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MISS AND MR. MARSHALL ANNOUNCED AT HOMECOMING



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Senior and Student Body Vice President Izzy Rogner was named Miss Marshall and fellow senior Nigel Wallace was named Mr. Marshall Saturday during halftime at Marshall's Homecoming game.

By **DESMOND GROVES**
THE PARTHENON

The titles for 2015 Mr. and Miss Marshall were named during halftime of Saturday's Homecoming game.

The titles were awarded to seniors Nigel Wallace and current Student Body vice president Isabelle Rogner.

Rogner, an international business major with a minor in political science, and Wallace, a management and marketing with a minor in entrepreneurship, won their sashes and crowns by spending the last couple of weeks campaigning on campus and encouraging students to vote.

"When they announced my name, all of my memories from the past four years at Marshall rushed through my mind," Rogner said. "My passion for the university came through me with tears of joy

and it began to sprinkle rain as soon as Morgan put my crown on. I knew both my late grandparents were cheering me on from upstairs. It was hands down, the best moment of my life."

Rogner is from Lewisburg, West Virginia. Rogner runs cross-country, the same organization that sponsored her campaign.

Rogner decided to run in hopes of being a good role model.

"I want to be an inspiration for young girls that want to take on leadership roles that are usually male dominated," Rogner said. "They can be impactful and not have to wait for opportunities and make opportunities for themselves."

Rogner plans on using her title to work and donate to the A.D. Lewis Community Center.

"I want to set it up to where I can meet

up with the girls [at the center] at least once a month and do a meet and greet sort of thing where I can talk to the girls and discuss their dreams for higher education," Rogner said. "They need to know they do not have to be super girly to have these leadership roles and they can do whatever they want in the state of West Virginia."

Wallace said he felt elated on Saturday.

"It is hard to describe," Wallace said. "If I had to use one word to describe that way I felt whenever my name was called, it would have to be elation."

Wallace is from Logan, West Virginia and was sponsored by the Collegiate Entrepreneurship Organization.

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Fitzpatrick Society celebrates 25 years at HMA

By **TAYLOR POLING**
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Museum on Art celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Fitzpatrick Society over the weekend.

The Fitzpatrick Society: 25 Years of Gifts to the Collection exhibit went on display Saturday. The exhibit's opening reception took place Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission was free.

Herbert Fitzpatrick, a local attorney, created the society. Fitzpatrick gifted 52 acres of land and a collection of artwork, which according to HMA Development director, Carol Bailey, provided the foundation for the effort to establish the Huntington Galleries.

The gallery was created in 1952 while The Fitzpatrick Society was created later in 1989 to help nurture the growth of the art collection.

More than 30 pieces of artwork have been added to the collection since the society's first purchases in 1990. The collection includes items like a centuries-old Inuit storyboard, contemporary works on paper, old master prints, photographs, paintings and studio glass.

"It is hoped the next 25 years of The Fitzpatrick Society will further strengthen the HMA collection and continue to fulfill the vision of the museum's founders," HMA Senior Curator Christopher Hatten said.

A catalogue with object essays by Hatten and a foreword by HMA Executive director, Geoffrey Fleming, was available for purchase at the opening.

The exhibit will be open through Feb. 7.

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Marshall wins Homecoming 30-13 against North Texas

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Marshall University's 100-Mile-Meal

By KELSIE LIVELY
THE PARTHENON

The second 100-Mile-Meal took place Friday in Marshall University's Towers Marketplace to celebrate National Food Day.

The 100-Mile-Meal was prepared using only locally sourced ingredients from farmers within the area.

The 100-Mile-Meal was created by Marshall University Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics to show students the importance of eating both locally and healthy.

Casey Underwood, President of MU SAND, collaborated with local organizations such as The Wild Ramp, 30-Mile-Meal and Marshall to bring the event to campus.

"The 30-Mile-Meal would be a meal consisting of all local foods from farmers and businesses within 30 miles of that meal," Underwood said. "Tonight, all the food that we are eating is from farmers and local businesses within 100 miles of Marshall's campus."

