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Police apprehend man with unloaded gun on campus



MEGAN OSBORNE | THE PARTHENON

Police take the suspect into custody after apprehending him outside Smith Hall. Huntington Police chased the suspect to campus where he tossed a gun onto the roof of the Communications Building. Police recovered the weapon, which was found to be unloaded.

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Fire Prevention Parade crowds Fourth Avenue

By **MACKENZI KYLE**
THE PARTHENON

Hundreds gathered to watch or participate in the 62nd Annual Fire Prevention Parade on Fourth Avenue in Huntington Monday.

The Huntington Fire Department uses the annual parade to bring the community together and raise awareness for general fire safety as well as other specific topics.

The first week of October is annually designated National Fire Prevention Week by the National Fire Protection Association. National Fire Prevention week dates back to 1922 and commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Each year, the NFPA establishes a theme for the week to help educate those on the importance of fire safety. "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep" is the theme of this year's prevention week.

"Statistics say that roughly half of all residential fire fatalities result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep," Fire Parade Coordinator, Lieutenant Scott L. Ramey said.

"We invite all of the city fire patrol groups from the elementary schools to participate," Ramey said. "As well as numerous other organizations and fire departments from the surrounding area."



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Children participate in the 62nd annual Fire Prevention Parade Monday on Fourth Avenue.

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Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Activities Board and CAB raise money and awareness for breast cancer

By **DESMOND GROVES**
THE PARTHENON

Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Student Activities Board and the Campus Activities Board are hosting Songs for Hope, a fundraiser for Breast Cancer patients in the area.

Toronto, Canada-based Acapella group, EH440, will be performing at the event along with Alpha Sigma Phi's own DJ Ryhs Rogers. The fundraiser will kick off at Pullman Square Thursday and will be free for students with a valid Marshall University ID.

EH440 was founded in 2012. The band consists of Janet Turner, Stacey Kay, Luke Stapleton, Mike Celia and Joe Olivia. The five-piece group released its debut album "Turn Me Up" in May of 2014 and is currently in the process of working on its next album.

To raise money for patients, t-shirts will be sold during the event for \$10, and a total of eight gift baskets will be silently auctioned off during the event. The baskets will contain at least \$50 worth of goods.

Chase Chapman, who is in charge of the event, said the baskets will be a great way to raise a large amount of money for The Good Samaritan Fund at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

"Giving back to this great cause while also enjoying unique music groups bring the Huntington and Marshall Community together for a lot of fun," CAB advisor Sarah Dyke said.

Senior psychology major Erin Burgess said she thinks the event will bring a lot of people to Pullman Square.

"Everyone knows and loves the Pitch Perfect franchise and I think that acapella singing has a big following," Burgess said. "It is also all for a good cause, so I think a lot of people will show up."

Senior psychology major Kayli Williams said she thinks the event is a great way to raise awareness about breast cancer.

"Everyone either knows someone or is related to someone that has dealt with cancer," said Williams. "My friend's grandma beat breast cancer a few years ago, which is incredible, but there are still some people that unfortunately don't beat it. I think Songs for Hope will really inspire people to get checked and hopefully encourage women to get mammograms. October is such an important month with it being breast cancer awareness month. I'll be at the event with my pink ribbon pin on my shirt."

Sophomore engineering major Andrew Mays said he is looking forward to the event.

"It's something to do and it is free," Mays said "Acapella is something that amazes me and my friends so I think we will really enjoy it."

Rogers will begin his set at 5 p.m. and EH440 will begin around 6 p.m.

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Police apprehend gunman with unloaded gun on campus



Huntington Police Department was called to campus to catch a gunman who threw a gun on the roof of the Communications Building. MEGAN OSBORNE | THE PARTHENON

By **SAMANTHA GODBY**
THE PARTHENON

In light of the events at an Oregon Community College this past week, many students and parents are worried about campus safety. Most Marshall University students never expected to see criminal activity up close and personal, however, that is exactly what happened when police stopped a suspect who allegedly threw a gun onto the roof of the Communications Building.

Classes in Smith Hall ended abruptly Monday when approximately four police vehicles stopped in the yard beside the Communications Building.

"We were on the fourth floor of Smith Hall in our criminal justice capstone class and we heard cars skid," Senior criminal justice student Ryan James said. "We looked out the window and saw cops flying into the yard."

According to Marshall University Police Department, 911 dispatchers received an emergency call that a man with a gun was walking down Third Avenue. Huntington

Police Department responded along with MUPD. When police pulled up to the man, he ran. The man was apprehended at 16th Street and Fourth Avenue.

"The firearm was recovered on the roof of the Communications Building," said MUPD Chief of Police Jim Terry. "[The suspect] chucked it when he was running. There was no clip or any ammunition in it."

