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GIVING BACK

Goodwill Industries to offer Valentine's Day cards and treats to local veterans

By ERIKA JOHNK THE PARTHENON

Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA is offering \$1 treats and Valentine's Day cards to customers to support veterans Feb. 1 through 14.

The treats will be hand-delivered to the local veterans Valentine's Day weekend.

Beth Sanders, sales manager of Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA's said she loves giving back.

"I have major passion in life for giving back to people, and I want to do something every month at Goodwill to show appreciation to those who have done nice things to us because I am extremely big on giving back to the community," Sanders said.

Goodwill plans to have an event every month to support the local organizations to

build relationships within the community to those who are constantly giving back.

Bradley Ray, a former lance corporal in the U.S. Marines said it is great what organizations do for people who serve.

"It is incredibly heart-warming seeing organizations within the Tri-State community being involved with showing appreciation to those who have served," Ray said. "It almost brings tears of joy to me whenever I see people showing appreciation to the duty we have done for our country."

Goodwill is having a "Military March" next month in which people can purchase a post card and fill a box with treats to send overseas to show appreciation to active duty soldiers.

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MU Alert system constantly monitored to ensure speed, accuracy

By TYLER FERRIS THE PARTHENON

Marshall University completes an emergency alert test at the beginning of every semester to bring awareness to MU Alert.

Jon Cutler, Marshall chief information security officer, said the alert test also makes sure all subscribers' contact information is up-to-date so they can be reached in case of a campus emergency.

MU Alert is a free service provided by the university through Blackboard Connect. Blackboard Connect is a service from the company used for MUOnline that sends out mass notifications.

Marshall uses this service to keep students, faculty and staff in the know in case of any type of unusual occurrence including inclement weather, illness outbreak, a campus safety threat and other emergency situations.

Cutler said he considered the procedure to be a success.

"In terms of speeds and feeds, we had

12,343 people subscribed at the time of the test," Cutler said. "Of those subscribers, 12,226 were reached, so about 99 percent."

Though the test was said to be successful, Cutler's office uses a diagnostic to see why the other 1 percent was unable to be reached.

Cutler said the internal reports point to invalid phone numbers or email addresses.

"Just because one contact point didn't reach, doesn't mean all didn't reach," Cutler said.

Statistics from the test show 80 to 85 percent of subscribers are students. The remaining 15 to 20 percent are faculty and staff.

In case an emergency did took place in which students and university employees would need to know immediately, Cutler said once the information is typed out and sent, it should arrive in less than two minutes.

Students, faculty and staff can update their contact information or subscribe at MyMU.

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INTO Marshall program gives international students a social way to learn English

By CAITLIN FOWLKES THE PARTHENON

The conversation partner program at Marshall University matches up an American student with an international student to help improve their English skills.

The INTO Marshall program helps international students begin a degree program at the university by refining their English skills.

Kelsey Dowler, student assistant at the INTO Marshall program, said it is important for international students to make a connection with an American student their age.

"They get to experience West Virginia in a way most international students don't, if they aren't friends with Americans," Dowler said.

Students can spend their personal time or attend various events at the INTO Marshall center. Students are encouraged to spend at least an hour a week together.

This semester, 40 American students have

applied, but there are still 33 international students who need a conversation partner. Since the start of the program, there have been approximately 50 match-ups.

Sathorn Preechavuthinant, a second semester INTO Marshall student, said it is a convenient way to practice English and learn more of the American culture.

"If you want to learn English, you need to understand the culture," Preechavuthinant said. She said international students may not make friends with Americans as easily as they make friends with each other.

"It is hard sometimes because when they (Americans) talk, they speak very fast and sometimes they can't understand me because of my accent," Preechavuthinant said.

The program matches students based on common interests and spoken languages.

The next event will be a Mardi Gras party Feb. 17.

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Police officer acquitted in 95-year-old's beanbag gun death

By DON BABWIN ASSOCIATED PRESS

A suburban Chicago police officer was acquitted Wednesday in the death of a 95-year-old World War II veteran whom he shot with a beanbag gun at an assisted living facility.

Park Forest Police Officer Craig Taylor was charged with felony reckless conduct for the July 2013 death of John Wrana, who died from internal bleeding. He was found not guilty after a bench trial, with the judge saying Taylor showed restraint as Wrana wielded a knife and acted as he was trained.

"There was nothing criminal about his actions," Cook County Judge Luciano Panici said in a courtroom packed with police officers supporting Taylor and Wrana's relatives in Markham, south of Chicago.

Taylor put his head down as the verdict was read, then cried as he stood to hug his crying wife. Wrana's relatives

also quietly wept and shook their heads as they hugged one another.

The trial came as the issue of excessive force gained national attention in the wake of killings by police of unarmed men in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York's Staten Island. Wrana's death also raised questions about police tactics, but Taylor's supporters noted that he used beanbag gun, a tactic supported by some police critics.

