radio station and I love running, so pretty good reasons."

Staten said she hopes to make the 5k an annual event helping more recovery programs from surrounding areas.

"We're hoping to add other recovery efforts to the mix," Staten said. "We're hoping to maybe do like one in Ashland next year and help the recovery houses in that area and go to different areas and then help those in that area."

Saturday's event ended with 72 registered racers and almost \$2,000 raised for the



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Local community member Aisha Harbour flashes a smile Saturday at Ritter Park just before completing Encouraging Every Step to Recovery 5k.



BRITTANY HIVELY | THE PARTHENON

Local community member Sarita Gumm celebrates while crossing finish line Saturday at Ritter Park during Encouraging Every Step to Recovery 5k.

recovery houses.

"Walk FM is listener supported," Staten said. "We don't run commercials; we don't make money any other way. This is our community outreach, just something we can do to give back to the community we are in."

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Former Marshall student hopes to bust down barriers between police, community

By MEG KELLER
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Former Marshall University student Brandon Oiler is determined to bust down barriers between the Hurricane community and his police department.

“My biggest goal is to change the public’s ideology and perception of law enforcement in my community,” Oiler said.

Patrolman Oiler is a rookie police officer in Hurricane, West Virginia.

Oiler volunteers to work community events such as providing security at high school football games, visiting elementary schools, playing with children at parks and directing traffic outside of schools in the area. His intention when interacting with local youth is to “expose them to a first-hand interaction before they develop a preconceived idea of cops.” He has also shared photos and videos of himself challenging kids at playgrounds to races and other games via social media in order to elicit a connection.

To some parents of local children, Oiler’s impact and enthusiasm is what sets him apart from negativity surrounding police in recent years.

“I think it is awesome that this police officer would stop what he’s doing on a busy day to come and play with the

kids,” Barbara Wurster, a local parent, said. According to Wurster, Officer Oiler’s actions have had an impact on the community’s children by giving them a first impression with first responders.

“You have so many people out here saying the police are not their friends, but this is teaching them they’re friendly so that if they get lost, they’ll go to a cop and be able to find their way home,” Wurster said.

Oiler wears a bracelet on his arm in support of his colleague, Sgt. John Payne. According to Oiler, Payne was the school resource officer in the Hurricane school district at one time where he became well-liked by students.

“They [the students] pestered the mayor for bracelets that say ‘I love Payne’ because they liked him so much,” Oiler said. “So, the mayor had the city pay for them and had them made.”

He said he hopes to one day become the school resource officer once he gains more experience. Oiler also said he hopes to continue to build and maintain a connection between police and students the way Payne did before retiring from the position.

Another means of connection Oiler uses to understand his community’s citizens is empathy.

“I’ll ask them their story. It matters,” he said.

Oiler said he also uses religion as a way to reinforce his intention to empathize with people he has had to apprehend.

“What I’ll do is ask them about their story, ask why they do what they do and always stress that I am not here to dehumanize or humiliate you,” he said. “Right before we get to the jail, I’ll ask if they believe in God. Some of them will say yes, some of them will say no, but most of the time they are accepting when I ask, ‘do you care if I pray for you?’”

Praying for the folks he encounters is an intimate experience, he said.

“They’re sometimes still in handcuffs, which is unfortunate,” Oiler said, “but I’ll put my hand on their back, bow my head with them and pray that God break their addiction and use themselves in a good manner, to not destroy themselves or hurt someone else. Just because you mess up doesn’t mean you’re not loved.”

Oiler said he sees himself as a regular citizen underneath the responsibility of being a police officer. He described himself as being on an “equal playing field” because “we’re all human.”

“Just because I’m on this side of the badge doesn’t mean I don’t have compassion for you,” Oiler said.

Oiler said in order to maintain passion for the job, he had to see the bigger picture.

“It’s about helping my community and that is the payoff,” he said.

He does not introduce himself with his job title and last name to citizens in his community. In another attempt to connect with those he has sworn to protect, Oiler introduces himself with his first



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Patrolman Oiler interacts with children Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Hurricane City Park.



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Oiler smiles for photo Wednesday, Sept. 11 inside his patrol car.

name. By using his first name, Oiler said he gives the impression of reassurance and respect.

