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## Pro-Choice Students Protest Graphic Abortion Demonstration

By **MATT SCHAFER**  
NEWS EDITOR

Ideologies clashed and graphic images lined Buskirk Field as the national anti-abortion group, Created Equal, visited campus on Tuesday, April 4, and was met with counter-protests from the student body.

The demonstration took place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with members of the anti-abortion group lining the walking path between the

Memorial Student Center Plaza and Buskirk Hall while handing out pamphlets and displaying large signs with graphic images.

“Our organization focuses on educating people on the reality of abortion,” said Molly Myer, Created Equal member, about the demonstration. “We recognize that college students are our future leaders and future voters, so we want to reach these people because they are our future.”

Regarding the graphic images,

which included photos of alleged aborted fetuses, Myer said, “The signs are graphic because abortion is graphic. We recognize that people need to see the injustices to change how they think about it.”

Many students soon gathered with signs and led chants to counter-protest the anti-abortion group, with many contesting the authenticity of the graphic images that the group used, including Marshall freshman Max Verney.

“We don’t have a problem with them

protesting because they do have a First Amendment right. However, we do have a problem with the fact that they are spreading misinformation and that there are children here that are seeing this,” Varney said. “I don’t want kids to be scared of coming to Marshall because it’s a wonderful place.”

Created Equal visited Marshall as a part of its Southern Swing Ring Road Trip for Life tour, in which the group is traveling to college campuses in West Virginia, South

Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky.

While abortion has been a highly contested subject for decades, in 2022 the Supreme Court voted to overturn Roe v. Wade, a landmark ruling that determined that a woman’s right to privacy included the right to an abortion.

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Pro-choice protestors gathered near the signs to protest their message and graphic imagery.

Photo by Evan Green

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# Tatum-Harmon Win SGA Election



Walker Tatum speaks after his victory was announced.

Photo by Emma Johnson

By **EMMA JOHNSON**  
STUDENT REPORTER

After running unopposed, current Student Body Vice President Walker Tatum will represent Marshall as the newest Student Body President, and Nevaeh Harmon will take his place as Student Body Vice President.

“I’m over the moon,” Tatum said. “Now that results are in, I’m just super excited.”

“I’m excited to step into a new role and really bring some new ideas to the table,” Harmon said. “I think it’s a great opportunity to share the voices of the students.”

With the election now over, Isabella Griffiths will step down as Student Body President so Tatum and Harmon can transition into their new roles.

“I feel very bittersweet

leaving student government and graduating from Marshall, but it’s been an incredible ride,” Griffiths said. “But I’m exceptionally proud to be able to say that I’m leaving this position in such good hands.”

Tatum and Harmon hope to create positive changes among the student body with their newly elected positions.

“It’s all about the students,” Harmon said. “When I came to Marshall everyone welcomed me with open arms, and I feel like every student should have that kind of opportunity. So, that is what we are focusing on.”

Students can visit the Tatum/Harmon and SGA Instagram pages for more information on their platform and the changes they hope to bring to the University.

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Since its overturning, many Republican-led states have banned abortions, including West Virginia. Anti-abortion legislation continues to be drafted across the nation.

“No matter what they do, there will always be people to fight back against it,” Varney said. “I believe that anti-LGBT laws that are being passed and anti-abortion laws that have been passed will continue to be protested, and people will continue to be protested.”

“As long as there are people protesting and as long as there are people against it, they have not made their cause valid,” he said.

Near the protests, Marshall’s Women’s and Gender Center had a booth - planned prior to the protests - to give students resources for birth control and reproductive care.

“What is really important to the Women’s and Gender Center is ensuring that our campus gets accurate, judge-free medical information with rights to any reproductive decisions that someone would have to make,” said Blair Bocook, program coordinator of the Women’s and Gender Center.

“If there are any questions or concerns over access to anything involving reproductive care, we would be more than happy to talk to them and point them in the right direction where they can obtain objective,

non-judgmental healthcare-related guidance,” she said.

Created Equal previously visited Marshall’s campus in September 2021 where they also displayed large photos of alleged aborted fetal remains. They were met with counter-protestors then as well, with at least one person being detained for attempting to steal one of the organization’s signs.

According to a press release, Created Equal founder Mark Harrington claims that “abortion is age-based discrimination” and, according to the organization’s website, hopes to “transform students from across the nation into a family of preborn defenders.”



Demonstrators propped up graphic images across Buskirk Field while wearing bodycams.

Photos by Evan Green

## Bridge Closure Uncertain



The Robert C. Byrd Bridge connects Huntington, West Virginia to Chesapeake, Ohio.

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson

By SARAH DAVIS  
STAFF REPORTER

The Robert C. Byrd Bridge - which connects Huntington, West Virginia, and Chesapeake, Ohio - will remain open to travelers after a scheduled construction-closure was delayed, the West Virginia Department of Transportation announced on Thursday, March 23.

Also known as the Sixth Street Bridge, the 29-year-old, 720-foot structure serves as a roadway for the tri-state community and allows travelers to cross into Ohio. The bridge continues West Virginia Route 527 across the Ohio River.

According to a news release from the West Virginia Department of Transportation, KMX Painting

Inc. was given \$10.3 million to complete the construction, which includes cleaning and painting, in December 2022.

The project's delay comes amid various active construction zones in the tri-state area, including the Interstate 64 expansion and Hal Greer Boulevard project.

KMX Painting Inc.'s delay of the project, formerly set to begin on Monday, March 27, is due to the solidification of detour and timing details, according to the release.