The basic disagreement in Taylor's case wasn't about the series of events, but rather if Taylor was justified in using a weapon at close range that prosecutors said fires beanbags at 190 mph.

Taylor, 43, was one of several officers dispatched to the assisted living facility where Wrana lived after a staff member reported he had become combative on July 26, 2013.

Wrana struck a staffer with his cane, then brandished

a 2-foot-long shoehorn at officers, prompting them to briefly leave the room. When the officers returned, one officer was carrying a Taser, another one had a shield, and Taylor was carrying a 12-gauge shotgun that shoots beanbags.

Wrana then threatened the officers with a knife. When he refused to drop it, an officer fired at him with the Taser but missed. Wrana then moved toward Taylor, who fired his weapon five times.

On Tuesday, the judge noted that Taylor was careful to avoid Taylor's face, neck and spine.

Prosecutors said Taylor had better and safer options than to fire the beanbags at a confused, elderly man, and that the officers didn't have to storm Wrana's room. They said Taylor behaved recklessly when he fired at Wrana from no more than 8 feet away.

Taylor testified that he was

following a superior officer's orders, and that he feared for his life and the lives of his fellow officers as Wrana threatened to kill whoever came into his room. Taylor said he felt like he "had to do something to stop" Wrana.

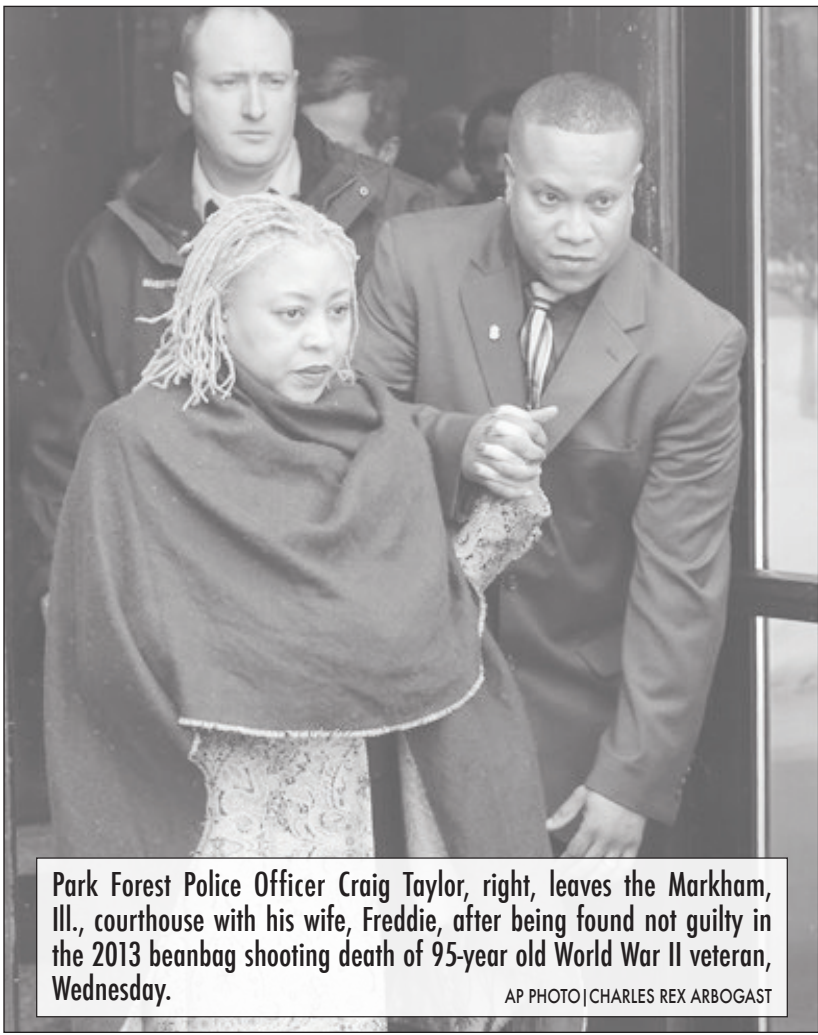
State's Attorney Anita Alvarez defended the decision to charge Taylor.

"I really think other actions could have been taken and more restraint shown," she said after the verdict was announced.

Taylor's defense attorney, Terry Ekl, said his client, who has been on desk duty since he was charged, will return to patrol.

"It is absolutely crystal clear that Craig Taylor did absolutely nothing wrong," Ekl said.

Ekl said Taylor wouldn't speak publicly about the case because of a pending lawsuit filed by Wrana's family, but that the judge's verdict would likely weaken that case.



Landslide smashes into wall at Italy's historic Pompeii site

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heavy rains have provoked landslide at the ancient Italian site of Pompeii, partially collapsing a retaining wall and sending rubble into a garden at the house of Severus.

Italian officials on Wednesday said the affected area falls within the "Great Pompeii" joint EU-Italian restoration project and had been already closed to the public.