Students gathered outside Smith Hall and looked on as officers searched the roof and recovered the gun. Some students said it was interesting to see something like this first hand.

"It's interesting, you definitely don't see that every day," criminal justice senior Tyler Belomy said. "Especially when you are sitting in class and you see it happen, then you walk out of class and see the results. We will probably be talking about this Wednesday in class."

The suspect was taken into custody by HPD. No information has been released about possible charges.

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Seventh annual Marshall Brain Expo

By **BREON TAYLOR**
THE PARTHENON

Over 400 kids attended the seventh annual Brain Expo Friday at Marshall University. Malicy Luckett, fourth-grade teacher at Hurricane Town Elementary, had her class participate in the Brain Expo.

"The kids are learning the different parts of the brain with 28 stations of activities," said Luckett. "The students were able to touch and do a lot of hands on activities."

Luckett said the children of her fourth grade class were enthusiastic about

each individual station and their biggest learning experience was the station with the fake hand.

This event was staffed by the senior biology major Reagan Stafford.

During this station, students were told to place their hands in a mystery box and couldn't see, they could only feel what was going on. Then they used the fake hand as a thing to pay attention to.

"With this station I taught the children that your brain works as a snapshot instead of a video camera," Stafford said. "It showed the kids that

you actually see what you feel instead of feeling what you see."

"Your vision is tricking your brain to integration," Stafford said. "This helps the kids realize that all senses are different and not all together in one."

"Overall, the staff was adult friendly and very helping," Luckett said. "The rain didn't stop the fun and students are looking forward to attending the Brain Expo next year."

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Marshall partners with USA TODAY to make new media app for more accessible news

By **ASHLEY SODOSKY**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University partnered with USA TODAY and recently unveiled a new media app geared toward students and the university.

USA TODAY partnered with various staff members, including the Student Government Association, Housing and Residence Life, University Communications and various campus medias, to develop a more accessible form of news for students.

The app, The Buzz, features national news from USA TODAY, college national news and campus news specific to the university from student media.

Tiffany Davis, communications specialist in the university's communications office, said she believes the partnership is a good match for Marshall students.

"We know that technology is really important to students," Davis said. "We want to make sure that we are providing news and information to them in ways that they want it."

The USA TODAY college program began 18 years ago, delivering newspapers to college campuses and then expanded to a new portion of their website, which features content written by students for students. USA TODAY then started a move to better target the digital generation of college students with the launch of The Buzz.

Suzanne Lipscomb, part of the USA TODAY college national team, said the company understands the way students consume news has changed due to technology.

"Just like national news rooms, campus media outlets are reinventing themselves and looking for ways to expand their voice and

audience reach beyond print," Lipscomb said.

"The USA TODAY newspapers on campus were picked up by faculty more than students and the university wanted news to become more student friendly," Davis said.

Lipscomb said The Buzz gives students access to authentic information when, where and how they want it.

The Buzz launched at its first set of universities last year. Marshall's app launched its trial year in August and is one of 50 schools that offer the app.

Since August, the app has been in testing, and in the coming months it will be promoted more heavily. There have been more than 225 downloads with positive feedback from users, including Ben Heil, senior nursing student.

"I like it," Heil said. "It's definitely more accessible. It's easier to wake up and read articles, rather than go and get the paper."

As the app continues to grow, a campus ambassador will be appointed through USA TODAY to help with promotion and feedback.

"We understand campus cultures are different everywhere," Lipscomb said. "What better way to promote The Buzz to Marshall University students than having one of your own."

The Buzz features national news, updates from university communications and full access to The Parthenon through the app. The app replaces mass copies of the physical paper, but USA TODAY newspapers will still be available in Harless dining hall.

The Buzz app can be downloaded through the app store on both Apple and Android systems.

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The Buzz is an app that makes news on campus more accessible for students. Marshall partnered with USA TODAY to make this app available to students.

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SPORTS

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Herd women's soccer continues unbeaten streak

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Marshall University's women's soccer team extended its unbeaten streak to 12 matches with a 1-1 draw against the University of Texas at El Paso Sunday at University Field.

The Herd's 12-match unbeaten streak (9-0-3) is tied with No. 1 University of North Carolina for the longest active stretch in Division I women's soccer. The Tar Heels moved to 11-0-1 on the year with a 2-0 shutout Friday against Boston College.

The Herd earned its eighth point in the Conference USA standings with the draw. At 9-1-3 and 2-0-2 in conference play, Marshall is off to its best start in league play since 2009 when it earned nine points over the first four matches (3-1-0).