Rob Pennington, West Virginia Division of Highways' District 2 engineer, said in the release that the closing of the bridge is a necessary one.

"The Robert C. Byrd Bridge is one of our major highway

structures that spans the Ohio River and provides an important local link to the city of Huntington as well as a regional connection between the states of Ohio and West Virginia," Pennington said. "Completely closing the bridge during the project will allow the project to be completed quicker, more efficiently and more safely for the traveling public," he said.

It is unclear at this time when the project will resume.

Detours will be marked, according to the release, when construction begins. Travelers can use the West Huntington Bridge (17th Street) and the East Huntington Bridge (31st Street) to enter into Ohio during the project.

## COLA Announces New Dean & Journalism Director



Maria Ginhart, new dean for the College of Arts and Media



Robert Quicke, new director of the school of journalism

Courtesy of Ucomm

By MATT SCHAFFER  
NEWS EDITOR

Vacant positions for dean of the College of Arts and Media and director of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications have been filled, according to an announcement released on Monday, April 3.

Dr. Maria P. Gindhart will assume the position of dean of the College of Arts and Media. She has previously served as associate dean of the College of Arts at Georgia State University.

Dr. Rob Quicke, prior to his appointment as director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, served as a tenured professor of communications and chair of the communications department at William Paterson University.

Before her experience at GSU, Gindhart was the associate director of the Earnest G. Welsh School of Art and Design and co-wrote a grant to fund WomanLeads in the Arts. She received her master's and Ph.D.

in the history of art at the University of Pennsylvania and her bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College.

Quicke founded College Radio Day and also served as the manager at New Jersey radio station WPSC 88.7. He received his Ph.D. in communications from Regent University, his master's in radio from Goldsmiths' College and his bachelor's and master's in English language and literature from Oxford University.

Regarding the appointments, Dr. Avi Mukherjee, provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs, said in the announcement, "We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Gindhart and Dr. Quicke to Marshall University. Their expertise and leadership will be invaluable in advancing the mission of the College of Arts and Media and the School of Journalism and Mass Communications."

The announcement was made after both were listed as finalists following a national search that began last semester. Other faculty vacancies are still expected to be named.



Dr. John Stauffer

Courtesy of Harvard Med School

## Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln to be Compared in Lecture

By SARAH DAVIS  
STAFF REPORTER

Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln will be compared in the final Amicus Curiae lecture of the academic year, presented by English and African American studies professor from Harvard University.

The lecture, “GIANTS: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln,” will be presented on Thursday, April 6, by Dr. John Stauffer.

The upcoming lecture will be a significant one, according to the sponsor’s founding director.

“It is very exciting to have such an important expert on the subject of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln – and this entire era – speaking on our campus,”

said Patricia Proctor, pre-law advisor and founding director for the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy.

Stauffer will discuss the similarities between the two historical figures, how they overcame various barriers in pursuit of friendship and how we can learn from their experiences today.

In addition to his career as a professor, Stauffer has written and/or edited 20 books, one of these being “The Black Hearts of Men,” which was co-winner of the Frederick Douglass Book prize. His work has appeared in numerous journals and publications, including The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

He has also been featured on CNN, among many other news

outlets, and has assisted with many films, including “The Free State of Jones.”

Proctor said she believes attendance to the lecture will be of benefit to everyone.

“I hope students will take advantage of the opportunity to meet and hear a scholar who has been voted a favorite Harvard professor on such an important topic in our history,” she said.

The lecture, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

The series is sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

## WMUL Wins Again at Virginias AP Broadcaster Awards

By BEX LAW  
STUDENT REPORTER

WMUL-FM 88.1 won several high-ranking awards this past weekend from the 2022 Virginias Associated Press Broadcasters awards.

On Saturday April 1, staff reporters and directors from WMUL went to the Greenbrier Resort to accept these awards, including first place in Best Spot News, Best Sports Play-by-Play, and second place in Outstanding Sports Operation and Outstanding News Operation.

Thirty-nine Virginia and West Virginia news organizations submitted over 700 news and sports entries from 2022 to the contest. Tim Irr was also featured at the event for winning the West Virginia Lifetime Achievement Award because of his work as an anchor with WSAZ-TV.

David Adkins, Marshall graduate student and continuity director for WMUL, won the Best Spot News award for his report called “Title IX Protest” featuring his coverage of the Title IX protests which took place on Marshall’s campus in November 2022.

Both Marshall alum Andrew Rodgers and Justin Zimmer, a current student and the station’s sports director, won second place in Outstanding Sports News Operation.

Jason Philyaw and Ryan Epling, Marshall alumni and community volunteers, and Luke Hamilton, current sports journalism student and sports reporter, won first place in Best Sports Play-by-Play for their coverage of Marshall versus Appalachian State.

Finally, Makaylah Wheeler, executive director and news director of WMUL, won second place in

Outstanding News Operation. WMUL lost to WVTM-FM in Roanoke, Virginia by one point.

“Another tough decision,” the judges’ report said.

“You all are way smarter than I was when I graduated,” Irr said to the students in attendance after the awards ceremony. “My first job was almost like grad school for me. I mean, I didn’t know anything. You all are much different, much smarter. The industry is lucky.”

“It’s impressive to be able to say we’re consistently winning high awards each year,” Wheeler said, “but it’s more impressive to say we’re winning these awards while up against professional stations, not other colleges.”

Wheeler went on to say, “Being able to say that we won first and second place against professionals really exemplifies why I’m so proud of every volunteer at our station everyday. They work hard and it shows.”