“I know I technically probably shouldn’t because of whatever reason, but it helps them know I don’t see myself as better than them,” he said.

By connecting with the public, Oiler said he hopes to break down the barrier that he feels hinders a positive relationship between police and the community.

“I’m just trying to gain common ground with people,” Oiler said.

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Patrolman Brandon Oiler, former Marshall University student, answers a call while on duty Wednesday, Sept. 11 in Hurricane.

Division I athlete dedicates life to soccer, son

By **TAYLOR HUDDLESTON**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

As a native of Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Marshall men's soccer redshirt senior goalkeeper Paulo Pita has had the dream of playing professional soccer turned into reality.

Prior to playing collegiate soccer for the Herd, Pita played for the Golden Eagles at the University of Charleston in Charleston, West Virginia from 2016-2017, which included his freshman season with current Herd men's soccer Head Coach Chris Grassie. While playing for the Golden Eagles, he was the main starting goalkeeper in the game where the team was crowned the NCAA Division II National Champions in 2017 with a record of 20-1-2.

Following his last season with UC, Pita said he decided to transfer from a Division II school to a Division I, having Marshall University in mind.

"I always had that thought that Marshall is a big-time Division I school," Pita said. "Actually, I committed to Coastal Carolina University before I committed to Marshall. I think that one of the main reasons was because of Chris (Grassie) because he was the one that brought me to Charleston. I knew that transferring to Marshall that I wouldn't have to adapt my life and style of play because I played with Chris two years before and I knew I was going to find a family environment."

"I have this challenge every day and it makes me a better person in the end of the day."

— Paulo Pita



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Pita said that being a student athlete takes a lot of dedication and focus to keep up with school work and playing soccer, from managing practice to attending classes. He praised Marshall for his successes.

"Being a student athlete, it's definitely hard, especially when you need to make sure to keep your grades up," Pita said. "You really need to be motivated to keep things going and make sure you're not only going to be outstanding on the field but also off the field. It's a combination of grinding on and off the field."

Having transferred to Marshall, Pita said he has had the continuous mindset to become a professional soccer player once he graduates from college.

"When I won the national championship for (University of) Charleston, my goal is to be pro," Pita said. "I knew I had to transfer to a Division I school to be seen."

Adapting from one style to another in soccer comes with changes and responsibilities. When Pita found out he was going to become a father, there were some people and schools that turned away from him.

"I talked to a few other schools and two or three schools; I noticed that they turned their back to me when I said I was about to be a father because they thought it was going to be a problem," Pita said.

When he discussed his decision about attending Marshall with Grassie, he felt the support that would influence his choice to join the Herd.

"Chris, he hugged me, and he was like, 'come to Marshall and we're going to take care of it.' It was definitely hard," Pita said.

Pita also admired the full encouragement and praised the support from his wife, Christina.

"I couldn't do everything without the support of my wife. She is a big-time mom," he said. "She helps me a lot off the field. In the end of the day, it's not only hard to be a student-athlete when you go to practice in the morning and go to class in the afternoon and you're exhausted, but by the time I get home and see my son, I feel like I could do this over and over and over every day."

Pita said the relationship that he has with his son, Brody, is like no other bond.

"The way he interacts with me, and the way he shows his love, even though he is just a



PHOTO COURTESY OF: ADAM GUE

Paulo Pita poses with his son, Brody, before the game against Butler.

baby, it's worth it at the end of the day," Pita said.

Pita said the lifestyle of being a father has changed him in the sense of being more responsible and looking to care for Brody after classes and games.

"It definitely made me grow a lot. It's tough some days. Like two years ago, I was just like 'Yeah boys, let's go grab a beer' or something like that, but now it's different," Pita said. "I got to go home and take care of my son. It shaped me into a better man."

Every day brings new tasks, but for Pita, he said the task is to always be a father and a husband.

"I have this challenge every day, and it makes me a better person in the end of the day," he said. "When you have the support from your father and your mom, and those people who raised you, it's easier when you're not having a good day and you're just like 'hey dad can we have a conversation?' and I don't have it here."