The MU SAND organization believes in connecting the community with locally sourced food and showing how accessible the process is. Representatives hope the 100-Mile-Meal can be a way for students to learn about local food.

"One of the main goals, other than National Food Day and sustainable living, is gaining awareness that farmers are out there and they're still farming," Underwood said. "All this food comes from local businesses."

National Food Day is geared toward helping communities change their diets and improve

food polices. The day is celebrated across the country through different events by enjoying "real" foods.

"National Food Day is Oct. 24, so this is our way of celebrating food day," Underwood said. "We are promoting a sustainable earth and local farming and local businesses are some of the best ways to do that. We also hope to show students that local foods are probably going to be more healthy than the processed packaged stuff that you might get from the freezer section at the grocery store."

Lauren Kemp, representative for the 30-Mile-Meal organization and The Wild Ramp, shared the importance of creating a relationship between local farmers and local businesses.

"The 30-Mile-Meal is interested in markets and restaurants or institutions like Marshall that want to source local food and connecting those people that want the local food with the actual farmers," Kemp said. "The Wild Ramp is a great example of what you can do when you get a lot of farmers together in a retail space and so we promote The Wild Ramp a lot through our 30-Mile-Meal program."

The Wild Ramp is a farmer's market located in Huntington that only sources local products. The products sold are made or grown within 250 miles of Huntington.

"The goal of the 30-Mile-Meal is to facilitate relationships between farmers and restaurants and then tell the community about these relationships," Kemp said.

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"The 100-Mile-Meal was prepared using only locally sourced ingredients from farmers within a 100-mile radius of Marshall."



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President of MU SAND Casey Underwood (left) and representative of 30-Mile-Meal and The Wild Ramp Lauren Kemp (right).

Lawsuit seeks third gender option on U.S. passport



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Dana Zzyym, right, the plaintiff in a federal discrimination lawsuit filed by Lambda Legal against the U.S. State Department seeking more gender options for passports, responds to a question while Paul D. Castillo, staff attorney in the South Central Regional Office of Lambda Legal in Dallas, looks on during a news conference about the case Monday, in Denver. Zzyym, an intersex person, was denied a U.S. passport for refusing to check either male or female on the application form.

By COLLEEN SLEVIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Colorado resident denied a passport for refusing to identify as either male or female on the application form has sued the federal government to try to force the United States to join a handful of other countries that allow people to get travel documents without picking a gender.

Lambda Legal announced the lawsuit Monday on behalf of Dana Zzyym (pronounced Zimm) of Fort Collins, Colorado, who was born with ambiguous sex characteristics — referred to as intersex. It names Secretary of State John Kerry as a defendant and claims that requiring people to check a box marked either "M" or "F" is discriminatory and asks people like Zzyym to lie.

Countries including Australia, New Zealand and Nepal allow people to have their gender marked as "X" or "other" rather than male or female on passports. Australia requires people using that option to provide confirmation from a doctor or psychologist.

One of Zzyym's lawyers, Paul Castillo, said people with such foreign travel documents are permitted to enter the United States, and he suggested that federal officials also allow an "x" option on its passport applications.

Ashley Garrigus, a spokeswoman for the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs, said the department would not comment on pending litigation.

It's not clear how many people would want to

take advantage of the "x" option. Castillo said an estimated 1.7 percent of the population is intersex — making them about as common as people with red hair — but some identify as men or women, unlike Zzyym.

Lambda Legal previously joined other groups in pressing the State Department to change its passport policy for transgender people. Since 2010, people who undergo gender reassignment surgery have been able to change the gender on their passport with certification from a doctor. Temporary passports also are granted to people who are going through a gender transition.

Castillo said there is no gender listed on Zzyym's birth certificate. Zzyym's parents raised their child as a boy, when Zzyym underwent some medical procedures to change characteristics. Zzyym later served in the U.S. Navy as a man before identifying as intersex while working and studying at Colorado State University.

Zzyym grew more aware of gender identity and activism working with the Organisation Intersex International and later unsuccessfully applied for a passport. Zzyym sought one after being invited to participate in the group's meeting in Mexico City in October 2014 but was unable to go.