VAPB awards ceremony Photo by Bex Law

**Bex Law is a member of WMUL**

# Professor Emeritus Simon Perry Memorialized by Many

By SARAH DAVIS  
STAFF REPORTER

Community members, family and friends gathered to honor Simon Perry, professor emeritus of Marshall's political science department, on Friday, March 31. The ceremony was held at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

His influence was hard to measure, said a colleague, speaking about the life of her friend.

"His impact is so immense, and it's immense right now," said Patricia Proctor, pre-law advisor and founding director for the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, on the career of Dr. Simon Perry.

"He impacted my life tremendously, and he made me a better person. He made me a better thinker," she said. Perry died on Friday, Jan. 27, at the age of 92. He was the longest serving professor in Marshall history, instructing Marshall students for 48 years and teaching an additional

three years at the University of Michigan. On the stage, 51 candles were lit to commemorate each year Perry taught at the college level.

Proctor estimated that Perry impacted over 20,000 students in his career.

Perry received many awards in his lifetime, including the Distinguished West Virginian Award in 1988 and the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher Award in 2001 and 2004. Perry was also named one of the five 2007 "Living Legends" in Marshall Magazine. However, Proctor believes Perry's legacy is much deeper than the plaques.

"His legacy is his unyielding belief in social justice, his belief in civic education and civic literacy. His belief that people need to understand history," Proctor said. "All of these things were so important to him."

The ceremony began with the playing of "Appalachian Walls,"



Dr. Patricia Proctor, founding director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, spoke at the memorial.

one of Perry's favorite pieces of music. Marshall student Peyton Levi performed the song.

Those in attendance then heard from Perry's friends and colleagues: Dr. David Woodward, professor emeritus of Marshall's history department; Layton Cottrill, retired Marshall general counsel member; Dr. Marybeth Beller, Marshall political science professor and Dr. Montserrat Miller, Marshall history professor.

Woodward described the playful side of Perry and his many abilities, calling him an "impressive teacher." "Simon is really going to be missed by the former students and certainly by me," he said.

Cottrill spoke of his friend in a grand way.

"Simon was intellectually huge. Scholarly, he was huge. His personality was huge," he said. "I will always admire the man."

Beller shared her perspective of Perry as his student, saying that he

was a highly-engaging professor.

"Simon was wise. He was warm. He was gracious, and we were so lucky to have him in our lives," she said.

Miller read comments on the behalf of Phil Carter, a Marshall social work professor. Carter said that Perry had "positively impacted thousands of others over the years." "Simon was brilliant, inspiring, respected and approachable and always extolled the essentiality of democratic practices," Miller said on behalf of Carter.

A video of Perry was played from Marshall's 2009 Winter Commencement. Perry gave advice to the graduates.

"Turn off your television. Shut down your computer. Help your neighbor and build a better community," Perry said to the audience. "To all of you who are graduating: join hands with others, make your community more just and more tolerant and more alive."

Lawyer Paul Ryker and Huntington's Mayor Steve Williams also spoke during the ceremony.

Ryker served as the Perry family's lawyer, in addition to being a former student and friend. He spoke of Perry's body language and how it correlated with his passions.

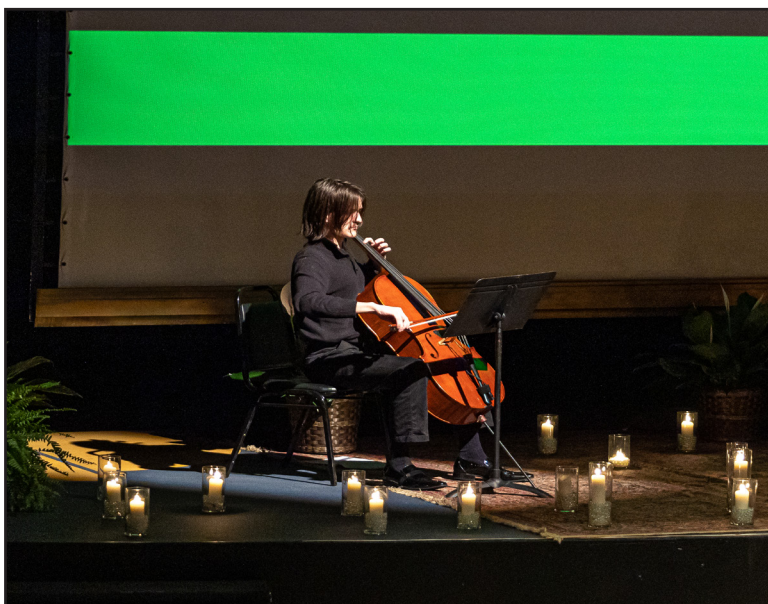
"There's too many important issues to not be active, and I think that's what he taught," he said.

Williams reminisced on numerous memories with Perry, remembering him as a professor, coach, mentor and friend.

"Dr. Perry was an enabler," Williams said. "He enabled idealistic young minds to mature into enlightened leaders."

To close out the memorial service, Perry's granddaughter, Carolyn Vaziri, spoke of her grandfather, saying that, "His life was committed to the pursuit of justice."

"He taught me that the history of yesterday is in fact the history of today," she said.



