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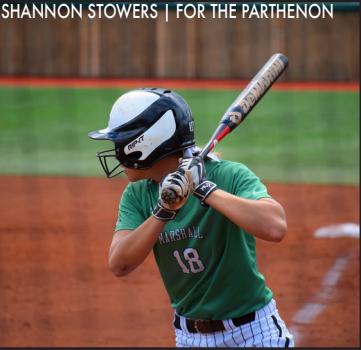
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Members of Marshall University's Native American Student Organization gather Monday at the Memorial Student Center Plaza to promote the celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day as opposed to Columbus Day.

MICHAEL BROWN | THE PARTHENON

## MU Native American Student Organization celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day on plaza

By MICHAEL BROWN  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Native American Student Organization assembled for Indigenous People Day on the Memorial Student Center Plaza Monday. The organization marched into campus carrying signs and flags and then gathered as a group by the fountain to raise awareness for the organization and Indigenous People Day.

Autumn Lee, senior political science major and president of Marshall's Native American Student Organization said she wanted to bring awareness about indigenous people.

"Indigenous People Day is a more appropriate term for today, instead of Columbus Day," Lee said. "In fact, he did not even discover America,

he just came to a place people already lived. He took what he wanted and if people disagreed he killed them. So today we should not be honoring him, we should be honoring indigenous people for having to suffer so much."

While meeting on the plaza, the organization burned sage to take away negative thoughts and energy. The group shared a moment of silence for prayer and reflection and then sang songs significant to indigenous people.

The organization meets in Drinko Library and plans to meet within the next week.

Students interested in joining can find more information on the organization's Facebook page.

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## Presidential candidates visit Marshall before final choosing



JEROME A. GILBERT

CHRISTOPHER G. MAPLES

DENIS A. WIENBURG

By ASHLEY SODOSKY  
THE PARTHENON

After a national search, Marshall University's Presidential Search Committee has identified three finalists who will visit both Marshall campuses this week. The presidential finalists include

Jerome A. Gilbert, provost and executive vice president of Mississippi State University; Christopher G. Maples, president of Oregon Institute of Technology; and Denis A. Wiesenburg, professor of marine science and former provost/vice president for academic affairs of the

University of Southern Mississippi.

Students, faculty, staff and the public will have the opportunity to meet each candidate during separate community receptions throughout the week.

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## Drinko hours change again

By CASEY ADKINS  
THE PARTHENON

Drinko Library has made some changes in operation for the fall semester and has received mixed feedback from students.

In the past, all three floors of Drinko have been available to students 24 hours a day, making it a popular study destination. However, at the beginning of the fall semester, the study center on the first floor was the only area open after 11 p.m.

Recently, some adjustments were made due to negative feedback from students.

"It really shocked me that they cut back the library hours this year; It doesn't make sense," said Beth Sutfin, junior speech pathology student. "When you're a freshman they tell you that you should study multiple hours every day, but with busy schedules and the cut on library hours, it's practically impossible now," Sutfin said.

"More students started coming to study. Also, many students complained to the library staff and voiced their opinions. We have advised them to go voice opinions on marshall.edu/beherd," said Jillian Salyers, student and library

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## ADVENTURE WEEK LAUNCHES AT THE REC, ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY

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Adventure Week lets members get a taste of what Outdoor Pursuits has to offer. The Marshall University Rec Center Adventure Week consists of events varying from crate stacking to the "Black Light Boulder Bash."

Chad Steen, director of Outdoor Pursuits, said he is excited for the week.

"It's created to really highlight the outdoor program at the Marshall Recreation

Center," Steen said. "In the past, a lot of people haven't really known about. We're sort of tucked away in the back of the building and we're really trying to boost awareness of the program."

Tuesday will feature the Spruce Knob Challenge kick-off starting at 4 p.m. The Black Light Boulder Bash is Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Lead climbing day is Tuesday at 5 p.m. Friday is the kick-off for Zero Cost

Climbing Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Steen said he thinks students will be the most excited about the free climbing.

"Essentially it's becoming a member benefit of the rec to have climbing as a part of the membership package," Steen said. "Just like you can go to a fitness class for free, you can use the rock wall for free."

This year marks the first year the Rec Center is putting on Adventure Week.



# John Marshall Emerging Leaders Institute names National Society of Leadership and Success largest club on campus

By **DESMOND GROVES**  
THE PARTHENON

The John Marshall Emerging Leaders Institute started a branch of The National Society of Leadership and Success, a nationally known organization and the largest leadership society in the nation.

The society creates a supportive leadership environment for undergraduate students through development of relationships with other student leaders, faculty, staff and community leaders.