"I defended the rights of this country. I believe I should be able to use a few of them," said the self-described Air Force brat who was born in Michigan.

National PanHellenic's annual step show

By MICHAEL BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's National PanHellenic Council held its annual step show Saturday at the Keith Albee Theater.

A disc jockey provided music and concessions were available for the crowd.

"I attended the step show because I wanted to see and support the different Greek organizations participating in the show," said Kayla Marshall, Marshall graduate and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

The NPHC is made up of the Divine 9, nine historically African American, international Greek letter fraternities and sororities.

"I enjoyed the camaraderie of all our Marshall University students, staff and Greeks at this year's step show," said Jon Austin, Marshall graduate and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Inc. "It exemplified the family reunion feel that Homecoming always brings forth."

"It is essential that non-Divine 9 members know that members of the NPHC are more than just stepping and rhythmic talent; stepping is just one of the many intricacies that the Divine 9 embodies," Austin said. "We are students, mentors, community service advocates, scholars, graduates and leaders of Marshall University. Stepping is a rich tradition within our organization but it does not define the D9. We are so much more."

"If you weren't able to be at this year's step show you have really missed a good time and I encourage you to come out next time around," said Rinesha Jackson, junior exercise science and pre physical therapy major.

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WINNERS

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"Now that I've obtained the title and position of Mr. Marshall, I plan on using it effectively," Wallace said. "Hopefully beginning what is to be a long span of public speaking opportunities or events, for local students and schools and organizations in the Tri-State area, to empower the youth and let

them know about life and opportunity after high school education."

Students with the titles Mr. and Miss Marshall are required to attend the Capital Classic Basketball games, Marshall University Day at the Capitol, Alumni Weekend events, Homecoming 2016 to crown the new Mr. and Miss

Marshall and accommodate special requests by the Office of the President, the Office of Communications or the Office of Student Activities.

Wallace and Rogner will hold their titles until next year's Homecoming game.

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LEFT: Miss Marshall candidate Amber Pappas with her parents at halftime. BOTTOM LEFT: A former Miss Marshall Morgan Wright passing over the crown. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mr. Marshall candidate Brandon Metzger with his parents at halftime.

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SPORTS

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Column: Louisville in midst of scandal

By **MALCOLM WALTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Louisville is a college basketball powerhouse and one of the most respected programs in the country.

Or at least it used to be one of the most respected programs.

The 2013 NCAA National Champions are currently in the midst of a sex scandal that could very well tarnish its reputation and question the integrity of its leaders.

ESPN's "Outside the Lines" reported that a former assistant coach, Andre McGee, paid for sex and stripper parties on Louisville's campus for basketball players and recruits, according to a self-described escort named Katina Powell who recently authored a book called "Breaking Cardinal Rules: Basketball and the Escort Queen."

Since the release of her book earlier this month, five former Cardinal basketball players and recruits have corroborated her story and admitted to McGee paying for strippers to attend nearly two-dozen parties at university dorms from 2010 to 2014.

The parties would basically unfold like a scene straight out of Spike Lee's "He Got Game." (You know, the scene where Jesus Shuttlesworth has girls literally lined up waiting to have sex with him during his recruiting visit.)

According to former players and recruits, a handful of strippers would perform and then some would be paid extra to have sex with the players in separate rooms.

To make things weirder, two of Powell's teenage daughters worked as strippers at the parties and said they received \$100 each to have sex with former Louisville star players, some whom have went on to play professionally.

Somehow, during all of this, head coach Rick Pitino, the face of the prestigious program, emphatically claims to have had no knowledge of these parties.

While the case is being investigated by both the university and the NCAA, Louisville officials are adamant it has no plans to fire Pitino. And the veteran Hall of Fame coach said last week that he is not considering resigning anytime soon.

To anyone with common sense, to think Pitino had no idea of what was going on seems very unlikely.

I strongly doubt Pitino had anything to do with the planning of these sex parties, but to pretend he was clueless is quite hard to believe.

In the arms race that is big-time college sports, it does not seem unlikely that some colleges are comfortable using these sorts of recruiting tools and that powerful coaches can count on underlings to handle the logistics.