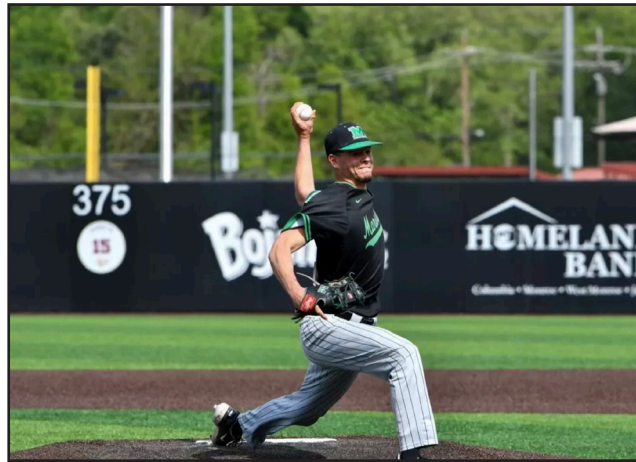
Peyton Levi performed during the ceremony.

Photos by Shauntelle Thompson

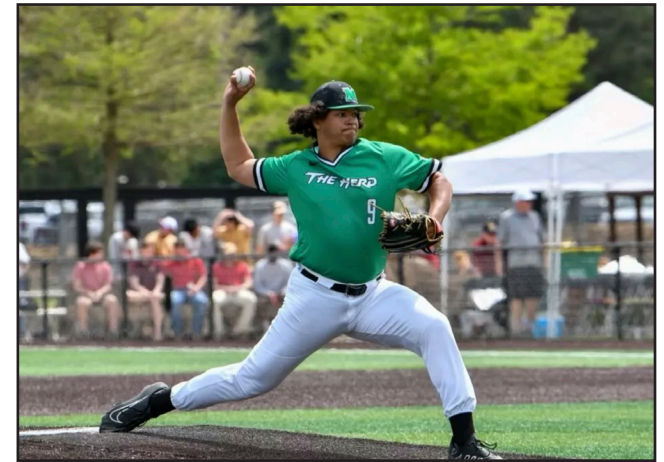
# Baseball Gets Its First SBC Series Win of the Season



Right-handed pitcher Ryan Capuano



Left-handed pitcher Raymond Pacella



Right-handed pitcher Zac Addikson

Courtesy of HerdZone

## By CHAYCE MATHENY SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall baseball won its first SBC series of the season against the University of Louisiana Monroe over the weekend.

In game one on Friday, Marshall won 13-6.

“It is always good to get a win on Friday night,” said Greg Beals, Herd Baseball head coach. “We played great defense and gave tough at-bats all night. (Patrick) Copen gave us another solid start, and (Ryan) Capuano was tough picking up another save. We have the ability to be cleaner on the mound and in situations. I want to get better at the little things. I am excited about the opportunity we have tomorrow to win a road series and get

better as a ball club.”

Marshall got on the board in the first inning with a Calin Smith double that scored Owen Ayers, putting the Herd up 1-0.

ULM would take the lead in the bottom of the inning with a two-run home run.

In the second inning, Luke Edwards singled, scoring Kebler Peralta and Chris Noble. Also, Ayers lined out to left field, scoring Edwards, putting the Herd up 4-2.

ULM would get a run back in the bottom of the second, making it 4-3.

Edwards grounded out to shortstop in the fourth, scoring Peralta, then Kyle Schaefer hit a sacrifice fly, scoring Christian Lucio, making it 6-3 Herd.

ULM got a run back in the bottom of the fourth to make it 6-4.

Marshall scored four unanswered runs from the fifth to the eighth inning, making it 10-4.

In the bottom of the eighth, ULM added two runs to make it 10-6.

In the ninth inning, Marshall scored three runs on Gio Ferraro’s single that scored Ayers, a Daniel Carinci single that scored Ferraro and a Peralta groundout that scored Elijah Vogelsong, finishing the game 13-6.

In game two on Saturday, Marshall lost 4-3 in 11 innings.

“Tough one today for the Herd,” Beals said after the contest. “Our team competed really well. Unfortunately, we were unable to produce the offense needed to win the game. Ray (Pacella) pitched an outstanding game and we asked a lot of (Ryan) Cap. Tomorrow we win a road series.”

ULM scored early in the first inning with a home run that put them up 1-0. Marshall’s Ferraro answered with a solo home run in the second inning to tie the game.

Peralta added another run in the second inning with a single up the middle to score Noble, making it 2-1 Herd.

ULM tied the ball game in the third inning with an RBI groundout.

Ferraro hit another solo homer in the fourth inning to take the lead 3-2.

ULM tied it in the eighth with a sacrifice bunt.

In the bottom of the eleventh, ULM walked it off with a solo home run.

In game three on Sunday, Marshall won it 4-3.

“I am very happy for our guys,” Beals said after the series win. “We fought

hard, competing to the end, and that is what it takes to win a road series in this conference. Zac (Addikson) pitched extremely well, and we got some big hits, highlighted by Carinci’s two-run homer. Looking forward to coming back home to play this week.”

ULM scored in the first inning with an RBI groundout.

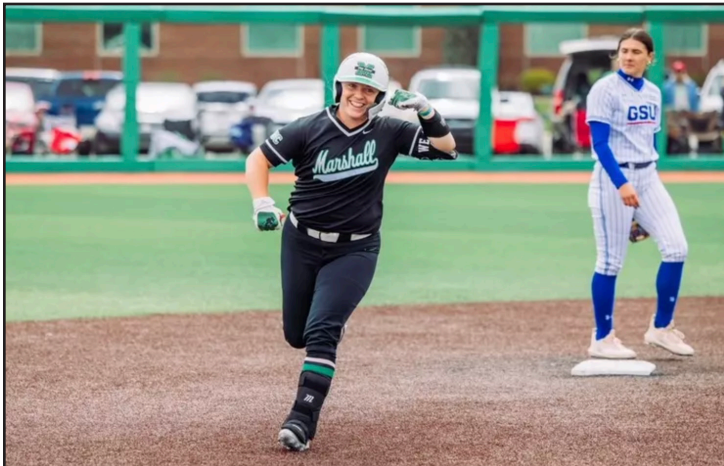
Marshall didn’t get on the board until the seventh inning when Carinci hit a two-run homer to give them a 2-1 lead.