The society is the largest club on campus with 250 new members, even though it just started meeting this semester.

Graduate adviser for the John Marshall Emerging Leaders Institute Kelsea Ring said the group tried to recruit sophomores with good academic standing.

"Since it was our first semester, we wanted to target sophomores because there is already a freshman leadership program," Ring said. "Juniors and seniors already have their niche and are in their societies, so sophomores who didn't really join anything freshman year, this is a good

program for them to join."

The National Society of Leadership and Success sent about 1,400 invitations.

"The 250 members is a good number for our school because the society says they usually expect about 10 percent back, so for us, that would be about 140 people," Ring said. "We got way over our 10 percent which is really exciting and really great for our school."

Students of all majors have the opportunity to be accepted into the society, but good class standing is a consistent requirement.

"We have an orientation, a leadership training day they must attend and they must attend three speakers during the semester out of the six we have a year," Ring said. "We've only had one so far this semester, which was Al Roker."

Students in societies across campus had the opportunity to watch Roker's live broadcast and tweet, text or send in video questions.

"We have a make up viewing next week," Ring said. "It's the live broadcast replayed, showed

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John Marshall Emerging Leaders Institute named Nation Society of Leadership and Success largest club on campus with 250 new members. DESMOND GROVES | THE PARTHENON

# Exhibition 280 art show at Huntington's Museum of Art

By **TAYLOR POLING**  
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Museum of Art had an opening reception for Exhibition 280 Saturday.

Exhibition 280 is a regional, juried art exhibition that features textiles, sculptures, paintings and video installations.

The exhibition required artists to be 18 years or older.

Artists must also live within a 280 mile radius of Huntington, West Virginia. Artists were allowed to submit one to three pieces.

This year's juror Patterson Sims worked his way through



Exhibition 280 has begun at the Huntington Museum of Art. TAYLOR POLING | THE PARTHENON

over 430 submissions by 159 artists. Sims narrowed it down to 69 pieces of art.

From the 69 pieces, three were given the Award of Excellence and one was given the Purchase Award. Elise

Schweitzer and Robert Sulkin of Roanoke, Virginia and Vernon Howell of Barboursville were the recipients of the Award of Excellence. Schweitzer also won the Purchase Award.

Although not all of the artists who submitted works of art were able to attend, those in attendance were taking pictures and talking to visitors about their art. Art-

ist Denise Roberts, of Albright, West Virginia, spoke about her piece, Exchanges #10.

"I've been studying for 10 years and developing and

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# Guest pianist performs recital at Smith Music Hall

By **KALYN BORDMAN**  
THE PARTHENON

Sunday afternoon, guest pianist Bobby Mitchell performed for a crowd in the Smith Recital Hall.

Mitchell played four pieces throughout the course of the afternoon, beginning with "Winnsboro Cotton Mills Blues" by Frederic Rzewski. Mitchell followed with "Winter Nights," composed specially for him last year but Rzewski. The song is broken down broken down into three parts; "Night one," "Night two" and "Night three." Mitchell explained these pieces were designed to make people feel as if it were the dead of winter, even on a sunny fall day.

Mitchell's next piece was called "Fantasy," which he composed this year. "Fantasy" is a mixture of prior fantasy compositions from 1985 and some of Mitchell's own styling from the movie "Pinocchio."

The final piece was George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

The audience gave Mitchell a standing ovation at the end of his performance.

"It is always great to come and see pianists especially when they are specializing in new

music," said Olivia Hay, violin student at Marshall University.

Hay said it is interesting to hear the different interpretations of new music.

"I have heard Rzewski before, but Mitchell brought a new approach to it which I thought was really neat," Hay said.

Hay said she thought Mitchell's version of Gershwin was very interesting. Hay said her favorite part was the fact that Mitchell was so in control of his performance and she enjoyed his original pieces as well. Hay's mother, who also said she enjoyed the show, accompanied her.

"The show was great," said Anita Hay, Olivia Hay's mother.

Mitchell is an American pianist who is mainly interested in music of today's world. Mitchell has performed in the Middle East, South Africa and Europe.

Mitchell is the first prizewinner of the inaugural William Garrison Piano Competition from the American Liszt Society, Baltimore-Washington Chapter. Mitchell also performed as concerto soloist with the World Youth Symphony Orchestra,

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# Presidential Ambassadors give a student face to Marshall



Left to right: Emily Kinner, Casey Hudock, Hannah Smith, Mary-Kate Bostick and Amber Govey are Presidential Ambassadors. ASHELY SODOSKY | THE PARTHENON

By **ASHLEY SODOSKY**  
THE PARTHENON

Students from all class ranks and majors have been acting as the face of Marshall University this year.