Pompeii, the ancient Roman city encased in volcanic ash near Mount Vesuvius, south of Naples, has suffered numerous collapses of walls and buildings in recent years, often due to rain. The problems have attracted widespread attention to Italy's difficulties in maintaining its cultural treasures.

Pompeii officials said firefighters were assessing the ancient site to determine areas at particular risk for collapse in a bid to shore them up.



(Left) A landslide due to heavy rains is seen in the ancient site of Pompeii, Italy, Wednesday. The ancient site of Pompeii has suffered a landslide due to heavy rains, causing a retaining wall and garden at the house of Severus to partially collapse. Officials on Wednesday said the area affected by the latest collapse falls within the "Great Pompeii" joint EU-Italian restoration project and had been already closed to the public.

AP PHOTO | CESARE ABBATE, ANSA

Corrections

In Wednesday's edition of The Parthenon, a story claimed 2015 marks the fifth anniversary for the Rec Center. It will actually be the sixth anniversary.

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2015 signing day welcomes new recruiting class

“Doc not only gets great players, he gets great students and great human beings.”

-JACOB MESSER

By **MALCOLM WALTON**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s football team announced its 25 recruits Wednesday, which includes 11 players from Florida.

Head coach Doc Holliday said his coaching staff has always recruited heavily in the Florida area and the team’s recent national exposure has helped in the recruiting process.

“We went down there and won twice in Florida this year, so those guys got to see us play,” Holliday said during his press conference. “Of course, we got to play in a bowl game down there, and that didn’t hurt us as far as exposure is concerned. So, I think now we have 33 kids from down there including this class.”

Jacob Messer, publisher for Herdnation.com, said high school players in Florida, particularly the South Florida area, are taking notice of their former classmates’ decision to come to Marshall.

“It’s a snowball effect,” Messer said. “People who think these kids don’t realize that, are crazy. For a lot of these kids, Huntington is starting to feel like home. You see the guys you grew up with, that you played ball with, not only getting an opportunity to play football at a thriving program, but also graduate from college and lead productive lives.”

Holliday said the relationships he has made with high school coaches in the Florida area has been beneficial as well.

“Those coaches know us,” Holliday said. “They know we’re going to take care of the kids, just like we did with Cato, Shuler and the rest of them. What’s great about recruiting in that area is that we have a track record of kids that come here and are successful. They do a great job academically, and

they perform at the highest level.”

Holliday also credits the new indoor facility, Chris Cline Athletic Complex, as an attraction during the players’ recruiting visit.

“When the kids come on campus, they can see one of the nicest indoor facilities in the country,” Holliday said. “We can actually take them to the hall of fame and show them all of the great players that have come through here.”

Messer said this year’s recruiting class is one of the better classes Holliday has put together since arriving at Marshall.

“It’s impressive,” Messer said. “Doc not only gets great players, he gets great students and great human beings.”

Messer was not hesitant to say the Herd easily has the best recruiting class in C-USA this year, with Florida International University coming in at a distant second.

“It’s not even close,” Messer said. “I will say that FIU is starting to step it up a notch, and that’s great for Marshall. Marshall needs its conference opponents to step it up.”

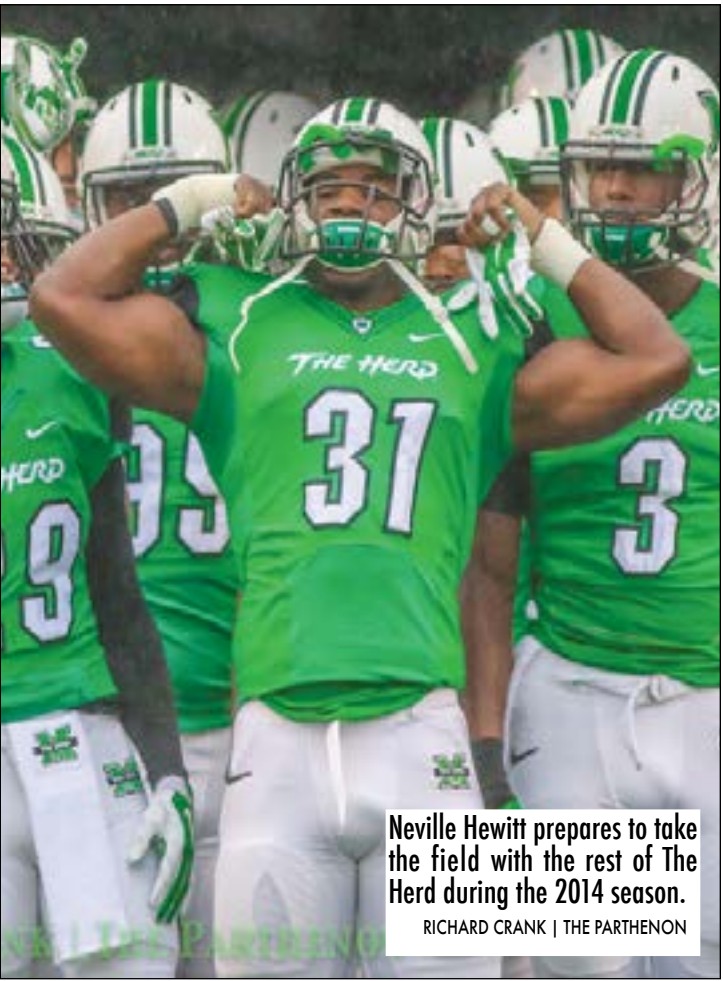
While Holliday said he is excited about the recruiting class, he mentioned the challenge that Marshall faces when recruiting players that are also being scouted by schools in the Power 5 conferences—which consists of the ACC, the Big Ten, the Big 12, the Pac-12 and the SEC.