Then later in the ninth, Marshall scored two runs on a throwing error that scored Ayers and a Peralta single that scored Carinci, making it 4-1 Herd.

ULM fell short by adding two runs in the bottom of the ninth on a single.



## Softball Increases Its Win Streak to 21 Games



Marshall player rounds the bases after home run against Georgia State.

Courtesy of HerdZone

By **LUKE HAMILTON**  
STUDENT REPORTER

Thundering Herd Softball was dominant against the Georgia State Panthers this past weekend, winning all three games at home.

Marshall increased its win streak to 21 and improved its record to 31 wins with three losses. The Herd won its first contest (six to one) on Saturday.

Senior pitcher Sydney Nester allowed only one run in her 17th win as starting pitcher for the Herd.

Grace Chelemen hit a home run over the train tracks to top off the four-run fifth inning after the Panthers allowed an Autumn Owen walk.

"I decided to stay calm and get a pitch that I liked. I just drove it, and it went over," Chelemen said after her three RBI and one-run-winning performance.

On Sunday, the Herd took on Georgia State in a doubleheader winning the first one (five to one).

In the first inning, Chelemen continued to perform with a single

that brought Owen home.

Chelemen scored a run of her own in the fifth inning off a single from Rielly Lucas.

Savannah Rice started as pitcher for her eighth win. The junior pitcher struck out two Panthers in four innings of play.

Freshman pitcher Bri Godfrey finished out the last three innings and held Georgia State scoreless.

In the second (six to zero) win on Sunday, Owen added another home run to her season tally, making it 16 on the year.

Brooklyn Ulrich hit a home run in the third, and Lucas struck one to right field in the sixth to top off the weekend sweep.

Nester pitched in all seven innings for the Herd and got her 159th strike out of the season. The redshirt senior is now ahead of all other pitchers in the Sun Belt Conference for strikeouts.

This coming Thursday, Marshall will travel to Monroe, Louisiana to take on ULM at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time.

## Taevion Kinsey Declares for the 2023 NBA Draft



Senior Taevion Kinsey

Photo by Shauntelle Thompsom

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior and SBC Player of the Year Taevion Kinsey declared for the NBA Draft on Tuesday, April 4.

In his career with the Herd, he played 154 games, averaging 17.1 points per game and 3.6 assists per game.

He also passed Jon Elmore in the 2022-23 season to become the all-time leading scorer in Marshall's history, finishing with 2,641 points.

In the 2022-23 season, he averaged 22.1 points per game, 4.9 rebounds per game and 5.4 assists per game.

He posted this statement to his Twitter page.

"You know, when I first came to Marshall University I never knew if would be the best decision in my life, the decision that would ultimately change my life forever," he said. "I was just happy that someone finally took a chance on me. My whole life I've been overlooked and counted out, and I still am to this very day. I never complained once, better yet, I loved it. I embraced it and used it as motivation to drive me. Basketball has been more than a vehicle for me, it's been a life saver."

"Thank you to my family for being with me and supporting me throughout my whole college career. To the great people of Huntington, West Virginia and those who bleed green, thank you

for your support over the years," he said.

"To my coaches, thank you so much for every moment of this journey and for being more than coaches when I needed you outside of the game. To my teammates, if I could do it all again I wouldn't want to do it with any other group of guys, I love y'all forever. Most importantly, thank you God for creating this game of basketball and thank you so much for blessing me every day to wake up and be able to play this beautiful game," he said.

"With that being said, I will be declaring for the 2023 NBA Draft," he said.

## SBC Freshman of the Year Micah Handlogten Enters the Transfer Portal

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

SBC Freshman of the Year Micah Handlogten has entered the transfer portal.

Coming out of high school at Southlake Christian Academy, he averaged 17 points per game, 13 rebounds per game

and four blocks per game.

He was also two-time All-State and two-time All-Conference.

In his first year with the Herd, the 7'1 center averaged 7.6 points, 9.8 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game. He was also averaging 2.3 blocks per game.

Handlogten has narrowed his future teams to just eight: NC State, Florida,

Auburn, Georgia, Indiana, Missouri, Virginia and Arkansas.

He will take an official visit to the University of Florida at the end of the week.

# Depression Too Often Gets Deemed 'Hard to Treat' When Medication Falls Short

By **ELISSA H. PATTERSON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A plumber who shows up to fix a leaking toilet with a single tool is not likely to succeed. The same is true if a mental health professional offers only one approach for a complex problem like depression.

Sadly, the number of people struggling with depression increased dramatically at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Stress – from school closures to job losses to the death of loved ones – made life more challenging and increased the risk of developing emotional difficulties. For some groups that have experienced discrimination, ongoing inequities made

their mental health even worse.

There is a professional debate about whether depression is a social problem or a disease. Despite this debate, a 62% increase in yearly spending on U.S. mental health care, from US\$131 billion in 2006 to \$212 billion in 2015, has not led to the intended level of improvement for patients.

This makes it clear that the current approach is falling short, but there are a host of viable alternatives for helping to treat patients who are suffering with depression.

We are a health and biological psychologist who treats hospitalized

patients with depression and anxiety and a doctoral student in social work studying how to improve the lives of socially isolated older adults.