Interim President Gary White initiated Presidential Ambassadors last spring semester in response to a question about student participation for the university outside of campus. Ginny Painter, senior vice president for communications and marketing, said that question needed an answer.

"We didn't have any students at events," Painter said. "How could we get students involved?"

Ambassadors for the university are present at high profile events and are listed as university contacts for the media, public leaders and the general public.

White said students act as the face of the university and he hopes people understand the appreciation the university has for students.

"Since I have been here we have made a special effort to try to highlight the best and brightest of Marshall University," White said. "It's a natural extension of that, students who represent the best and the brightest."

Ambassadors have been in press boxes at every home football game as well as present at events like the president's open house and the quitois tournament in September.

Ambassadors have been able to represent the university as well as network with the student body. Junior communications disorders major Amber Govey said even though it is the program's first

year, it is already benefitting the university.

"It's a great program to be affiliated with," Govey said. "I get to network with fellow students and be a representative of the university, I'm proud of that."

The ambassadors are chosen through an open application process and serve a one-year term. Applications for 2016 and 2017 Presidential Ambassadors will begin in the spring.

"It [the program] is a result of constantly trying to improve the image of Marshall University, trying to improve the student experience at Marshall, and trying to improve the public's image of what goes on here," said White. "We have a lot to be very proud of."

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# Tsubasacon draws in big names, fans from across world

By **CASEY ADKINS**  
THE PARTHENON

People from 22 different states, and other countries, attended Tsubasacon, Huntington's annual anime, gaming and cosplay convention.

The three-day event was held at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. The convention had video rooms, video games, including imported arcade machines from Japan and activities such as a dance competition and fashion show.

"A lot of it is anime-oriented," said Chris Helphinstine, volunteer. "It's a good atmosphere for kids and gives them an opportunity to be comfortable."

Cosplay attracts many visitors to the convention year after year. Attendees wore hand-made costumes dressed as characters from their favorite shows, movies or video games. However, some chose to wear costumes that did not represent anything. One attendee, James Mills, said he didn't dress as anything specific and just wanted to look medieval.

Mills is an active Live Action Role Player or LARPer. "I LARP in the local park," Mills said. "I'm here to recruit people."

Chibi Moon, another attendee, was a character from the anime Sailor Moon for the day. Moon has been involved with cosplay since 2008.

"I like meeting people and making new friends," said Moon, who handmade her

costume. "I also like to learn how to make costumes."

Professional cosplayers, such as veteran of 10 years Bunny Bombshell made appearances.

"I've been cosplaying since right after high school," Bombshell said.

Bombshell is a cosplay model and has traveled to cities such as Detroit and Boston for conventions. Bombshell has modeled as Catwoman, Elsa from Disney's "Frozen" and various other famous characters.

Bombshell modifies her own costumes. "Most of my stuff is free-lance," Bombshell said. "I like having control in what I'm doing."

"What I like most about conventions is trying to get out all the work I've done," Bombshell said. Bombshell has been drawn by four different comic book artists throughout her Cosplay career.

Tsubasacon hosted voice and musical guests such as Kyle Herbert from Dragonball Z, Keith Silverstein from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Canadian voice actor Matthew Erickson and Greg Wicker, a gameshow host and producer. Japanese rock band, Kazha, also made an appearance.

Tsubasacon also hosted a variety of vendors. "It's like stuff you can't buy anywhere else," Helphinstine said.

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# SPORTS

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## Volleyball team drops seventh match in last 11 game



EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON

Members of Marshall University's volleyball team attempts to score against Eastern Kentucky University earlier this season at the Cam Henderson Center.

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Marshall University's volleyball team fell 3-1 to the University of North Texas Sunday in what was the team's seventh loss in 11 games. The Herd dropped to 12-8 overall and 3-4 in conference play after starting the season 8-1. The Mean Green (13-8, 5-1) won the first set after opening the match with a four-point run. However, Marshall came away with the second set, which had 13 ties and six lead changes. The Herd ended the set by taking nine of the final 10 points, including a kill by freshman Shelby Conley. In the second set, neither team held a larger advantage than three points, but North Texas took the set after it forced an attack error on Marshall late in the set. The Herd jumped out to an early 8-4 lead in the fourth. However, North Texas fought back and took the set to close out the game. "North Texas came to play today and fought hard for the win," Marshall assistant coach Taylor Strickland said to Herd-Zone. "We have to stay focused throughout the entire match instead of spurts. We did learn that we can grind today and we have to keep taking steps forward throughout this week to prepare for a tough weekend in Texas. Marshall's next game is an away match against the University of Texas at El Paso 8 p.m. Friday at the Memorial Gym in El Paso, Texas.