Pita said that he will want to look back on bad days and know how to be a good father for Brody when he is unable to talk to his own dad.

"It's not about talking to my father; it's about being the father," he said.

Brody was born before Pita came to Marshall, and it was a new sighting for some of his teammates and other people.

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Cross country wins big at Adidas Winthrop Invitational

By **BRIGHAM WARF**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Thundering Herd men and women's cross-country teams raced Saturday Sept. 14 in Rock Hill, South Carolina for the 36th annual Adidas Winthrop Invitational.

"Coming out on top in both men and women's was our goal," Assistant Coach Caleb Bowen said. "This was just the second meet of the season, but it is a good starting point."

The Herd women were victorious in the 5,000-meter race finishing with 28 points and a total time of 1:36.49 for the team. Sophomore Madelyn Garrison led Marshall, coming in fourth place with a time of 18:59.1.

"It was a huge confidence booster," Garrison said. "It

was a great way to start off the season and if we just keep building off of this and keep using each other as motivation, then I think it is going to be a great year."

Finishing behind her was freshman Julia Muller at fifth (19:05.3) and freshman Sydney Smith securing sixth (19:11.3) in the race. Freshman Abby Herring also had a top 10 finish placing eighth with a time of 19:20.7. Additionally, sophomores Myah McAlister and Alexandra Evans finished 13th with times of 20:12.3 and 17th at 20:17.9. Senior Audreana Lewis finished out the top 20 for the Herd at 18th and a 20:35.5 time.

The men finished with a total of 23 points in the race, which was enough to capture the invitational. The Herd took the 8,000-meter course and was led by freshman Ronnie Saunders in fourth place (25:12.3).

"It was awesome to go out there and finally show every body what we got," Saunders said. "I really liked the course. It was great for a fast time and we all did well."

Senior Alex Minor finished behind Saunders in fifth place (25:27.6). Another freshman, Evan White, placed seventh (25:37.0) behind University of North Carolina at Charlotte's sophomore Joseph Wilson. Marshall also had senior Daniel Green place ninth with 26:10.4, senior Hunter Deem finish 17th with a time of 26:44.8 and freshman Paul Sepuleveda place 20th at 26:44.8.

Marshall will compete again Saturday, Oct. 5 at the 18th Annual Live in Lou Cross Country Classic in Kentucky.

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Herd uses off week to prepare for future games



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Brenden Knox celebrates after a play in the Marshall vs Ohio football game.

By **BRIGHAM WARF**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall football team looks to take advantage of this week's bye before facing a tough American Athletic Conference Cincinnati team in Huntington.

"I think in the past we've done a good job with bye weeks," Head Coach Doc Holliday said. "The kids start getting beat down with the number of reps and I think having the opportunity to give them a couple of days off to refresh helps."

The Thundering Herd are coming off two hard fought out-of-conference games – against now the 20th ranked Boise State Broncos and predicted preseason MAC champions the Ohio Bobcats – and players are looking

forward to the open week as well.

"We just want to get everyone back to 100 percent healthy," said redshirt sophomore quarterback Isaiah Green. "Obviously we get more time than usual to prepare for them (Cincinnati), so we want to take advantage of that."

After coming off another stand-out performance with 53-yards and a touchdown receiving and 52-yards and another touchdown rushing, red-shirt junior tight end Xavier Gaines is looking forward to get treatment.

"I don't remember the last time we've had two days off," Gaines said. "It gives my body a rest and it gives me the opportunity to go get treatment, so it is nice for me."

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Huntington's progress with opioid epidemic



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Connie Priddy, QRT Coordinator, and Huntington Mayor Steve Williams at the 2019 West Virginia Municipal League Conference in Huntington.

Whether you choose to believe it or not, Huntington is a resilient city. It's been able to overcome many obstacles and improve the lives of many of its residents. And it's because of Huntington's residents that we've seen such improvement. The opioid crisis has taken its toll on the Jewel City, but it has certainly not broken our spirit.

This week it was announced that Huntington Mayor Steve Williams will serve as co-chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Substance Abuse, Prevention and Recovery Services Task Force. Williams has previously served on the National League of Cities and National Association of Counties task force to address and combat the opioid epidemic.