The Herd's next match is a road game scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday against the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Men's rugby loses to Xavier, falls out of conference race

By SCOTT BOLGER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's rugby team (2-2) fell to Xavier University (4-0) Saturday 69-0.

The game placed the Musketeers two games up in the Great Lakes-South Conference with only one game left in the season for the Herd.

Marshall consistently held Xavier between the 10 and 40 yard-lines during four 10-minute stretches throughout the game, but the Musketeers still put up 39 points in the first half and 30 in the second half.

When the score was 39-0 at the half, Marshall head coach Justin Apgar said he told his team that the Musketeers' size had no bearing on the score.

"It's just a bunch of medium-sized bodies utilizing good technique," Apgar said. "It takes four to five of our guys to take down two to three of theirs. Then, it's taking two to three of our guys to take down one guy, and it's only because they're getting lower than we are."

Apgar said while the Herd struggled during the game, flanker Jun Morisue was the lone bright spot on the day.

"It was a tough game," Morisue said. "We need to stay strong next game because not staying strong was a bad point on our end. We need to stay solid out there."

Morisue said the team lost because of the Musketeers' efficient tackling and good positioning, which hindered Marshall from protecting its end zone.

"Next time, we have to get lower and have better positioning," Morisue said.

Marshall will finish its season with a road game against Eastern Kentucky University 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

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Herd wins conference opener



Members of Marshall University's football team celebrate while leaving the field Saturday in its win against Old Dominion University.

SHANNON STOWERS | THE PARTHENON

By BRADLEY HELTZEL
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In a day filled with constant rain showers, Marshall University's football team defeated Old Dominion University 27-7 Saturday in its conference opener.

The day started off slow for the Herd as Hyleck Foster fumbled the ball on the team's opening kick-off, giving the Monarchs the ball at the Marshall 37-yard line.

However, in what would become the theme of the day, the Herd defense stifled the Monarchs' offense, forcing a three-and-out and a punt as the team avoided another early deficit.

"The defense came out and played extremely well and got them stopped," Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said. "But they did that all day."

Before piling up statistics in the fourth quarter, when the game was out-of-reach, the Old Dominion offense was stifled by the Marshall defense. By the end of the third quarter, the Monarchs were scoreless with 92 total yards of offense on 34 plays, committed three turnovers and went 2-8 on third downs.

Leading the Herd's efficient defensive outing was senior linebacker Evan McKelvey, who registered 13 tackles and deflected two passes.

While McKelvey was productive on the field, his

off-the-field contribution may have had a larger impact on the outcome of the game.

Holliday said McKelvey, who was named a captain for the game earlier in the week, made a speech to the team the night before the game.

"Maybe one of the best talks I've ever heard," Holliday said. "I didn't know he could talk like that. The message he sent to our team (Friday) night was unbelievable. He's not only a big time player, but he's become a big time leader for this football team."

McKelvey said he spent time practicing his pre-game speech.

"I actually rehearsed the speech before the game like 50 times," McKelvey said. "But I could never get past the first two sentences. I actually had a paper, but then I kind of got mad at myself, so I didn't use the paper. I just went off my thoughts and everything came straight from the heart."

Defensive end Ryan Bee also had a standout performance in the team's win as he totaled 12 tackles, two sacks, three tackles for loss and a fumble recovery.

"It's just a great feeling," Bee, who is a redshirt freshman, said. "I come to work every day and just seeing it pay off out there is the biggest reward."

Bee's performance earned him the player of the game award when his name and stat line flashed on

the stadium videoboard postgame.

"Somebody told me after the game he was the MVP," Holliday said. "I said 'I've never heard of a backup defensive end being the MVP in the game,' but I guess there's a first time for everything."

Defensive end Gary Thompson, cornerback Corey Tindal and linebacker Shawn Petty were among the other Herd defenders responsible for the Monarchs' four-turnover day.

Thompson came up with a strip-sack and subsequent fumble recovery on Old Dominion's 10-yard line leading to the Herd's first touchdown with about five minutes left in the first quarter.

On the following Monarch drive, Tindal came up with a takeaway of his own logging his first interception of the year after undercutting a post route.

Petty, meanwhile, who was making his Marshall debut after transferring from the University of Maryland and sitting out the first four games of the season due to injury, made five tackles and forced a fumble.

The Herd defense will face its toughest task yet when the University of Southern Mississippi and its 13th-nationally ranked offense comes to Joan C. Edwards Stadium 7 p.m. Friday.

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Men's soccer team drops fifth straight game in loss to South Carolina



Members of Marshall University's soccer team make a play for the ball Friday against the University of South Carolina.

ROB ENGLE | THE PARTHENON

By ALEC HILDEBEIDEL
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's soccer team fell 2-1 to the University of South Carolina Friday in a rain-soaked game at Hoops Family Field in Huntington.