### Remaining Schedule

10/16 @ UTEP  
10/18 @ UTSA  
10/21 vs. Middle Tennessee State  
10/23 @ Charlotte  
10/30 @ UAB  
11/06 vs. Southern Miss  
11/08 vs Rice  
11/12 @ Western Kentucky  
11/14 @ Middle Tennessee State

## Herd's defense leads way in victory



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Members of Marshall University's defense recovers a fumble Friday against the University of Southern Mississippi at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University's football team defeated the University of Southern Mississippi 31-10 Friday behind a stout defensive performance. Southern Mississippi entered the game with the nation's 13th-ranked offense and tops in Conference USA while also averaging 40.2 points per game. However, the Herd's defense held the Golden Eagles to 293 yards through three quarters and Southern Mississippi finished the game 30 points shy of its season average. "That's about as good a defensive performance I've seen by anyone," head coach Doc Holliday said. "When (the defense) had to make a play, (the defense) made a play. They created five turnovers which was huge." Aside from the five-takeaways, the Marshall's defense recorded 17 hits on Southern Mississippi quarterback Nick Mullens, as well as four sacks. "We wanted to put some pressure on him," Holliday said. "We've got some good blitzers, and we were getting some pressure on (Mullens) with our front four, even with our front three with our joker package."

Defensive end Gary Thompson, who was named C-USA's Player of the Week for his performance, registered seven tackles, two sacks, two forced fumbles, four quarterback hits and batted down two passes at the line in the Herd's victory. With the Southern Mississippi offense pinned at its own 9-yard line, Thompson had the opportunity to work one-on-one against the Golden Eagles' right tackle. Thompson beat the tackle and delivered a hit on Mullens, which sent the ball into the air before falling into the hands of 287-pound defensive lineman Jarquez Samuel, who dove into the endzone from three yards out for a touchdown. "The ball came right into my hands," Samuel said. "That's every defensive line or offensive line dream to score, so it felt really good." Samuel also batted down two passes and registered two hits on the quarterback. Although front seven players such as Thompson, Samuel and linebacker Evan McKelvey, who led the Herd with 10 tackles, made numerous plays throughout the game, Marshall's secondary came up big as well. "I had my linebackers covering, and I had my secondary

covering," Thompson said. "They made the quarterback hold the ball longer, so I was able to get into the backfield. Without the secondary holding their guys in coverage, I wouldn't have made the plays I did." In the secondary, Corey Tindal and Tiquan Lang each recorded two pass breaks up, while Rodney Allen secured his first career interception as the Marshall defense collected 15 total pass break ups and forced 29 total incompletions. Though the defense forced five turnovers and relieved the Herd offense of the pressure of matching Southern Mississippi on the scoreboard, the team's special teams units also produced some game-altering plays. Defensive end Ryan Bee blocked a Southern Mississippi field goal attempt with 4:25 left in the second quarter, which kept the scored tied at 10. The Marshall offense subsequently took over possession at its own 33-yard line before driving to the Southern Mississippi 23-yard line where the drive stalled, allowing the team's holder and punter Tyler Williams to add to the special teams' list of significant plays on the ensuing field goal attempt.

Williams faked the snap by signaling a false hand motion, inducing multiple Southern Mississippi defenders into a 5-yard offside penalty which gave Marshall a first down. The drive ended with quarterback Chase Litton tossing a 3-yard touchdown to a wide open Ryan Yuracheck, giving the Herd a 17-10 lead heading into halftime. "It was 100 percent Tyler," Litton said. "The fake snap really got them offside and gave us seven points instead of three." Litton also threw a 61-yard touchdown to Deandre Reaves on a seam route midway through the third quarter and finished the day completing 11 of his 21 passes for 163 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. Running back Devon Johnson returned to action after missing last week's game with back and ankle injuries and rushed for 86 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries. Marshall's next game is scheduled for noon Saturday when it takes on Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. **Bradley Heltzel can be contacted at [heltzel1@marshall.edu](mailto:heltzel1@marshall.edu).**

## Men's soccer team falls to 0-4 in conference play

By **JOSHUA HUGHES**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's men's soccer team dropped to 4-7 on the season after a 3-1 road loss Saturday against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (6-2-1). Despite eight saves and two goals allowed by Marshall goalkeeper Bijan Gloston, his effort was not enough for the Herd. In the first half, the 49ers shot the ball nine more times than the Herd and finished the match with a 25-5 advantage. Charlotte scored its first goal in the 12th minute as Matej Dekovic assisted to Zhuvonte Wilson for his first goal of the season. Gloston was substituted out of the match at the 62-minute mark for sophomore Dominik Reining. One minute later, the 49ers struck as Mark Sloan scored off an assist by Kyle Parker to make it 2-0.