“These P5 schools go in there and tell these kids how much different they are from Marshall,” Holliday said. “As far as ‘You can get so much more from a P5 school,’ no you can’t. You can come to Marshall and have better facilities, you can play for championships, and you can get all of the same things that you can get at their places.”

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Doc Holliday speaks to the press during signing day Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center.
SHANNON STOWERS | THE PARTHENON



Neville Hewitt prepares to take the field with the rest of The Herd during the 2014 season.
RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Back in full force

Herd softball prepares for a successful season

By **JILL SHEMANSKI**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women’s softball team hopes to take back the C-USA Championship trophy it took two years ago.

After coming up short last season, the team is focusing on this goal, and it all starts Friday in Charleston, South Carolina, when the Herd takes on West Point and College of Charleston.

Head coach Shonda Stanton, who has the record for most victories by a Marshall coach in any sport, will begin her 16th season coaching the Herd.

The team will return with seven starters, one senior and three All-C-USA preseason team selections. Members of the All-C-USA preseason team include third baseman Shaelynn Braxton and outfielders Kaelynn Greene and Morgan Zerkle.

Lacking in seniority this season, their strength comes from their young players already having experience under their belts.

Junior third baseman Braxton said the team has a high potential freshman class.

“With such a talented freshman class this season, and only losing one starter from last season, we’ve had an upper hand this year going through our preseason practices and training,” Braxton said. “Every returner has only known conference championships, and nine of us know the feel of a win. Everything we have done over the past few months to prepare for this season has been based on our ability to work together as a team.”

Braxton said the team has recognized the effort it will take to accomplish the goal they failed to obtain last season.

“With the chemistry that we have this season paired with a veteran squad and phenomenal freshman, our focus has been able to become about winning each day and preparing for every battle that we’re going to face,” Braxton said. “There’s been a chip on every returners shoulder since falling to Tulsa last year, and that vendetta has caused us all to work harder than we ever have before. The neatest thing is the willingness of the freshmen to rise up and meet our work ethic so we can send this year’s seniors out with another ring.”

Junior outfielder Raquel Escareno said she believes the high level of success her class achieved as freshmen shows what can be possible with the right mindset, even with young players.

“I think my class as juniors now know what is expected, and all we know is winning and being in a championship game, so that’s our goal,” Escareno said. “With the talent and skill set we have now, we will take the C-USA Conference and go to regionals.”

The Herd has 20 home games scheduled at Dot Hicks Field this spring.

The opening game is a C-USA double-header against Western Kentucky University March 14.

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“With the talent and skill set we have now, we will take the C-USA Conference and go to regionals.”

-RAQUEL ESCARENO

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COLUMN

Check your privilege without giving it up

By JOCELYN GIBSON
THE PARTHENON

It makes sense to think of the disadvantages of one group as advantages toward another group. It often goes unrecognized that while women do experience disadvantages in the workforce, that proportionally puts men at an advantage.

By acknowledging white privilege, one must also consider what they are going to do about it. Once white (or male) privilege has been pointed out, we have an ethical obligation to try and combat the problem.

Male and white privilege do exist and we have an obligation to lessen them, however, I disagree with people who believe that men don't want to help women because they aren't willing to give up their privileges.

As a feminist, I am not interested in lessening the status of anyone else, only making sure that I am able to reach equal ground with them as a woman. I feel that, done correctly, feminism doesn't want to strip anyone of his or her privileges, but just make the same privileges attainable to everyone.

I realize that this is a lofty endeavor and one that will be difficult to execute as we are currently on a very uneven

playing ground in not only gender disparities, but those of race and class as well.

One way to begin combating the issue is to acknowledge your privileges. Acknowledging that you are given certain advantages because of some arbitrary social construct doesn't mean that you have to give up the privileges now that you are aware of them.

Awareness just allows you to understand how they affect the everyday world that you operate in and realize when you are gaining something because of an arbitrary social construct or because you actually deserve it.

It is equally, or more, important to acknowledge when you are giving someone preferential treatment based on race, gender, or class because that is where you can truly make a difference.

That is where the focus in combatting the issue should lay, not in asking someone to give up privileges they didn't realize they were receiving before. And again, it is important to focus on getting the same privileges for the groups that are commonly disadvantaged.