Yes, Huntington has suffered because of the opioid crisis, but we are making progress. Our mayor strives to create programs for those in need, and he's continuously furthering his education about the topic. Whether you like him or not, Williams does what is best for his city, and he sets a good example for the rest of us. Before we speak or give our opinions, we need to do our research and then learn from others.

Huntington has many options for those in recovery and those who want to get help. An example of this is the pilot transportation program, which will begin next month. The purpose of the program is to provide transportation for those in recovery for substance use disorder. Volunteer drivers will transport those in the program to doctor appointments and other recovery services. Another aspect of this program is to focus on workforce reentry and economic development. It's a win-win for everyone involved.

Discussion is important, too. Last week, The Parthenon reporter Blake Newhouse covered a town hall panel discussion concerning the opioid crisis and substance use disorder. Having an open forum to talk about these issues, even if not everyone is in agreement, helps accomplish positive changes. We need to be able to talk to one another and share our opinions in a positive and healthy way, as opposed to comment exchanges on social media.

Recovery Point of Huntington is another great resource. It's a nonprofit organization that offers services at no cost. There are numerous Naloxone trainings for community members. Volunteer and donation opportunities exist at various health care and recovery organizations. Huntington's Quick Response Team will respond within 48 hours of an overdose and offer their services. EMS, faith leaders, someone from the police department and a counselor are part of each team.

But perhaps the greatest resource of all is understanding that substance use disorder is a disease and those affected are not to blame. Pharmaceutical companies have done their part to create and exacerbate the opioid epidemic. Purdue Pharma, creators of the drug OxyContin, have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, according to a report from The New York Times. It's important that we hold those in power accountable for ravaging the poor and rural areas most affected by the opioid crisis.

Yes, Huntington has struggled with the opioid epidemic. But there are ways to help. We are, after all, America's Best Community.

PROGRESSIVE PERSPECTIVE: U.S. 'locked and loaded' for Iran war

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
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President Donald Trump, whose successful 2016 campaign revolved around the slogan "America First," announced via Twitter on Sunday that American military forces are "locked and loaded [...] waiting to hear from the Kingdom" specifics regarding when, where and how to initiate war with Iran.

Trump's tweet came in response to news of Yemeni Houthi rebels' drone attacks on Saudi Arabian oil fields, prompted by the Kingdom's frequent horrific war crimes in Yemen, a situation that United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has described as "the world's worst humanitarian crisis," and throughout which the U.S. has been entirely complicit. Trump Administration officials have claimed Iran is likely responsible for the attacks.

While it is possible Iran is at least partially responsible for the attacks, the U.S. is certainly responsible as well for its complicit cowardice concerning the Saudi starving of tens of thousands of children, in addition to eight million civilians on the brink of starvation, and consistent bombings of homes, schools, weddings, hospitals, churches and elsewhere in Yemen. It is also certain Trump's seemingly populist pleas before becoming president for politicians to invest in everyday Americans instead of wasting trillions of taxpayer dollars on endless wars the American people do not support were disingenuous and morally vapid.

Despite campaigning on consistent, unapologetic anti-interventionist rhetoric, since being elected, President Trump has frequently removed his faux-populist veil,

revealing an all-too-familiar cowardice in failing to stand up to the Military Industrial Complex and hold accountable corrupt, violent leaders of foreign countries considered American allies.

As throughout the years-long humanitarian crisis in Yemen, for which Trump himself is partially responsible after vetoing a bipartisan bill to end American complicity in, the Trump Administration also sat by idly and obediently through Saudi Arabia's murder and

attempted cover-up of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi's death and needlessly dropped out of the Iran Nuclear Deal, only furthering tensions and escalating toward more conflict in the region.

Last week, Trump seemed to attempt to reach out to the anti-interventionist sentiments of American voters, firing war hawk John Bolton from his national security adviser position, citing frequent disagreements with Bolton, presumably including Bolton's endless attempts to instigate war with both Iran and Venezuela. However, shortly after, Trump tweeted: "In fact, my views on Venezuela, and especially Cuba, were far stronger than those of John Bolton. He was holding me back!" Reaffirming his lack of any serious anti-interventionist principles, just a week after firing him, Trump now seems poised to give Bolton the destructive, senseless war he wanted all along, all at the behest of a despotic dictator, reckless domestically and abroad, responsible for the deaths of countless innocent civilians in one of the Middle East's poorest countries.