The rain came down hard during the first half of play, but it subsided during the second half. The wet field played a factor in the first half with some of the passes, but the teams were able to adapt and use the clear conditions in the second half to make more plays.

"I think the conditions in the second half helped us a little bit," Marshall's junior midfielder Trevor Starcher said. "We played really well, probably our best game of the year, but we just need to find a way to put the ball in the back of the net."

The Herd and the Gamecocks came out firing to start the game as South Carolina opened the game with two corner kicks, which Marshall cleared away.

Marshall senior midfielder Ryan Forde took a

shot in the 11th minute, but it was blocked by the Gamecock defense.

However, the scoreless tie was broken in the 12th minute when South Carolina forward Kevin Walker headed a ball past Marshall goaltender Bijon Glostton to make it 1-0. The goal was Walker's fourth of the season and was set up by a chip pass from junior midfielder Kurtis Turner.

At the start of the second half, the Herd responded with seven shots on the Gamecocks' goal. Marshall finally tied the game in the 65th minute when junior forward Rimario Gordon scored off a rebound-save by South Carolina goaltender William Pyle.

Pyle saved the initial shot taken by Forde, but Gordon was in position after the save to put the rebound in the back of the net, tying the game at one goal apiece.

"We just wanted it more in the second half," Marshall head coach Bob Gray said. "That might have been the best half of soccer we've played in two years."

The game remained tied at 1-1 for the next 20 minutes of play before South Carolina midfielder Danny Deakin passed the ball to forward Bijorn Gudjonsson who fired it past Glostton, giving the Gamecocks a 2-1 lead late in the game.

The goal was Gudjonsson's first of the season, and it was enough for the Gamecocks to escape Huntington with the win.

"We dominated the game," Gray said. "It was all in their half of the field. To come away with a loss is frustrating. It was a game we had right there in our back pocket."

The loss dropped the Herd to 4-6 for the season, including 0-3 in conference play. The loss was the fifth straight for the Herd.

Marshall's next match is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The game will be held at Transamerica Field in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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EDITORIAL

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College is rough sometimes, but it gets better.

In high school, college is viewed as this new, exciting place where you'll have unlimited freedom to explore yourself and your options. Most high school graduates have some insight on what they want to do in the future but many of them will have changed their major at least three times because they just can't make up their minds.

No one tells you about the pressure that comes along with being a college student, and choosing a major is one of the largest pressures students may feel. Some majors are considered better than others in the eyes of society, and possibly immediate family members, and that can add pressure when discussing career paths around the dinner table.

Bottom line, it's your future. Why waste your time trying to be a psychologist or nurse like your older siblings just to make your parents happy? Why not take this time to really figure yourself out? It's okay to change your mind. If you're having trouble picking a major, you're not a failure. You're just exploring your options.

Walk around campus and you will see hundreds of students who look drained and just downright depressed. Take a good, hard look at your peers on the way to class tomorrow. Especially with midterms just around the corner, stress is at an all-time high.

There isn't enough time in

the day to fully understand every detail in every single class. If you don't ace your midterm after studying for days, how can you not feel like a failure? You studied for days. You should've been able to pass that midterm in your sleep. All it takes is one bad grade to create a tidal wave of self-doubt.

College students are supposed to be getting it together and figuring out our futures. Ask any college student about his or her plans after graduation and you'll get the response "I don't know" more than an actual plan.

Parents and family members are also a great source of stress for college students, especially when they themselves did not pursue a four-year degree. Sometimes these family members fail to understand how demanding each and every class really is, regardless of the nature of the course.

Then there's that friend who puts no effort into school work, and when you have a mental breakdown over a having a test and a paper due on the same day, it doesn't seem fair to break your back to get a B and these friends do everything the night before and then pass with flying colors. It's discouraging because it seems to come so naturally to them, when you struggle with the simplest task.

The point is, yes, college sucks a lot and it's going to be hard 90 percent of the time, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and it's not graduation.

“Learn and fail, and fail some more. Failing is a part of life that will show you your inner strength.”

It's not that infamous piece of paper you get as you cross the stage. The light at the end of the tunnel is you.

You are the only person that can get you through the hard time, through all of the all-nighters, mental breakdowns and struggle. It's so easy to swallow yourself up in self-doubt, but there are ways to bring you back to life.

Rely on the relationships you make. The friends you make in college will be forever and even considered family. Professors become a parental figure when you're away from home.

This university will become a second home.

You'll learn your strengths and weaknesses, and you will embrace them. So learn and fail, and fail some more. Failing is a part of life that will show you your inner strength. College is the time to push the boundaries and explore the world around you. Take a spontaneous trip. Get out of your comfort zone. Don't let a bad grade or a hard class define you. Show society that you will not quit pursuing what you love just because it is not a "real major."