On Friday, McGee resigned from his position as an assistant basketball coach at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, where he moved before the scandal broke. While he did resign at his own will, McGee – just like Pitino – denies the allegations.

However, several Louisville faculty members are not satisfied with McGee's resignation and are pushing for actions to be taken against Pitino.

Now, let's say Pitino truly did not have any knowledge of what was going on in his program. If that is the case, Pitino should resign for allowing such things to occur under his leadership of these young men, many of whom are underage during the time of their recruiting visits.

However, if Pitino did have the slightest knowledge of what was going on, he certainly shouldn't resign. He should be fired immediately.

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Players not satisfied with Homecoming victory



Marshall University linebacker Evan McKelvey runs downfield after intercepting a pass Saturday in the team's 30-13 win against the University of North Texas.

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Despite defeating the University of North Texas 30-13 Saturday in its Homecoming game, members of Marshall University's football team were not satisfied with the team's performance.

Freshman quarterback Chase Litton said he places the responsibility of the team's less-than-stellar play on himself.

"I got to get better," Litton said. "There are throws I didn't make; there are reads I didn't make. We just got to get better. I got to get with these guys more. And we got to focus up and watch more film and spend more time just trying to perfect our craft. Once that gets better then we'll be a good team. But until then, we can't play like that against these other teams coming up or we are going to get beat."

Litton, who completed 19 of his 34 passes for 189 yards with a touchdown and no interceptions, had the offense off to a quick start in the first quarter as the Herd racked up 178 yards on its first three drives,

resulting in two touchdowns and a field goal.

However, over the course of the remaining three quarters, the offense totaled just 224 yards and 13 points with four three-and-outs.

"I think we came out in the second half a little flat," sophomore running back Hyleck Foster said.

The Herd managed just two field goals in the second half, but overall, the offense was aided by Foster's productivity as he eclipsed the 100-yard mark on the ground for the second consecutive game after rushing for 122 yards last week against Florida Atlantic University.

Foster, who carried the ball 17 times for 105 yards and a touchdown, said his offensive line was integral component of his success against North Texas.

"The offensive lineman, give credit to the offensive line," Foster said. "They did a hell of a job upfront, just getting a body on a body and letting me read their butts, and then I just take it from there."

The offensive line opened running lanes for senior running back Remi

Watson as well, who amassed 83 yards and a touchdown.

In total, the Herd rushed for 213 yards, giving it a sum of 539 rush yards the past two weeks.

While the offense was clicking early before sputtering later on in the contest, the defense's performance was consistent throughout with the exception of a 93-yard touchdown drive by North Texas in the final minutes against the Marshall backups.

"I think defensively, we were able to get some pressure on (the quarterback) at times," head coach Doc Holliday said. "I thought the secondary, again, did a good job of not creating separation and taking away the easy-access throws. There was a lot of run-pass option stuff, and I think we took away the easy-access throws, which forced them to run the ball a little bit."

Although the defense had just two sacks in the game, via Ryan Bee and Blake Keller, Marshall was credited with 20 quarterback hits. Bee accumulated eight tackles, a sack, 1.5 tackles for loss, a batted ball and five quarterback hits.

"(The defensive line) always gets told 'get to (the quarterback) and hit him, and eventually he'll stop looking at the receivers and start looking at the rush,'" Bee said.

The pressure generated by Bee and the Herd front may have disrupted the vision of North Texas quarterback DaMarcus Smith, but Marshall senior safety Taj Letman said the secondary also assisted in the defensive lines production.

"We did a good job in coverage," Letman said. "We probably had like three or two coverage sacks."

The combination of the pressured applied by the Marshall front seven and the tight coverage of the secondary forced North Texas quarterback DaMarcus Smith to throw 22 incompletions and an interception, which came courtesy of senior linebacker Evan McKelvey, who also had seven tackles and three quarterback hits.

Marshall will seek its seventh straight victory Saturday when it goes on the road to take on the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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Herd's Dubs earns fourth C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honor

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's women's soccer senior midfielder Jenna Dubs earned her fourth Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week honor, the league announced Monday.