Charlotte added to its lead in the 84th minute, when Parker scored a one-on-one break-away goal for a 3-0 cushion. Marshall senior Matt Freeman scored his first goal in nearly three years off a penalty kick to give the Herd its only score of the day. The Herd's loss moves its conference record to 0-4. Marshall will have its next chance to snap its six-match losing streak and gain a conference win when the Herd visits a winless Florida Atlantic University team (0-9-1) 7 p.m. Monday in Boca Raton, Florida. Marshall head coach Bob Gray said it is crucial his team beats Florida Atlantic. "It's very important that we get this win," Gray said. "We're 0-4, and we've lost two of those games at home, which is a tough pill to swallow. Those Kentucky and South Carolina games were winnable, but the ball just didn't bounce our way. We were in a similar situation last year, and we were able to get some wins. That's what we've got to do. We've got to find a way to win." **Joshua Hughes can be contacted at [hughes261@marshall.edu](mailto:hughes261@marshall.edu).**

## Herd softball team finishes fall ball season on high note

Members of Marshall University's softball team celebrates during a match earlier this season.

SHANNON STOWERS | THE PARTHENON

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The Marshall University softball team finished out its fall exhibition season Saturday by sweeping the final double header of the fall 8-0 and 13-1 over Ohio Valley University. Head coach Shonda Stanton said she was pleased with her team's performance. "(Jordan) Dixon and (Brittanie) Fowler provided strong starts," Stanton said in a press release. "And we got solid relief innings from our freshmen." Junior pitcher Jordan Dixon started game one in the circle for Marshall and shut down the Fighting Scots. From the first inning into the fourth, Dixon did not allow a base hit and retired 10 straight batters with nine in a row coming by strikeout. Dixon threw five innings and finished with 11 strikeouts. Senior Brittanie Fowler started game

two and pitched three shutout innings allowing only one hit and striking out four. Freshmen Ali Burdette, Cheyenne Meyer and Abigail Tolbert combined through both games to throw four innings, allowing only two hits and one run to Ohio Valley. On the offensive side, senior Katalin Lucas got things rolling in the first inning in game one with an RBI triple to left center that scored fellow senior Kaelynn Greene. Freshman Brianna Daiss followed the score with an RBI single that scored Lucas. Daiss would add a big hit in the fifth with a solo home run to right center, her first of the fall that gave Marshall a 5-0 lead. In game one, Greene finished 2-3 at the plate and scored two runs along with two stolen bases. Lucas went 2-4 with a run and two RBIs. Daiss finished 3-4 with two RBIs and

senior Alyssa Woodrum drove in two runs as well. Sophomore Taylor McCord added two hits as Marshall finished the game with 14 hits in all, as well as five stolen bases. In game two, Marshall scored on seven runs on eight hits in the first inning. Burdette added the Herd's second triple of the day that drove in two runs. The Herd scored three more in the second, one run in the third and the final two runs of the game in the fourth. The last two runs came after freshman Summer Collins, who reached base safely on a fielder's choice, scored on an inside-the-park home run by junior Morgan Zerkle. "We got results up and down the line giving us a number of options to produce runs," Stanton said. "Our coaching staff is fired up to get to work with our athletes in the off season because of their coachability. We are enjoying coaching this group."



## Men's golf sits in sixth place after first day of Invitational

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Marshall University's men's golf team currently sits in sixth place after the first two rounds of the Kenny Perry Invitational Monday in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Herd has three players in the top 25 of the competition and shot a total of 30 birdies between the two rounds. Sophomore Alex Weiss leads the team at 4-over par and is tied for 18th place. Senior Logan Lagodich and redshirt junior Davey Jude are both tied for 21st. Head Coach Matt Grobe said he saw some good things from his players on the first day despite not being very familiar with the course. "We really had some great holes today but unfortunately we had a couple mistakes that hurt us," Grobe said. "This is a very challenging course and we only had one practice round, but after today we have now played three rounds on the course so I feel really good about tomorrow." Round three gets started Tuesday morning with a shotgun start.



# OPINION

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who is running the football stadium PA?

This issue needs to be fixed NOW! Since the beginning of the 2015 Football season, someone in the stadium press box has taken it upon themselves to single handedly cancel out tradition and respect of the MU Marching Thunder and the traditions that take place inside that stadium.

We've already seen the "Thunder Clap" recently dissappear, now this week the "First Down Chant" dissappeared, and even at one point the dreaded "Dance Cam" blarred over top of "Sons of Marshall" following a Herd score as it was being played by the MU Marching Thunder.