COLUMN

A NEW VIEW

Louisville basketball sex scandal taking away from academic integrity of university

By NANCY PEYTON
THE PARTHENON

The University of Louisville men's basketball team is in the middle of a huge sex scandal.

Allegations are being reported in a book written by one of the women allegedly hired to give sexual favors to young recruits to the basketball program.

This brings into question the corruption involved in not only college sports recruiting, but in recruitment for every sports team out there.

The fact that this scandal is not all that shocking just shows you that there's a serious problem with the way some colleges take recruitment to the extreme.

In 2013-14, the Louisville team grossed \$89.4 million in revenue. They are ranked as one of the top valued basketball programs in the country by Forbes magazine.

Many believe this scandal is going to lead boosters of the university to invest their money elsewhere and will make parents weary of enrolling their children in the school.

Why are we resting the value of the university on the shoulders of the sports program? When

did the value of the basketball team become more important than the value of an education there?

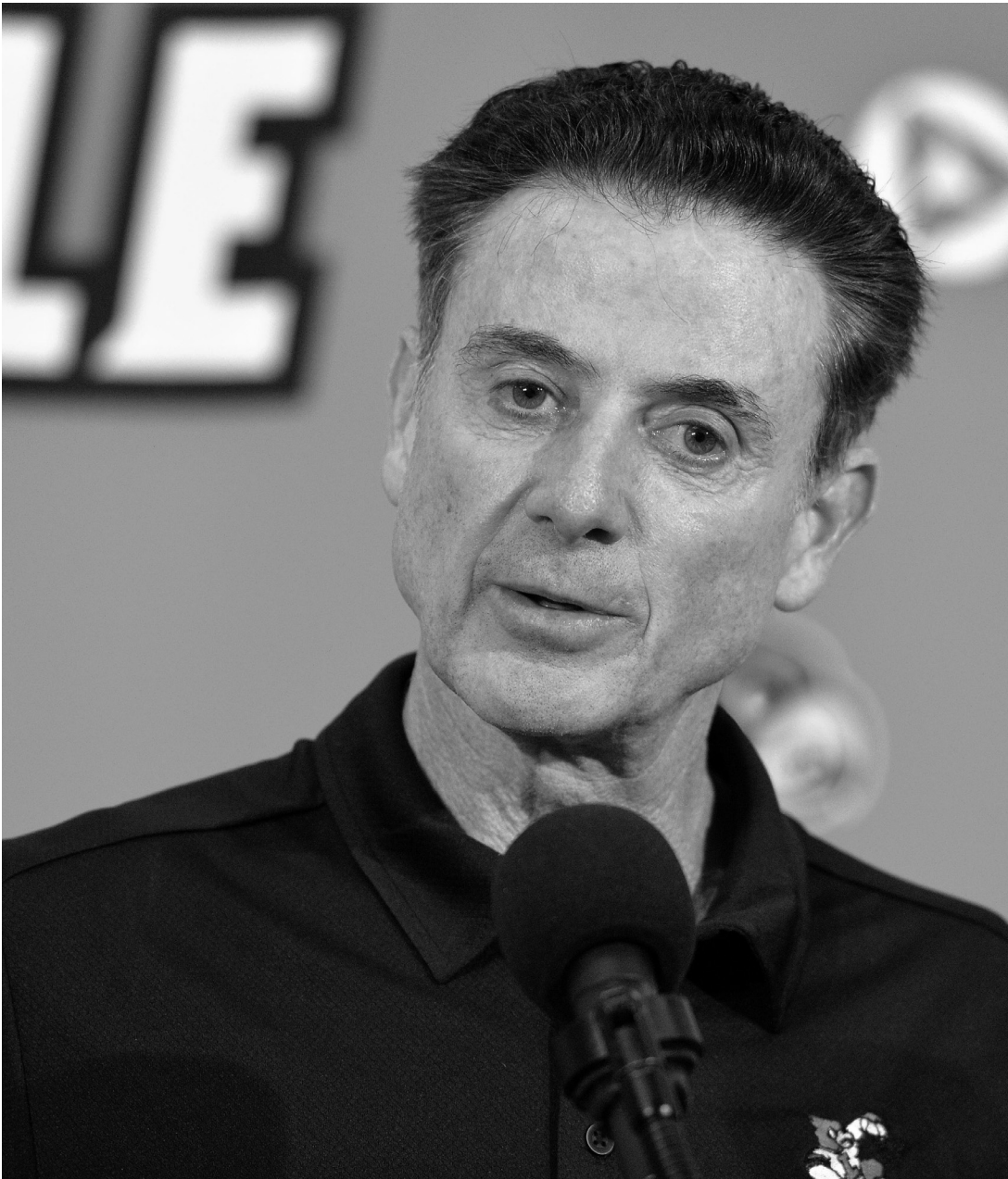
While this is a very important issue because it reveals corruption involved in the college sports recruitment process, this issue alone should not affect university attendance. Sadly, however, this issue may cause enrollment rates at Louisville to drop drastically.