Regardless of one's opinions regarding the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Donald Trump, the potential genocide in Yemen or the Iran Nuclear Deal, one truth remains clear: A war with Iran would likely be unimaginably disastrous for everyone involved.

As has been explained by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, who served in combat in Iraq from 2004-2005 and recently missed out on weeks of campaigning for president while deployed to Antarctica: "A war with Iran would be far more costly and far more devastating than anything that we

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In this May 20, 2017 photo, President Donald Trump shakes hands with Saudi Deputy Crown Prince and Defense Minister Mohammed bin Salman in Riyadh.

Movie Review: 'It: Chapter Two'

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For the most part, "It: Chapter Two" follows the adult members of the Losers Club. As kids, they defeated Pennywise, the shape-shifting clown that resides in Derry, Maine. 30 years later, they have successful lives, and overall, their memories of childhood are cloudy. After it becomes apparent that Pennywise has awoken, Mike Hanlon (the only member who stayed in Derry) calls the other Losers. The group returns to Derry, hoping to destroy Pennywise once and for all.

The first 10-15 minutes of a film are monumentally important. It's the job of a filmmaker to hook audience members. In this case, director Andy Muschietti opens the film like a man possessed. "Chapter Two" introduces us to Adrian Mellon and Don Hagarty, a gay couple who reside in Derry. During the local festivities, a homophobic group corners and beats the couple to a pulp. I must be honest: This opening will offend many viewers. In terms of its violence and language, this opening is the stuff that reality is made of.

This sequence is short, but Muschietti makes

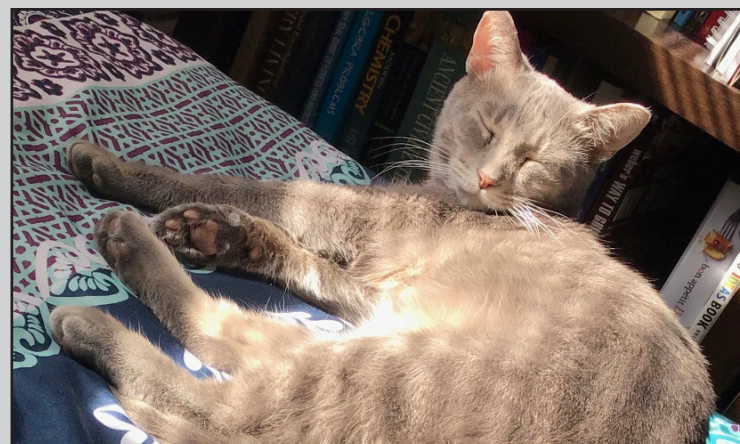
the most of every second. It's not pointless gore. It's social commentary wrapped up in the guise of a horror film. Consider the homosexual couple; they aren't caricatures. They are a loving, selfless unit filled with peaceful aspects. This efficiency enables us to see the couple's true colors. From there, we are fed to the dogs.

The best sources of cinema take real life aspects and portray the events through the prism of fantastical storytelling. When done correctly, cinematic scenes become a form of societal expression. Here we have a beautiful portrait of small-town America. But in classic Stephen King fashion, we realize that appearances are deceiving. This opening, while graphic, is the definition of brutally honest. It holds a mirror up to our corrupt society, showcasing the idiotic forms of homophobia that lie within. Like King, Muschietti understands that often times the monsters of reality are scarier than the creatures of narrative mythology.

Unfortunately, the rest of the film pales in

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Mystic, who turns three on Sept. 21, is spoiled, fancy and sassy. She has a hard time meowing but makes the cutest noises. She loves it when people talk to her and give her attention. Her favorite toys are wadded up balls of paper, strings, bottle caps and bread ties. Mystic loves to play fetch!

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Brody was born before Pita came to Marshall and it was a new sighting for some of his teammates and other people.