History & Pride is, and will always be the biggest part of Marshall University Football, and we are failing as a community to let this happen! If we wanted a crappy radio show, we would just blare Kee FM over the PA. Put the Marching Thunder and it's band director back in charge of the stadium crowd, chants, and music. Keep your fans in the stands involved, and keep the Thundering Herd Football Traditions alive!

**Submitted by Tim Corbett.**



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For the latest in campus news

### EDITORIAL

## We were completely misinformed about Columbus as children



ELAINE THOMPSON | AP PHOTO

Lovella Black Bear, left, holds a sign calling for the abolishment of Columbus Day during a demonstration for Indigenous Peoples Day Monday in Seattle. As the U.S. observes Columbus Day, it will also be Indigenous Peoples Day in at least nine U.S. cities. The Seattle City Council previously approved a resolution to designate the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples Day to celebrate the culture of Native Americans.

Parents should be mad if their children are taught about Christopher Columbus in a similar fashion to the way they were taught. Visions of happy Native Americans dancing with explorers around fires, sharing food and drink and just learning to coexist filled the heads of children all over the United States. Only years after elementary school, when children start being capable of independently researching things they learned in school will children realize that Columbus was not the man teachers typically made him out to be. Children should become increasingly wary about Columbus.

It is important to seek out different viewpoints, not just the "white Christian savior to the heathen natives" archetype. Do not allow the future leaders of America to conform to the ideas that Columbus somehow helped the people of the nation.

People should be appalled to figure out the things white "colonists" did to men, women and children who only offered peace. The kindness of the natives was truly stepped on; something that may never be appropriately "fixed." For this reason, among many others, Columbus Day should not be observed in schools.

People who are capable of thinking by themselves should reserve every right to celebrate the holiday, but please, think about

the children. Children typically take the things their teachers say as cold, solid fact. Kids are incredibly susceptible to the ideas of those older than them.

To idolize this one man as an American hero of sorts is to idolize the things Columbus deemed necessary. Why aren't more parents mad about a murderer being embedded into the curriculum their kids are going over? Sure, an Islamophobic mother can go viral after being so worked up about her "Christian child" learning the very basics of another religion, but no one will protest an entire holiday to commemorate genocide.

What's wrong here? Are people so caught up in the idea of an old-fashioned God-loving America that they don't care about ensuring kids can think for themselves? Future and current teachers of America, think long and hard before you teach about Columbus, or at least teach from the perspective of natives as well. You never know, you could be breeding the next spice trading, bad-at-navigation homicidal "hero." Now wouldn't that make you feel guilty, or are you going to wait hundreds of years after idolizing this kind of behavior to stop and think "Hey. This is kinda messed up."

### COLUMN



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In this April 11, 2013 file photo, Jason Rezaian, an Iranian-American correspondent for the Washington Post, smiles as he attends a presidential campaign of President Hassan Rouhani in Tehran, Iran. Iran's official IRNA news agency reported the verdict against Rezaian has been issued. Rezaian, the Post's Tehran bureau chief, is accused of charges including espionage in a closed-door trial that has been widely criticized by the U.S. government and press freedom organizations.

**By NANCY PEYTON**  
THE PARTHENON

Jason Rezaian, a Washington Post correspondent in Iran, recently received a guilty plea for "espionage" from a Revolutionary Court in Iran.

Freedom of the press is a right many Americans hold dear. After all, this right is guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Other countries are not as lucky as we are. One news story that goes against the status quo

could land a journalist in jail in these countries.

American journalists are tasked with the job of being government watchdogs. The American public seems to forget this sometimes.

When there's nothing but bad news on the television, people automatically blame the media. People want journalists to seek the truth and report it, but not if it's going to put a damper on their day.

I can't tell you how many times people have told me that they're going to be upset if the only things I cover are bad news. The sad reality is there's more bad news in the world than good news.

We can't pick and choose what information we want to know. We're given a precious thing many other countries have to go without: freedom to express ourselves however we please. Shouldn't we take full

advantage of that?

American journalists are arrested on foreign soil all the time for trying to seek the truth and bring it to light. Instead of criticizing these individuals, we should be grateful for their service to this country and applaud them for exercising the rights granted to them as American citizens.

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# Marshall football player arrested in error, attorney says

## McManus was released later Sunday afternoon

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The attorney of a Marshall University football player says a clerical error led to his client spending a half-day in jail.

Police arrested 21-year-old Deon-Tay McManus Sunday for failing to appear in court regarding a 2013 battery charge in Cabell County. An officer Sunday conducted a traffic stop on a car that McManus was riding in. When performing background checks on the passengers, the officer saw the warrant on McManus' record.