The woman who authored the book detailing the scandal allegedly prostituted her own daughters out to the recruits as well, but hardly anyone is discussing that issue.

This story does not only affect the boys recruited for that team. It spans a much broader range of topics. It brings into question prohibited behavior among young people of both sexes.

Just how much this scandal is going to harm the university's reputation in the future is still being determined. Maybe the issue lies in how much pressure we put on college teams to be the absolute best to bring in investors when we should be focusing on what colleges are really meant to do: educate.

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Louisville head coach Rick Pitino responds to a question following an NCAA college basketball team's intrasquad scrimmage Saturday in Louisville, Kentucky.

The latest on mine explosion trial: Day 3 wraps; no jury yet

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The latest developments in the federal trial of former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship.

The third day of jury selection for former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship's criminal trial has concluded, and a jury still hasn't been finalized.

In a transcript of proceedings last week, Judge Irene Berger said she was seeking 35 prospective jurors.

Once selected, that field will be whittled to 12 jurors and two or three alternates, after which prosecutors and defense will pick jurors to strike from the group. The defense gets a slight edge in the number of strikes.

It's still unclear how many jurors have been selected so far. Thirteen prospective jurors were dismissed Monday.

After Monday's round of jury selection, U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin told reporters, "we're almost there."

A memo in the case against ex-Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship shows his former

top safety official pinpointed problems with the company's safety efforts.

The June 2009 document filed in Charleston federal court this weekend includes the guidance from former Massey safety chief Bill Ross.

It says Massey mines were understaffed, workers were too inexperienced to recognize violations and the company was dishonest with government agencies.

The document says some Massey mines were "plainly cheating" on coal dust sampling, and the company's attitude was "We will run until we get caught, then we will fix it."

The memo was filed by prosecutors after Blankenship's attorneys contended that Ross' potential testimony shouldn't be mentioned in the government's opening arguments.

Jury selection has resumed for the federal trial of former Massey Energy Don Blankenship.

Potential jurors returned to the federal courthouse in

Charleston on Monday morning for the third day of jury selection. U.S. District Judge Irene Berger is questioning all prospective jurors with her microphone off.

The public, including reporters, are watching the proceedings from a live closed-circuit television feed from another room. They can't hear questions and responses.

Former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship has arrived at the U.S. District Court in Charleston for the third day of jury selection at his federal trial.

Forty-two prospective jurors were excused on Thursday and 16 were dismissed on Friday.

The 65-year-old Blankenship is charged with conspiring to break mine safety laws and lying to financial regulators about safety practices at the Upper Big Branch mine in southern West Virginia. The mine exploded in 2010, killing 29 miners.

If convicted of all the charges, Blankenship faces up to three decades in prison.



TYLER EVERT | AP PHOTO

Don Blankenship makes his way out of the Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse on the first day of jury selection in Charleston, W.Va. Thursday. Former Massey Energy CEO Blankenship appeared for the start of his federal trial on charges that he conspired to break safety laws and lied to financial regulators about.

A timeline of events in Upper Big Branch disaster

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship heads to trial Thursday on numerous counts of conspiracy and lying to federal financial regulators. He's the highest-ranking executive charged in the April 2010 underground explosion that killed 29 men at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, West Virginia.

Four investigations into the disaster found that worn and broken cutting equipment created a spark that ignited accumulations of coal dust and methane gas. Broken and clogged water sprayers allowed what should have been a minor flare-up to become an inferno.

Here is a timeline of major events in the Upper Big Branch disaster:

—April 5, 2010: A massive explosion ripped through the underground corridors at the Upper Big Branch mine, killing 29 men in the worst U.S. coal mining disaster in 40 years.

—April 25, 2010: In a eulogy, a somber President Barack Obama told the families of the workers that the nation would honor their memories by improving safety in the mines.

—May 14, 2010: Federal prosecutors announce criminal investigation.

—Dec. 3, 2010: Don Blankenship, CEO of Upper Big Branch owner Massey Energy, announces his retirement.

—Jan. 29, 2011: Massey Energy agrees to be taken over by Alpha Natural Resources in a \$7.1 billion deal.