As mental health professionals, we see the effects of the ongoing mental health crisis on a daily basis.

An overreliance on medication causes harm.

More than 13% of U.S. adults take an antidepressant medication for depression or for other reasons. Many people report feeling better on antidepressants, though there is debate about what causes the improvements.

Unfortunately, nearly 3 in 4 who take these drugs do not get complete relief from antidepressants. As we discussed in a recent paper, people who do not feel better on antidepressants are usually categorized as having a difficult-to-treat type of depression referred to, controversially, as “treatment-resistant depression.”

We see patients who feel demoralized by the implied and untrue notion that their depression is “incurable” after only trying medication but not lower-risk treatments like psychotherapy and other effective alternatives. We help them find hope again.

The U.S. health care system relies heavily on medication and other biomedical treatments for depression. But in fact there are numerous non-drug-based solutions for prevention and treatment of depression.

Holistic concepts that promote flourishing and thriving, as well as whole-health initiatives and mind-body medicine focus on the entire person. These concepts have not yet been fully integrated into approaches to public mental health.

There are many hardworking, highly successful people who do not feel fulfilled



Courtesy of AP/ Jaimee Marshall

with life from time to time. When this internal lack of fulfillment also includes other symptoms like a loss of hope and becomes severe enough to disrupt daily life for a period of two weeks or more, it may be medically diagnosed as depression.

In the 1960s, researchers proposed that depression was caused by a chemical imbalance of a neurotransmitter called serotonin in the brain. In 1988, the pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly introduced an antidepressant medication based on that idea.

However, after decades of experiments, researchers have failed to find evidence showing support for the chemical imbalance theory. A recent study highlights the growing realization that antidepressant medications do not work in the simplistic way in which they have been advertised for decades.

This is important because antidepressants have side effects that can be serious. For a doctor and patient to weigh the risks and benefits of taking an antidepressant, they need accurate information about both. The chemical imbalance theory interfered with that conversation.

So what exactly does contribute to overall well-being and happiness to help stave off depression?

A large body of research shows that biological, psychological and social factors contribute to feeling satisfied in life or to developing depression. Because each individual is unique, there is not a one-size-fits-all formula for well-being.

Many people find relief from depression by talking to a psychotherapist. High-quality psychotherapy has been shown to be as effective as and longer-lasting than antidepressant medication when treating depression.

Therapy activates an individual's hope and natural resilience by creating a safe and emotionally warm relationship through which the therapist and client work together toward common goals. In addition to helping clients learn about their emotions, thoughts, relationships and patterns of behavior, a good therapist explores how to help their clients identify everyday activities that can improve wellness.

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# First of Four Capstone Exhibits Tackle Modern Concerns

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**  
STUDENT REPORTER

Sexuality, history, mental health and animal conservation featured as themes in the capstone exhibit hosted at the Marshall University Visual Arts Center on Tuesday, March 28.

Four students took on a topic for their capstone that they had deep connections to. They used different mediums to create several pieces of art throughout the exhibit.

In the piece “Made in Black America: An Abridged History of Black Patent Owners,” capstone student Nicole Carey brought to the public eye the history of inventions patented by African Americans throughout history.

“I wanted to highlight the contributions made by Black people in America, but I didn’t want the selections to feel completely arbitrary. This is why the year each invention was patented became part of the design,” Carey said.

Carey used graphic design and large posters to portray the emotion and information that are both vital to the piece.

“It was important to me that the scale of these posters made the inventors appear to be larger than life,” she said. “I wanted the set to feel like a celebration of their accomplishments as well as being somewhat informational.”

History was also a part of the fixture in artist Samantha Taylor’s work that took inspiration from the sexual revolution of the 1960s.

“My artworks are not just about the human body or its shapes and curves,” Taylor said. “They’re not just mere representations of sexuality or sensuality either. Instead, they are the very essence of sexuality and what the sexual revolution of the 1960s was all about.”

Each piece of Taylor’s art explored the themes and emotions that come along with the conversation of sex in today’s world.

“In my ceramic works, I created pieces that explore ideas of intimacy, vulnerability and



“Kemps Ridley Sea Turtle Critically Endangered” by Baylee Gruesser

Photo by Joseph Dicristofaro

ecstasy,” Taylor said. “There is something raw and primal about the feeling of clay in my hands, and I found that this medium lent itself perfectly to the exploration of these emotions and themes.”

While the topic of sex can be risqué and make people uncomfortable, art should be challenging and provocative, according to Taylor.

Meanwhile, mental health also played a key part in this exhibit through the works of Beck Ervine.

“I wanted to work in personal elements along with things that were talked about in my psychology class,” Ervine said. “One of the things that kept coming up was grounding and mental health.”

Ervine went on to say, “Grounding requires you to focus on a detail such as counting numbers or a specific pattern or feeling a specific texture. It acts as a point of reference to calm down and stay focused. I wanted to accomplish that in a very physical way.”

Some of the works look very chaotic, but each painting was done on specific number sets, such as on counts of threes, fours, 10’s and 13’s, according to Ervine.

The exhibit also took on more environmental issues through the work of Baylee P. Gruesser, which focused on endangered animals.

“I consider my work to be a combination of fine art and environmental science by using paint and mixed media to create recognizable figures,” Gruesser said. “I believe it can be used to create a bridge to animal conservation.”

Several different types of tactics used by Gruesser portray the importance of conservation and protecting endangered animals. For example, bright colors were used on these pieces to add a sense of hope to an otherwise depressing theme, according to Gruesser.