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EDITORIAL

GUN SMOKE AND TRAIL DUST

Clint Eastwood's character in "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly" shoots off in the final duel scene.

SCREENSHOT | YOUTUBE

The undeniable appeal of the Western in America cinema

American cinema is replete with period films, from ancient history to recent events, but there is only one type of period film that is a genre all its own: the western. Few films are as quintessentially American as the western. It has been around almost as long as cinema itself. One of the earliest—and most famous—American films is 1903's "The Great Train Robbery," a short film that follows a band of outlaws who rob a train and are subsequently pursued by a posse of lawmen. As the first of what would eventually become a staple of American cinema, it serves as a template for the typical western, cementing a formula that is followed to this day. The film is also arguably the most authentic, in that it was filmed at a

time when the old west still existed. John Wayne later popularized the genre, beginning with 1939's "Stagecoach," the film that made Wayne a star. In the early 60s, the role of Western icon passed to Clint Eastwood, with a series of films beginning with 1964's "A Fistful of Dollars," and culminated with 1992's "Unforgiven." While both men popularized the genre, they also played their parts in romanticizing it. Although Eastwood's films portray a much more gritty, authentic version of the old west than Wayne's did, both create an allure that sucked audiences in the moment the theater lights dimmed. So why has the western become such a staple of American cinema? What is

it about the time period that audiences find so appealing? One of the reasons undoubtedly has to do with the portrayal of the American Frontier and a time when there were parts of this country left unexplored. In that regard, the idea of undiscovered parts of America creates a sort of mystery to the old west. Coupled with a sense of adventure, the western combines two great themes for dynamic storytelling—all set to the backdrop of a real period in history. Additionally, no other genre of film truly celebrates the birth of America as we know it than the western. Since the western generally occurs after the Civil War, a defining period in the formation of modern America, it reflects a time that is innately understandable to

U.S. audiences — it shows a country that is at once antiquated, but familiar. But a western would not be the same without the outlaw. The outlaws, like the pirates of the 18th century, represent freedom — an idea that tends to conjure up a romanticized version of criminality in a uniquely American way. The appeal is that this freedom is set in a landscape that is recognizable as America. It is very easy for audiences to imagine themselves riding the open plains of Kansas or Nebraska, hearing the creak of leather and the pound of hooves against the ground as they ride toward an orange sunset through a haze of trail dust. Although the reality of the time period is far less romantic, the ideas and images it conjures are undeniably appealing.

SUBMISSION

MU SAND sweet-talks students in the MSC

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Every little dietary change you make adds up; focusing on one improvement at a time can encourage a lasting change. This month we encourage you to take notice of the amount of added sugar in your drinks, foods and sweets. Take a look at the nutrition label to find the ingredient list. You'll know a food contains added sugar if you see any of the following terms: brown sugar, cane juice, evaporated cane juice, confectioner's sugar, corn syrup, high-fructose corn syrup, fruit juice concentrate, invert sugar, honey, maple syrup, nectar, agave nectar, raw sugar, rice syrup, brown rice syrup or any term ending in "ose" like dextrose, fructose or sucrose. Tracking added sugar isn't always easy but it might get easier. The FDA recently proposed separating added and natural sugars on new food labels. Today, sugar amounts on the label include sugars manufacturers add to food (added sugars) and sugars that naturally sweeten fruits,

vegetables and milk. You'll know most of the sugar is added sugar if any of the terms above are one of the first ingredients listed or if several sugar terms are listed. Try lowering your added sugar intake this month by comparing labels and choosing foods with less sugar, reaching for a banana or grapes for dessert, making your own pancakes or cookies at home with less sugar, drinking more water, milk or 100 percent fruit juice instead of soft drinks, exploring different flavorings like almond or vanilla extract to satisfy your sweet craving, or simply eating smaller portions of your favorite sweet treats. For more information about sugar, how to read labels, and to find more encouragement to make mindful choices that impact your health, visit the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics information table 12 to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center lobby. SAND can be contacted at musand@marshall.edu.


BE SMART WITH YOUR SWEET HEART 

THE SWEET TRUTH

Be heart smart for your sweetheart this Valentines day. The American Heart Association recommends no more than 6 teaspoons of added sugar per day for women, and 9 teaspoons for men. Studies have shown that those who exceed these recommendations have a higher mortality risk from cardiovascular disease (health.harvard.edu). Keep in mind that added sugar can be listed on a nutrition label as dextrose, high-fructose corn syrup or sucrose among many others. heart.org

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Get your voice Herd

Want the chance to give your fellow students valuable advice? Is there any topic you love to talk about, but you know your friends' eyes glaze over when you talk about it? Whether it's music, politics or Marshall University, The Parthenon is looking for regular columnists for its opinions page.