—Sept. 22, 2011: Former Massey employee Thomas Harrah is sentenced to 10



DON BLANKENSHIP, FORMER MASSEY ENERGY CEO

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months in prison for faking a foreman's license and lying to federal authorities.

—Dec. 6, 2011: In the biggest settlement ever reached in a U.S. mining disaster, Alpha Natural Resources agrees to pay \$210 million to compensate grieving families, bankroll cutting-edge safety improvements and pay for years of violations by Massey Energy. Under the deal with federal prosecutors, Alpha is not criminally charged.

—Feb. 29, 2012: Former mine security chief Hughie Elbert Stover is sentenced to three years for lying to investigators and ordering a subordinate to destroy security-related documents.

—Jan. 17, 2013: Former Upper Big Branch superintendent Gary May is sentenced to one year and nine months in prison on charges he defrauded the government

through his actions at the mine, including disabling a methane gas monitor and falsifying records.

—Sept. 10, 2013: Former Massey executive David Hughart is sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison for conspiring in an illegal scheme to warn miners and other subsidiaries of surprise safety inspections. Hughart implicated Blankenship in the conspiracy during his plea hearing.

—Nov. 13, 2014: Federal prosecutors announce an indictment against Blankenship.

—Oct. 1: Blankenship's trial is scheduled to begin.

Conservationists rally in South Africa, other countries

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A vehicle carrying a rhino sculpture led anti-poaching marchers in Johannesburg on Saturday. Kenya's environment minister joined conservationists at a similar rally in Nairobi, the capital. In London, activists in elephant costumes demanded an end to the ivory trade.

The demonstrations were part of what organizers called a "global march" for rhinos and elephants, whose populations have been severely reduced by criminal networks that sell rhino horn and elephant ivory for high prices, particularly in parts of Asia. The loosely knit coalition of conservationists also planned events in the United States this weekend.

Organizers want governments to focus more on protecting wildlife, but acknowledge that major challenges such as poverty, state corruption and lax law enforcement facilitate poaching. South Africa is grappling with a record surge in rhino poaching, and poachers have slaughtered tens of thousands of elephants annually around Africa in recent years.

In September, President

Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping of China agreed to implement nearly complete bans on the ivory trade.

"Why not a total ban?" said Dex Kotze, a march organizer in Johannesburg.

He noted that conservationists in South Africa are divided between those, including himself, who oppose proposals to allow a regulated trade in rhino horn, and those who say controlled trade could drive criminals out of poaching. South Africa is reviewing the issue.

The Johannesburg march was held in the Sandton area, where some motorists honked in appreciation.

Protester Annette Erasmus said she was disappointed that the rally had not been joined by representatives from South Africa's legal wildlife hunting industry, which says it helps preserve animal populations. Hunting in Africa has come under increased scrutiny since an American dentist killed a popular lion named Cecil in Zimbabwe in an allegedly illegal hunt.

"We need to get more people out here," Erasmus said.



Kenyans wearing animal masks join demonstrators as they walk through the streets of Nairobi Saturday, participating in a Global March to support wildlife Elephants and Rhinos.

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Protesters take part in a march in Johannesburg, South Africa Saturday against the hunting of lions, rhinos and elephants.

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PARADE

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The parade included performances from local high school bands, cheer squads, dance schools, theater companies and more.

Children from local elementary school fire patrol groups performed skits to promote the year's fire safety theme. Students from Southside Elementary in Huntington wore pajamas during their march in the parade to represent the theme of having smoke detectors in each bedroom of the home.

HFD invites girls from area schools to write essays about fire safety based on the year's Fire Prevention Week theme. The girl with the winning essay in each age-based category is crowned Miss Spark for students in elementary school, Miss Ember for middle school students and Miss Flame for high school students.

"I'm happy my essay won," Kaitlyn Keesee, a sixth grade student at Huntington Middle School said. Keesee will be the parade's Miss Ember.

"I've never actually been a Miss anything in a parade before," Keesee said.

The parade allows the community to interact with members of the local fire department as well as open a dialogue about fire safety in their homes.

"It's great for the kids," Huntington Police Chief Joe Ciccarelli said. "It's another way to recognize our fire-fighters and what they do."

"It's important to appreciate everything," Keesee said. "Because one day you might have it all and the next it might all be gone."

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Column

Album Review: 'Every Open Eye'

By NICK MORTON
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Chvrches has always been able to perfectly execute both intense electronica and synth-pop. The band's EP back in 2013 displayed a new side of all things indie electronic. You may remember a certain cut from its EP surfacing at hipster hotspots, "Recover." This song in particular drew them more attention than the few songs they put on the Internet in 2012. It consisted of 80s sounding synths with a heart broken chorus. The rest of the EP consisted of four other songs. "Zvvl," a dark and dramatic song with bandmate/producer Martin Doherty on lead vocals, and "Now Is Not the Time," a very quirky and charming song that will make you want to go rollerblading with a lover, much like the music video. The EP was concluded with two remixes of "Recover." Remixes are a must have on a Chvrches record. The three songs each represent different indie subgenres that Chvrches conquer. Fans did not have to worry about the group straying away from their style while anticipating its first album.