“The paintings are also roughly the same size as the endangered animals in order to create a strong emotional and physical connection with the viewer,” Gruesser said.

Gruesser’s work showcased animals of all shapes and sizes from many different corners of the world all of which are in need of protection.

“My hope is that by even one person viewing my work, I can be beneficial to animal conservation,” Gruesser said.

This group of artists was the first installment of four groups whose work will be showcased at the Visual Arts Center. In the upcoming weeks, a new group of artists’ work will be displayed for the public to view.

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# Herd in Town Highlights Women and Pop Culture

By **BEX LAW**  
STUDENT REPORTER

With so many Women’s History Month events on the schedule, the College of Liberal Arts scheduled their final event in April.

A panel of four female researchers formed to discuss their research in women’s and gender studies relating to popular culture on April 4.

Speaking at the Sip Downtown Brasserie were:

- Dr. Wendy Perkins, associate professor of criminology and criminal justice, who presented her research titled “Lessons Learned While Researching Violence Against Women,”
- Dr. Jana Tigchelaar, associate professor of English, who presented “Why Neighbors Matter: Queering Kinship in Women’s Regional Literature,”
- Amber Stone, graduate student of sociology and women’s studies, who presented “Professional Fake Gamer Girl: How Gender Performance Affects Female Streamers on Twitch.TV” and
- Dr. Hilary Brewster, associate professor of English, who presented “Because Female Comics Don’t Get Pregnant: The Unruly Comedy of Ali Wong and Amy Schumer.”

Brewster, who also is a local stand-up comedian, said, “This idea came to me when I taught English 242,

Women Writers, which I centered on women comics. I love stand up comedy and resent the fact that when many people are asked their favorite comic, they never name women.”

Herd in Town events have been happening for years. Dr. Kelli Prejean, associate dean of COLA, said and are intentionally off campus in efforts to build a bridge between the community and scholarship of Marshall’s faculty, as well as create an event that highlighted the cross disciplinary work surrounding women’s studies.

“We have a lot of great faculty at Marshall who do a lot of work the community at large isn’t aware of,” Prejean said. “These are topics people might not normally think about. We hope the community looks at topics unfamiliar to them, or in a different way with a different spin, to engage with the community about these ideas. Bringing relevant scholarship to the community is important.”

Future Herd in Town events may be more focused on a specific theme rather than the broad scope of “Celebrating Female Perspectives” according to Prejean. They are always open to students and the community regardless of location, she said.

“Sometimes students see these events as focused only on faculty,” Prejean said, “but I hope students come even when it’s off campus, and I hope they invite their parents and their friends, so we can all celebrate the inclusive perspective.”

# States Aim to Boost School Safety After Tennessee Shooting

By **CLAIRE RUSH**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the wake of an elementary school shooting in Tennessee earlier this week that left three 9-year-olds and three adults dead, state legislatures across the country are moving forward with bills aiming to improve school safety.

The bills have been introduced in blue and red states alike and would require schools to install technology ranging from panic buttons, video surveillance and emergency communications systems. Most have bipartisan support, with lawmakers seeing them as a way to boost school security while avoiding political gridlock on the hot-button issue of gun control. But some experts say teacher safety training is more effective and less expensive than the new technologies, which also can require upgrades or ongoing maintenance that may not be funded.

That hasn't stopped states from Oregon to Missouri to Tennessee from pursuing the systems.

"I was asked by a colleague if our schools will have to become fortresses to keep our kids safe. And I told them yes, if that's what it takes. I don't care if we have to park a tank outside a school," Tennessee's Republican House Majority Leader William Lamberth said.

While Democratic state lawmakers have called for tighter gun laws as a way to stem school shootings, many are now also supporting the school emergency measures that have largely been touted by Republicans.

In Oregon, where Democrats control the Legislature, a bill that would require schools to send electronic notifications to parents as soon as possible after a safety threat occurs passed the state House unanimously this week. Two Democratic lawmakers are the chief sponsors of another bill that would require all public school classrooms to have panic alert devices that would contact law enforcement or emergency services when activated.

If passed, the panic alert bill would

make Oregon the fourth state — along with Republican-led Florida and Democratic-led New Jersey and New York — to enact such a law. Several other states are considering similar legislation.

"If there's anything we know, it's that during an emergency, time equals life," said one of the Oregon bill's chief sponsors, Democratic state Rep. Emerson Levy.

Some school districts aren't waiting for legislation to implement new security measures such as panic devices.

Las Vegas's Clark County School District, among the 10 largest districts nationwide, is now using a system involving badges called CrisisAlert. The badges can be worn around the neck and pressed to call for help or trigger a schoolwide lockdown.

Olathe Public Schools in suburban Kansas City, the second-largest district in the state, also adopted CrisisAlert. The district has yet to use it to respond to an active shooter situation, according to Jim McMullen, who oversees the district's Safety Services Department and also serves as assistant superintendent of middle school education. But he said school personnel use the badge every day for things ranging from student fights to medical emergencies.

"Earlier today we used it when we had a student who was unconscious. The staff member, instead of leaving the kid to go call for help, was able to just hit their button three times and had a lot of assistance real quickly," he said on Thursday.