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ABOVE: Gregory Peck is shown as attorney Atticus Finch, a small-town Southern lawyer who defends a black man accused of rape, in a scene from "To Kill a Mockingbird," based on the novel by Harper Lee. AP PHOTO | UNIVERSAL | FILE
BELOW RIGHT: Harper Lee, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird," smiles during a ceremony honoring the four new members of the Alabama Academy of Honor Aug. 20, 2007 at the Capitol in Montgomery, Ala. AP PHOTO | ROB CARR | FILE

Author's hometown excited, perplexed by 'Mockingbird' sequel

By JAY REEVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the small Alabama town author Harper Lee made famous with "To Kill a Mockingbird," the Southern classic novel can be seen and felt everywhere. Signs in Monroeville are decorated with mockingbirds. The old courthouse, a model for the movie version of the book, is now a museum that sells souvenirs including coffee cups, aprons and Christmas ornaments. A statue in the town square and a mural decorating the side of a building depict characters who inhabited a fictional version of the town Lee called "Maycomb, Alabama." So when it was announced Tuesday that Lee had written a second novel to be released this summer, Monroeville residents

and visitors alike were pleased and excited — but they were also perplexed. The first book centered on small-town attorney Atticus Finch, his children Scout and Jem, and racial injustice in the Jim Crow South. The new book, "Go Set a Watchman," is described as a sequel that Lee actually wrote in the 1950s before "To Kill a Mockingbird." "I was really surprised," said Jillian Schultz, 28, who owns a business in the town square. "You know there's a lot of controversy about whether Harper Lee actually wrote the (first) book. There's been so many years in between, and you have to wonder, 'How did somebody forget about a book?'" Located halfway between Montgomery and Mobile,

Monroeville calls itself the "Literary Capital of Alabama," a designation bestowed by the state Legislature in the late 1990s. Besides Lee, the city was home to novelist Truman Capote and Pulitzer Prize-winning editorialist Cynthia Tucker. For years, the town of 6,300 was known as the home of a huge Vanity Fair mill and outlet, but the factory shut down nearly 20 years ago. That left Monroeville with "Mockingbird" and its literary heritage to attract visitors off the nearest highway, Interstate 65, about 25 miles away. Visitors likely won't see the 88-year-old Lee, who lived in New York for years but now resides in an assisted living center not far from where she grew up. A longtime friend said

she is deaf, blind and in poor health, spending much of her time in a wheelchair. She was last seen publicly in November at the funeral of her older sister, Alice Lee, who long represented the author and was known for being protective of her. Harper publisher Jonathan Burnham acknowledged Tuesday that the publisher has had no direct conversations about the new book with Harper Lee, but communicated through her Monroeville attorney, Tonja Carter, and literary agent Andrew Nurnburg. Burnham said during a telephone interview that he had known both Carter and Nurnburg for years and was "completely confident" Lee was fully involved in the decision to release the book.

HOUSE BILL

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Morrisette said not allowing students to study social problems and foreign affairs would take away from a student's appreciation of those subjects. "It seems problematic to not study the United Nations, an organization the U.S. helped found after World War II with the very best of intentions to ensure world peace," Morrisette said. "To treat that like a dangerous subject...seems to be working against what I would see as the student's best interest." Tensions and concerns about the bill have also risen from within the West Virginia Legislature. Delegate Larry Rowe, D-Kanawha, said West Virginia's remarkable social history