Once their full-length LP "The Bones of What You Believe" hit the market, critics all over the world went crazy for it. Front woman Lauren Mayberry and the boys continued to bring the mixture of dark dance beats and heart-touching ballads. From beginning to end, the songs switch around from 80s pop elements to modern electronic bangers.

Now, the Scottish power trio has returned. After endless touring and TV appearances following the release of "The Bones of What You Believe," the band is back with a new LP. Boys and girls, throw on your thick frame glasses, lace your Clark Walabees, lay down the vinyl and drop the needle, you're in for a twist, especially for you long-time fans.

"Every Open Eye" does not follow the same



Chvrches realeased 'Every Open Eye' Sept. 25.

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agenda as "What You Believe." The vast majority of the album is straight synthpop. Song by song, Mayberry's lyrics become catchier just as much as they become more meaningful. Many of the songs follow a similar idea of looking inside yourself and finding the positives in life. In "Make Them Gold," Mayberry sings: "We are made of our longest days/ We are falling but not alone/ We will take the best parts of ourselves/ And make them gold." Mayberry continues to find ways to creatively

express how we need to look at the brighter side of life when the going gets tough and within the album's 43 minutes, it manages to never get old. Those who know "The Bones of What You Believe" well should be able to notice the underlying factor in this new record, being the lack of intensity. On the previous album there were songs like "Science/Visions," bonus track "Broken Bones," "Lies" and "Night Sky" showing just how diverse they can be. These tracks shined a light on the darker

side of the dance floor, while the rest of the tracks are what put them in their category of synthpop. It's tracks like these that made Chvrches who it is and what represents it today, but not anymore and somehow they still manage to pull off being a great band. So with the dark side of Chvrches missing, they brought in a subgenre they have not really exercised. On "High Enough to Carry You Over," Doherty tags out Mayberry and takes over the mic once again. This song is without a doubt better than the previous song he sang on, "Under the Tide." Chvrches' other member/producer Iain Cook lays down a very groovy instrumental for this dancefloor heartbreaker as Doherty repeats, "I never would've given you up if you only hadn't given me up." It may be hard to believe, but I found this one to be the best song on the album, sorry Mayberry.

"Every Open Eye" does not pack the same punch as its epic debut, but it's equally emotional. The catchy and relatable lyrics with poppy upbeat vibes are taken a few notches higher than their previous album, slightly diminishing their aggressive edge. The vocal melodies and production are very positive as well. Relatively new fans of Chvrches would not notice much of a difference between this and their previous work, but the day-one fans would be aware of the slight turn this album made. Chvrches' sophomore LP earns a satisfied but slightly wanting more, 6/10.

ALBUM POSTERBOYS: High Enough to Carry You Over, Downside of Me, Empty Threat, Playing Dead, Keep You On My Side, Leave a Trace, Make Them Gold

+ : Their sophomore album makes you feel like you can take on the world with its positive energy and upbeat synth driven pop.

- : Two of Chvrches' signature sounds, mystery and intensity, sadly didn't have presence on this album.

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What we are listening to in the Newsroom...

Jocelyn Gibson

- "Samson"
- Regina Spektor
- "All Apologies"
- Nirvana

Megan Osborne

- "You're So Last Summer"
- Taking Back Sunday
- "Oh, Suquehanna"
- Defiance, Ohio

Will Izzo

- "Ghost!"
- Neutral Milk Hotel
- "I Will"
- Danny Brown

Shalee Rogney

- "Love, Sex, And Fancy Things"
- The Floozies
- "What I Got"
- Sublime

Kaitlyn Clay

- "Dixieland Delight"
- Alabama
- "It Can't Be Nashville Every Night"
- The Tragically Hip

Malcolm Walton

- "Guess Who's Back"
- Scarface
- "Exhibit C"
- Jay Electronica

Sara Ryan

- "Drive You Home"
- Parachute
- "Let's Love"
- Echosmith

Bradley Heltzel

- "Shotgun Rider"
- Tim McGraw
- "Rollercoaster"
- Luke Bryan

This week's #ParthePet is... Kitten



Kitten was rescued from a rainy parking lot in Barboursville and now spends her days lounging in her massive cat tower. Kitten loves getting pet, catching bugs and throwing a 'psycho fit' at 11:30 every night. Kitten doesn't like people, other cats or loud noises.