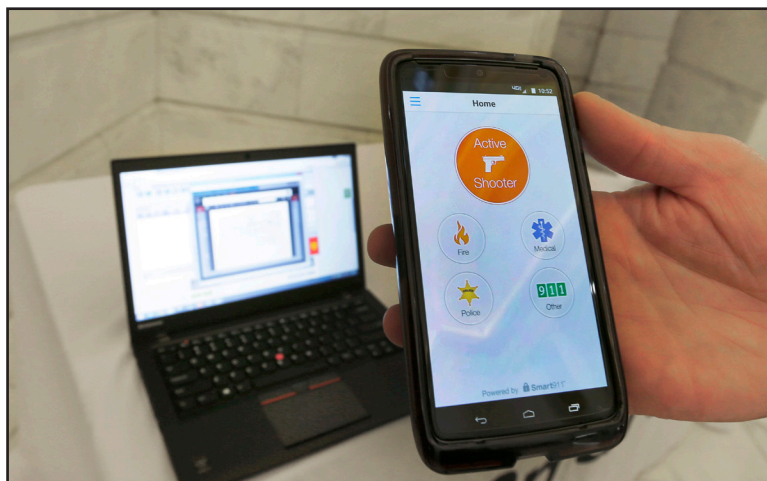
"We've gotten tremendous feedback from our staff regarding the fact that it makes them feel safer, empowered," McMullen said.

Panic alert devices gained steam after the



Olathe Public Schools' director of safety service displays a panic-alert button.

Courtesy of AP/ Claire Rush



A smartphone is held during a demonstration of the Rave Panic Button application.

Courtesy of AP/ Claire Rush

2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Lori Alhadeff, whose 14-year-old daughter, Alyssa, was among the 17 killed, founded the group Make Our Schools Safe and began advocating for panic buttons. She had texted her daughter as shots rang out that help was on the way.

"It's really so important to be proactive, and to really accept the fact that unfortunately this can happen anywhere at any time, as we've seen over and over again," said Lori Kitaygorodsky, the group's spokesperson. "There's really nothing to lose by being prepared."

Some Republican-led states have boosted funding for school safety in order to help schools pay for new devices like panic buttons. Installing CrisisAlert, for example, costs at least \$8,000 per campus under a three- to five-year contract, according to Will Fullerton, senior vice president for government affairs at Centegix, the Atlanta-based company that makes the

product. The number of schools using CrisisAlert nearly doubled from 2021 to 2022, according to the company. The badge system delivered over 50,000 alerts in the Fall 2022 semester, a 100% increase from the same time the previous year, said vice president of marketing Stacy Meyer in an email.

After a shooter killed 19 children and two teachers last May at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, state officials announced \$105 million for school safety and mental health initiatives. Nearly half of that was slated for bullet-resistant shields for school police and \$17 million was for districts to purchase panic-alert technology.

The Missouri House on Thursday approved a 2024 budget with \$50 million for school safety grants, on top of \$20 million already authorized for school safety in the current year. Schools will be able to use the money on technology including door locking devices, intercom systems and video surveillance equipment.

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"Kiss Me" by Samantha



"Works Done" by Beck Ervine

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# Former President Trump Arrested on 34 Felony Charges

By **MATT SCHAFFER**  
NEWS EDITOR

Former President Donald Trump pled not guilty on Tuesday, April 4, after being indicted on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records, becoming the first American

president to be arrested on charges.

The charges were presented by Manhattan Attorney General Alvin Bragg last Thursday, March 30, marking the first time a sitting or former American president has been indicted.

The charges surround the former president's use of the Trump Organization's finances to fund an alleged hush money payment to adult film actress Stormy Daniels, who claims to have had an affair with Trump in October 2016.

Prosecutors hope to have Daniels as a witness in their case.

Judge Juan Merchan, who is handling the case, has not issued a gag order. However, he advised "both sides to tamp down their language."

Merchan also rejected requests for the arraignment to be televised.

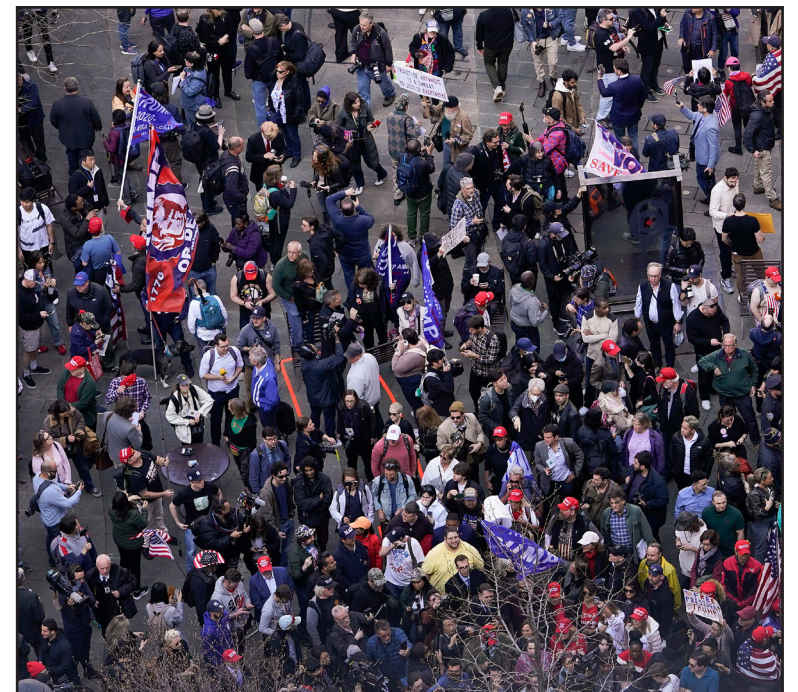
The charges against Trump have drawn criticism from many Republican leaders nationwide.

The next in-person hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 4, 2023.



Former President Donald Trump sits at the defense table with his defense team in a Manhattan court on April 4 in New York.

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Demonstrators gather outside New York Supreme Court.

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