McManus' attorney, Ray Nolan says it he believes the Cabell County prosecutors motioned to dismiss the charge on Feb. 20. Magistrate Darrell Black released McManus from jail Sunday afternoon. Black says a hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 20 to resolve the issue.

Marshall Sports Information Director Jason Corriher says McManus' status at the university was not in jeopardy.

# Women's role in agriculture increases in West Virginia

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Women's role in agriculture in West Virginia is becoming more prominent.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says 29 percent of farmers in the state are women, or 9,320.

West Virginia University assistant professor Doolarie Singh-Knights tells The State Journal that the rate of women in West Virginia entering farming is three times the national average.

She says the WVU Extension Service has made educating and training women in agriculture a priority.

The agency will host the second annual Women in Agriculture Conference Oct. 23-24 at Canaan Valley Resort.

Singh-Knights says the conference will provide training to help women develop production, management, business planning and risk management skills.

## PRESIDENT SEARCH

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Marshall graduate student from the Charleston campus, Bryanna Doughty, said the visit to both campuses is needed.

"It's important the candidates get a holistic view of Marshall," said Doughty. "It's just as important for the candidate to meet the students to make sure it's a good fit for both."

The Huntington campus receptions will be held at 6-7:30 p.m. in the Arthur Weisburg Family Applied Engineering Complex. Dr. Wiesenburg will be present Tuesday, Dr. Gilbert on Wednesday, and Dr. Maples on Thursday. Charleston campus visits are from 2-3:30 respectively.

The receptions will be broadcasted online for those unable to attend. Online surveys for each candidate are available on the presidential search website for opinions and feedback.

The presidential search has been ongoing since last spring. The search committee chose the three candidates with the help

from an outside search committee, AGB Search Inc.

Junior nursing student, Courtney Lagowski, said it is important for the candidates to visit.

"The people, community and staff that are actively involved with the Marshall campus need to see and meet these candidates to see what to expect for the future," said Lagowski.

The on-campus meetings are part of the final stage in the presidential search. After visits are complete and feedback is reviewed, the committee will present its recommendations to the Board of Governors for the final selection.

The name of the selected candidate will be sent to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy commission for final approval.

Michael Sellards, Charmain of the Search Committee and Chairman of the Board of Governors, said he anticipates the new president could be on board by the spring semester.

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## LIBRARY

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staff member.

Salyers said the whole first floor of the library is now open until 2 a.m., while the study center is the only area open until 7:30 a.m.

Salyers said the visual aid room next to the scanning room has become the Mac Room, which is available until 7:30 a.m. to students who want to use the Mac desktops.

During daytime, study rooms are still available and reservations can be made. The library has been notified of certain issues regarding study rooms. According to music major Christa Navy students often use the study rooms for non-academic purposes.

"It kills me when I'm actually trying to find a place to work on a group project and I only see one person taking up an entire study room. Sometimes I walk by the smaller ones and I'll see somebody watching Netflix on their laptop," Navy said.

Library staff has already taken action to try to fix issues.

"This year, we are being a little stricter on reservations," Salyers said.

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## PIANIST

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Eastman Wind Ensemble, Noord Nederlands Orkest, Amman Symphony Orchestra and many others. Mitchell records for the Alpha/Outhere music label and for Telos Music. Mitchell currently lives in Germany.

Mitchell will also play shows in Arlington, Virginia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

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## CLUB

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for the members who couldn't make it. Al Roker is a celebrity and he is well known."

The society does more than just events. It facilitates leadership training day, recruits for the training day and has community service events.

Sophomore exercise science major Morgan Foos said she was excited to get involved in something else, especially an elite society.

"I initially saw the Greek letters that represent, I was thinking its going to be some kind of honor society, which made me pretty excited," Foos said. "I think when I was in community college before I transferred here, I remember getting some kind of email or letter about something like this but people never took it seriously. I was hoping for the best out of this and it's been great."

Recruiting for the spring semester will begin at the end of the fall. Students invited to the society can expect their invitations via mail and email.

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# Scientist monitors water safety, serves church as nun

By **CHARLOTTE FERRELL SMITH**  
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Sister Agatha Munyanyi was 13 years old when she began to admire the work of the nuns at a private Catholic school she attended in Zimbabwe.

"My parents and grandparents were Catholic," she said. "I went to boarding school where there were sisters of the congregation of Sisters of the Child of Jesus. Some were working in hospitals and some were teaching us. I wanted to be like one of them. I didn't understand all of the other implications."