"I think it was a shock for a few of the guys here," Pita said. "I've heard a lot of people say like 'Oh, how do you have a son, a wife? You're 24, and you're in college.' People don't understand my background. I was 21 and a freshman. It wasn't because I was lazy or I dropped out of high school, it was because I was playing in Brazil, and I never thought I was going to come to the United States and go to school and play in college."

Now that he has found his home among the Herd, Pita will take Brody to his teammates' houses and let them interact with each other.

"I feel like they support me," Pita said. "Sometimes I get Brody and go to my friend's house, to Pedro's house, because he's my best friend, and they are happy when I bring Brody to play with them. From my teammates, I never feel they judge me."

Pita commended Marshall and the men's soccer team for their endless support throughout his new journey in life since arriving in Huntington.

"I wish I could, if one day in my life, I will write a book and have one chapter for Marshall," Pita said. "It's what I tell my friends. I know there are really big-time schools out there, but Marshall, they don't only take care of their players, they take care of their students. If you're a student athlete, they always make sure you are having a good experience. They always make sure you are comfortable."

This is Pita's final semester with the Herd, and he said it has been a memorable experience for him in his life, from playing soccer to being a part of a family.

"I don't have enough words to say how thankful I am for Marshall and I definitely could not have picked a better school to finish my degree," Pita said.

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experienced in Iraq (...) It would essentially make the war in Iraq look like a cakewalk."

Even if one disagrees with Gabbard's assessment of a potential war with Iran, it is difficult to understand any serious argument that American soldiers—brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters—should be sent overseas to fight senseless wars on the whim of an all-privileged, pampered prince fueled by the spilling of oil as his Kingdom attempts genocide on an infinitely less powerful people.

But such is precisely the problem: Trump, just like countless other American presidents and powerful politicians before him, is free to wage endless destructive wars because he, his family members and his closest confidants are free from any fears of ever suffering the sobering, sickening realities and consequences of the wars they've waged for poor people with less power to fight as mere pawns. President Trump knows working-class Americans have no interests in fighting depraved wars on behalf of foreign despotic dictators, but he simply doesn't seem to care as he once appeared to.

In 2014, the year before his announcing a bid for the presidency, Trump tweeted, "Saudi Arabia should fight their own wars, which they won't, or pay us an absolute fortune to protect them and their great wealth-\$ trillion!"

If we take Trump, whose shady business dealings with the Kingdom have raised frequent questions and accusations of corruption and conflicts of interests, for his word (which, genuinely, maybe we shouldn't), then perhaps he simply feels he has at last collected a sufficient fortune.

At a rally in 2015 shortly after announcing his bid for the presidency, Trump boasted, "I like the Saudis. I make a lot of money with them. They pay me millions," and Monday at the White House, he remarked when questioned whether he had promised to protect Saudi Arabia, "They spend \$400 billion in our country over the last number of years (...) Saudi Arabia pays cash."

In a tweet Sunday directed at the president, Gabbard wrote: "Trump awaits instructions from his Saudi masters. Having our country act as Saudi Arabia's bitch is not 'America First.'"

During a video posted on social media Monday, she made further appeals to Trump, continuing, "Offering our military assets to the dictator of Saudi Arabia to use as he sees fit is a betrayal of my brothers and sisters in uniform who are ready to give our lives for our country, not for the Islamist dictator of Saudi Arabia."

Gabbard also noted the unconstitutionality of a president waging war without the approval of Congress.

"As a member of Congress and as a soldier, I and all my brothers and sisters in uniform have taken an oath to protect and defend the American people and the Constitution of the United States of America," she said. "There is nothing in our Constitution that gives (the president) the power to go to war without the express consent of Congress."

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Gaines, who was recruited to Marshall as a quarterback, has been a major contributor to the offense this season at the position of tight end. Gaines has accounted for three total touchdowns – two receiving and one rushing – and for 169 of total yards. Gaines' ability to play multiple positions has caused opposing defenses problems this season and the options seem limitless as the Herd uses an extra week to prepare against Cincinnati.

With an extra week, senior wide receiver Obi Obialo is able to rehab without missing another game. Obi started all 13 games last season and finished the season with 42 reception for 505-yards and four touchdowns. Obialo has not played this season but Doc has said he will return at some point. Redshirt sophomore running back Brenden Knox did not play in the second half of the Ohio game because of an injury and will look to benefit from the bye week according to Doc.