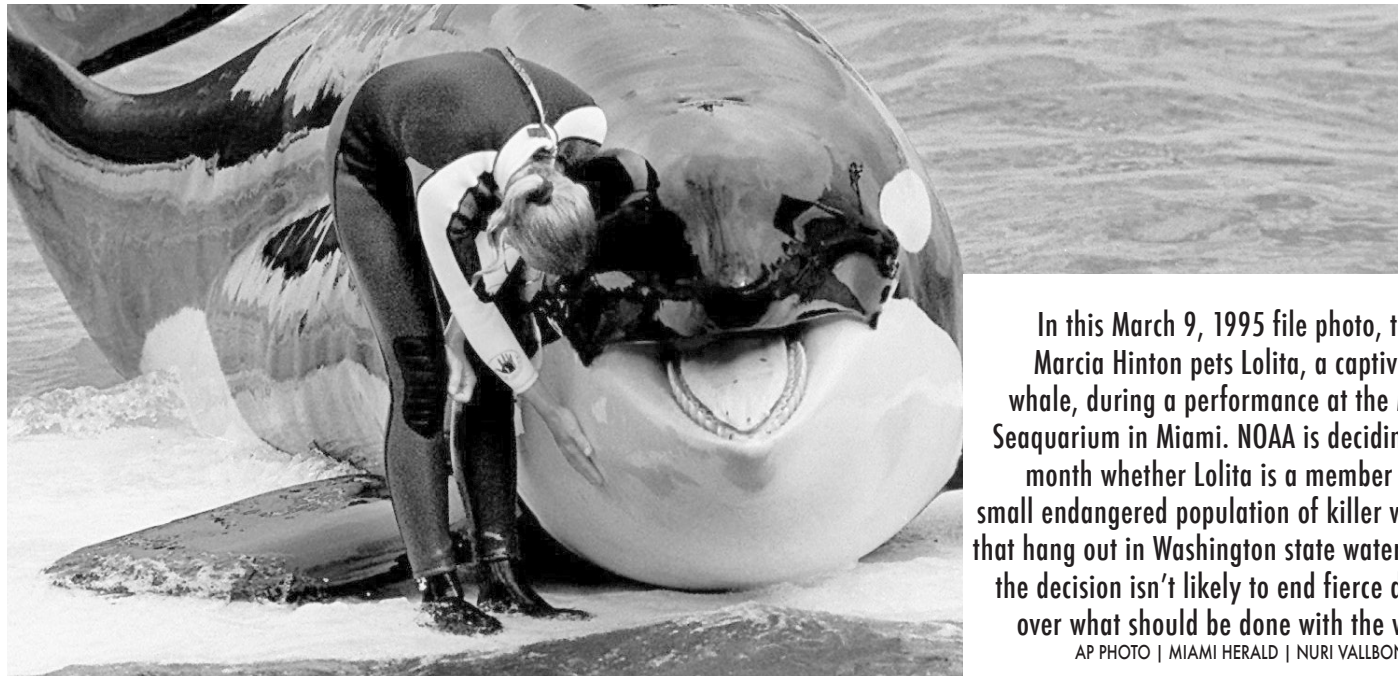
deserves to be discussed. "Social history is important," Rowe said. "I think that sometimes history gets lost as we go from war to war and we lose a lot of what America is really about whenever you study more detail for your local area." Rowe said a proper consultation with teachers, scientists and other experts would make the best education policies possible. "Knowing Mr. Overington, I don't think he had an ill intent," Rowe said. "I just think that generally we do need to respect the professionals and let them do what they need to do." HB 2107 was introduced to the House Jan. 20 and is still in committee. **Lexi Browning can be contacted at browning168@marshall.edu.**

COFFEE

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"Marshall has a good baseball team, and we need a division one baseball field for our conference and recruiting purposes," Waugaman said.

Chambers said a short-term goal the city is also working towards is offering more recreational options for students. **Amy Napier can be contacted napier168@live.marshall.edu.**



In this March 9, 1995 file photo, trainer Marcia Hinton pets Lolita, a captive orca whale, during a performance at the Miami Seaquarium in Miami. NOAA is deciding this month whether Lolita is a member of the small endangered population of killer whales that hang out in Washington state waters. But the decision isn't likely to end fierce debate over what should be done with the whale. AP PHOTO | MIAMI HERALD | NURI VALLBONA | FILE

Decision looms over captive orca, but fate of Lolita unclear

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A captive killer whale that has been performing for decades at the Miami Seaquarium deserves the same protection as a small population of endangered orcas that spend time in Washington state waters, the federal government announced Wednesday. But the National Marine Fisheries Service said the whale's inclusion in the endangered listing for southern resident killer whales does not impact the animal's stay at the Florida facility where she has been since 1970. "This is a listing decision. It is not a decision to free Lolita. It's not a decision that she should be free," said Will Stelle, regional administrator for the Fisheries Service's West Coast region. It does not affect the conditions of the orca's captivity or care at this time, nor is the Miami Seaquarium required to do anything as a result, Stelle said. He added the agency is focused on doing what it can to recover the wild population of Puget

Sound orcas, which now numbers 78. Animal rights groups called it a victory and said the decision opens the way for them to argue that the whale's living conditions violate provisions of the federal endangered-species law. "Now that Lolita is protected, a whole host of remedy is open to us to demand that Lolita be treated with respect," said Jessica Blome, an attorney with the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Lolita was 4 or 6 years old when she was legally rounded up in 1970 and later sent to the Miami facility. When the federal government protected Puget Sound orcas as endangered species in 2005, it excluded captive animals. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Foundation and others petitioned in 2013 for Lolita to be included, and the Fisheries Service did so on Wednesday. Activists say that she belongs in the wild, not a small pool, and should be returned to her home waters. They want

her released into a protected marine pen near the San Juan Islands north of Seattle, where she would be monitored and cared for until she can gradually reconnect with other wild orcas. But the Miami Seaquarium is not proposing to move the whale, according to Fisheries Service, a branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "She's not going to be released," Robert Rose, curator for the Miami Seaquarium, reiterated Wednesday. "We're disappointed with the rule. We do not agree that she should be listed. We feel that there's flawed science there." Rose said more efforts should be focused on the conservation of Puget Sound orcas, rather than an animal that has been well-cared-for over the past 45 years, and that releasing Lolita into the wild would not only harm her but the wild orcas, as well. NOAA officials made clear Wednesday that they're far from weighing her release and that any future decision to

release Lolita will require extensive scientific review. Such a review would take into consideration not only what's good for Lolita, but what's good for the wild population of endangered orcas, Stelle said. Stelle added that it's not as simple as opening the gates and freeing the animal. The agency noted concerns over disease transmission and the ability of a captive animal to find food, among other worries. "Imagine if you've been in captivity in a tightly managed environment, fed by humans for the last 40 to 45 years," he asked. "Are you ready to be released out in to the wild and fend for yourself?" But animal activists are hopeful. They say Lolita is being kept under deplorable conditions — in a small tank that's not shaded and without other whales for companions — that would violate provisions of the Endangered Species Act. "We hope that this listing decision will help her transition from a life of captivity to a life with her family in the wild," Blome said.