As she followed the steps to becoming a nun, she was encouraged through this nurturing environment to choose a career that would fit her dreams and gifts. She has since acquired degrees geared to her interests in science, health, research and the environment.



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In this photo taken Aug. 19 Sister Agatha Munyanyi describes how water samples are taken close to possible sources of pollution in Charleston, West Virginia Munyanyi, who has lived in Charleston in community with two other sisters, is a staff scientist with Potesta & Associates Inc., an engineering and environmental consulting firm.

Munyanyi, who has lived in Charleston in community with two other sisters, is a staff scientist with Potesta & Associates Inc., an engineering and environmental consulting firm.

"I am very grateful for what I have been able to do," she said. "Other people have made it possible for me. When I pray, I don't want to ask for anything, but to thank. I have received a lot and I owe gratitude to people and to God."

She first came to the United States in 1976 with a scholarship funded by the Benedictine Sisters of Yankton, South Dakota, to attend Hampton Institute in Virginia, where she earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Over the years, she has earned degrees from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, including a bachelor of science of medical technology, master's in clinical chemistry and a doctorate in biomedical sciences.

She eventually returned to the U.S. to further education at Old Dominion.

"I was offered a full scholarship for a teaching assistantship," she said. "I taught laboratory classes for beginners

in chemistry. It was a lot of fun."

It was also a lot of work with juggling her coursework, teaching and grading papers.

In July 2014, Munyanyi was offered a position with Potesta & Associates.

She works in the office and reviews information to help businesses make sure they are meeting regulations to operate in various areas such as coal, natural gas, concrete, asphalt and chemical industries. Co-workers collect samples that are analyzed to see that environmental standards are met.

"I hope to (one day) go to the rivers with co-workers," she said. "I analyze under supervision and release results to clients."

Clad in the religious habit she wears daily, she said her day typically begins when she joins her fellow sisters in morning prayers. Her work day is 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The three sisters take turns with the cooking and household chores and join for evening prayer, as well as to share information about their respective days.

## ART

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finding my voice," Roberts said.

Roberts, a former Huntington resident, also has pieces of art in exhibitions and shows in Germany, Ohio and New York.

"I've worked really hard for a very long time, but I wanted to be fully developed and have a strong body of work and a large body of work before it came out," Roberts said.

Roberts walked around to view other artworks and talk

to other artists. Christopher Hatten, senior curator and library director, was making sure the event was running smoothly.

Hatten said the HMA staff didn't see the pieces selected for the exhibition until a few weeks before the event. There were a few last-minute changes, but ultimately Hatten said the event was a success.

Exhibition 280 will be at the HMA until Feb. 14, 2016.

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# #INTOMUVViews | Shuo Xu

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Shuo Xu is an INTO Marshall student from Beijing, China pursuing a master's degree in English. Xu has been in America for about a year and a half and chose to come to Marshall because of the similar seasons to Beijing and the affordable tuition. At Marshall, Xu has appreciated the discussion-based learning environment and says it is far different from her Chinese educational experiences where students rarely talked in class. Xu enjoys learning languages and is currently learning Japanese. Additionally, Xu likes drinking tea and coffee, chatting with friends, and baking, though she hardly has time for it during the school year. After graduating, Xu hopes to stay in America and find a job teaching English or Chinese.

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**Q: How long have you been in America?**

A: I have been in America for more than one year. I came here last May.

**Q: How do you think you've adapted to America? What are some differences?**

A: The difference is atmosphere. In my home country and my home town, the atmosphere has air pollution. But here the air is fresh. And also, class is different. We can discuss [topics] with the teacher, but in China most of the time we have to listen to the teacher. We seldom talk in the class.

**Q: How and why did you choose to come to Marshall?**

A: Because Huntington has four seasons, the same as my hometown. Also, the tuition is cheaper than like California or New York.

**Q: What are your plans after you graduate?**

A: My plan is to try and find a job teaching English or Chinese. I'd prefer to stay [in America] for a little while. And after that it just depends.

**Q: How have you managed to stay in touch with your family?**

A: I usually use WeChat because WeChat is popular in China and my parents already know how to use it. Sometimes, I will send gift cards or birthday cards to them.

**Q: What has been your favorite experience in America so far?**

A: Meeting my boyfriend! Yeah, that was cool.

**Q: What are some activities or hobbies you enjoy?**

A: My hobby is learning languages, but so far, I can only speak two languages: Chinese and English. But I keep learning Japanese. My hobby is drinking tea and coffee, [making] food or having chats with friends. I like to make food and I like to learn from different countries' foods. But we are so busy whenever the semester begins, so I usually do it during the holidays.



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Shuo Xu is an INTO student from China who enjoys learning the language and the changing of the seasons.