"Those guys get the opportunity to double up on treatment," said Holliday. "Most of the guys that are banged up are a couple of day deals so we'll have the opportunity to get a lot of those guys back."

The Cincinnati Bearcats travel to Huntington to face the Marshall Thundering Herd on Sept. 28 at 5 p.m.

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Marshall's PINK team invites students to celebrate launch of new collection

By **JULIANNA EVERLY**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall's PINK team worked out with students during an event that accompanied the launch of PINK by Victoria's Secret's new "Seamless Collection" on Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Marshall University Recreation Center. The event consisted of the class STRONG by Zumba, which combines body weight exercises, cardio and high-intensity interval training, all set to Zumba music.

Along with the workout, there was also PINK merchandise to giveaway such as leggings, sports bras, water bottles and scrunchies.

"We had an amazing turnout, and we are so thankful for everyone that came, as well as the Rec Center for letting us hold this event," said junior marketing major and co-representative for Marshall's PINK team Lexi Moore.

For Moore, this is her second year serving as a co-representative for the PINK team alongside co-representative Emi Hammond. Moore and Hammond said representing the PINK team for 2 years has brought opportunities that have been unforgettable.

"Last December, PINK sent both of

us on their fall incentive trip to Los Angeles, California to attend the Teen Vogue Leadership Summit," Moore said. "It was an amazing experience I will never forget."

Through being a campus representative, Moore has gained experience in marketing and advertising that she says she will be able to carry with her into a future career. Moore also said she has had the opportunity to meet and network with PINK representatives from across the U.S. and Canada.

"At the event, we also had a board for the girls that came to the event to sign, and we asked them to write something that made them feel like a strong woman," first year athletic training major and PINK team member Megan Gragg said. "The answers consisted of things like family, friends and completing goals."

For some students, PINK is seen as a brand that represents girl power.

"Last year, PINK launched their 'GRL PWR' campaign. Now, the brand will always



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Students joined the Marshall PINK team in a STRONG by Zumba class, Sept. 12 at the Marshall University Recreation Center.

symbolize female empowerment in my mind," Moore said.

Marshall's PINK team organizes multiple events on campus each semester that are free to students, and they have giveaways, too.

"We always try to make our events as fun as possible, and we want the attendees to leave feeling happy, empowered and strong," Moore said.

"I personally think students should try to take advantage of these free events because, more than likely, you will walk away with some pretty cool prizes," Gragg said. "We are also all pretty easy to talk to, so it's a good way to make a few friends as well."

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MUSIC Mondays offers educational presentation to public

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The work of Beethoven was examined during a MUSIC Mondays presentation at the Cellar Door Tapas Room by Le Bistro on Monday, Sept. 16.

The lecture, titled "The Musical Motive that Led a Revolution: Beethoven's Fifth," was presented by music history professor and founder of MUSIC Mondays,

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Stroehler said the lectures, which are intended to give Marshall staff the opportunity to educate the community, are different than giving presentations on campus because while they provide more distractions, they also provide a different type of environment that is more apt for performances.

"I feel like when I do this, I am a performer, and so part of the aspect in this is a performance component that a classroom setting doesn't have," Stroehler said.

The presentation covered the history of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, different arrangements of the music that have been composed over time and different opinions of the piece.

Stroehler said Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 was not designed for enjoyable listening but rather is "a work for understanding the composer himself."

The music professor said she has multiple MUSIC Mondays planned for the semester, and said that while she is excited for every lecture, the one she is most excited for will take place in February.

"I'm doing Leonard Bernstein's dialogues after Plato's Symposium," she said. "It's a really cool work and I don't think very many people know it, so I'm excited about that."

Stroehler said she would encourage students to attend MUSIC Mondays at the Cellar Door because it is a different environment.

"You get a slightly different take on classical music," Stroehler said. "It's not stuffy, certainly, and it's very different from what you would get in the classroom."

The next MUSIC Mondays event will be taking place Monday, Oct. 12 at the Cellar Door, located at 905 3rd Ave. in Huntington.

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