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Meet Nicola LoCascio

Honors College Interim Dean has diverse academic background

By SARA RYAN
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Marshall University's interim Honors College Dean Nicola "Nicki" LoCascio went from history to science to Marshall administration.

LoCascio received a Bachelor of Science in History and Biology from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. in immunogenetics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

LoCascio went to college as a history major but also took science classes.

"I wanted something very different, and I learned to enjoy it," LoCascio said. "When I graduated from college, I got a job very easily in science, my history major, not so much."

LoCascio said she got a job immediately in a physiology lab.

"It was absolutely fascinating, and from there I started refining what I was interested in and I ended up in immunology," LoCascio said.

She worked for two years in immunology and then went into a doctoral program dealing with immunology and immunogenetics, a combined program at UNC at Chapel Hill.

"It was really work experience that got me into the sciences," LoCascio said. "I can't say my undergraduate experience really excited me about the sciences. I liked it, and I was good at it, but it was working in the field that really got me liking it."

Immunology is a branch of biomedical science that deals with the immune system and organisms. Immunogenetics is a branch of medical research that deals with the relationship between the immune system and genetics.

LoCascio had two postdoctoral fellowships that consisted of doing different things.

"It was my own research under the guide of a mentor," LoCascio said. "My first one in developmental biology, I was responsible for setting up a mouse colony so that we could restrict the genetics. We looked at cell development using genetics as the background

and looking at how it changed between different gene types."

One of her personal postdoc projects was looking at eye development in different backgrounds.

LoCascio's husband, an ophthalmologist, worked along side her in dissecting mouse eye tissue.

"We got some really fascinating information from that," LoCascio said.

She eventually went to Rochester, New York, for another fellowship.

"I looked at cytokine and fluids and how they impacted development of the immune system," LoCascio said.

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LoCascio feeds the squirrels. She has a bag of peanuts on her desk for them, unsalted of course.

Cytokines are a broad and loose category of small proteins that are important in cell signaling. They are released by cells and affect the behavior of other cells.

LoCascio said she knew what program she really wanted to get into.

"I knew I wanted immunology," LoCascio said. "I had taken several genetics classes, and so I wanted to combine the two. I had been applying for genetics and immunology programs, but I really wanted immunology. I looked at Chapel Hill and they had an interdisciplinary program in which you were a graduate student in both departments. That's how I ended up in immunogenetics," LoCascio said.

LoCascio said she made her way to Marshall because her husband found a job in Huntington.

"I came to Huntington without a job set up," LoCascio said. "I

thought this community was very welcoming, and I just started working at different places. I ended up doing part time teaching at Marshall, and that lead me into a teaching track and a tenured track and eventually into administration."

LoCascio started part time teaching around 20 years ago and has been a part of the Marshall staff since. This is her first semester not teaching any classes.

"We are doing a lot of policy changing, and they've asked me not to teach while I'm doing this," LoCascio said. "I'm hoping in the fall I'll get back to teaching. I miss it," LoCascio said.

LoCascio said it was her students that helped her into the interim dean position.

"I noticed in my classes there were certain students who seemed like they wanted to go beyond the lecture material, and once I started following up on that, like I'd give them extra readings or research papers, and it turned out they were from the Honors College," LoCascio said.

Her first job in the Honors College she describes as "overseeing and coordinating some of the scholarships."

LoCascio said when she had her first job in the Honors College, she taught classes as well.

"That was the best of both worlds for me," LoCascio said.

LoCascio said she would like students to know it is still possible to get into the college.

"I'd like Marshall to dispel the perception that the Honors College is elitist, it's not," LoCascio said. "If you're not in the Honors College at first you can get in after two semesters."

LoCascio said she believes the college benefits Marshall.

"I think we benefit Marshall by having a place and a curriculum that new faculty and existing faculty can develop classes," LoCascio said. "The impact of the Honors College isn't just on our students, I think it's also on Marshall's curriculum," said LoCascio.

LoCascio will remain the interim dean of the Honors College until a new dean is found.

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Meet Lana!

Lana is about 6 months old and was found on the side of the road when she was just 3 weeks old. Lana enjoys chasing the laser pointer. She hates water and freaks out if she's being held and the sink is on. She loves talking to humans and being loved. She likes to think she can sneak attack people but is awful at hiding.

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