Dubs is the only player this season to earn the C-USA honor more than twice.

"She has been the most consistent player ever for the Herd and epitomizes all that we look for in a Herd student-athlete," Marshall head coach Kevin Long said in a press release. "She is strong, fit,

competitive and fantastic in the classroom – a player that we have been able to rely on for each of her years here and deserves every bit of praise she has received this season. I look forward to her finishing her senior campaign with her teammates with the same success we have come to expect from her this season and for her career."

Dubs also tied a school record with her 76th consecutive start in the team's 2-0 victory Friday against Western Kentucky University.

The senior from Green Lane, Pennsylvania fended off 15 shots with three on target in the shutout.

With its most recent win, Marshall (12-3-3, 5-2-2) tied two team records against the Hilltoppers. The Herd's 12 season wins and five C-USA wins are the most in program history, which was set in 2009 (12-7-0, 5-6-0).

Marshall was ranked No. 55 in the NCAA RPI Monday, second in Conference USA behind the University of North Texas.

Marshall falls to Charlotte moves to 15-9



Members of Marshall University's volleyball team attempt to score against Eastern Kentucky University Sept. 9.

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's volleyball team fell to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Friday in five sets at the Cam Henderson Center.

After splitting the first four sets, Marshall lost in the tie-breaking set.

With the loss, the Herd moves to 15-9 (6-5 C-USA), which places the team in the eighth spot in its 13-team league.

Despite the loss, Ally Kieover recorded 15 kills with a .386 hitting percentage while Kayla Simmons had a team-high 38 assist.

On the defensive side of the of the ball, Cassie Weaver led the team with 23 digs and Allie Kellerman followed with 21.

Marshall's next game is a road match scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday against the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



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EDITORIAL

Protect and serve, don't body slam children



SCREEN SHOT | YOUTUBE

A video depicting a police officer in a physical altercation with a student who refused to leave the classroom at a high school in Richland County, South Carolina was shot by a student with a cell phone.

The Internet has exploded after video of a police officer pulling a student off a seat and dragging the student on the ground has made rounds on social media.

The student was repeatedly asked to leave the classroom in a high school in Richland County, South Carolina. After refusing to make an exit, the school's security officer came into the room and put his hands on the student, throwing the young woman and her desk to the ground. The student was charged with

disrupting the school environment and was released to her parents following the incident.

After the video went viral, many questions came to light. What made this officer think putting his hands on a student was an appropriate response? These officers are inside of these schools to ensure student safety. The hypocrisy of this one officer alone dilutes the credibility of departments around the U.S.

The Sheriff of the Richland

County department could not speak on whether or not the deputy who assaulted the student had a record of any prior problems with abusing his power.

This brings forth more questions.

What, if any, screening processes do these officers go through before being placed into schools? With school shootings hitting almost epidemic levels in the country, violence is the last thing that needs to be integrated in U.S. schools. Allowing these

officers to be placed without more stringent rules or tests is perpetuating an idea that schools are a hub for violence.

Demand the officers in local schools to be screened for crimes or any past altercations. This isn't to say problems with violence do not come out of nowhere sometimes, but with a little bit of extra work, citizens could prevent an instigator from being around one of our most precious assets, the children and future leaders of the U.S.

COLUMN

A NEW VIEW

Oklahoma State incident making mental health stigma much worse

By NANCY PEYTON
THE PARTHENON

By now, you've probably heard about the Homecoming parade crash at Oklahoma State University. Four people were killed, and a total of 51 individuals were injured.

Adacia Chambers was arrested in connection with the crash. Police say she was driving under the influence, but her family tells a much different story.

Chambers' boyfriend says she was not a person who drinks or does recreational drugs. Chambers' lawyer did an interview in which he told NBC's Today Show Chambers suffers from mental illness.

Chambers' family and lawyer are trying to blame this incident on her mental state. There's been a rise in cases where shootings and things of that nature are blamed on mental illness. When did this become okay?

Situations like these promote a stigma that individuals with mental health issues are violent. This poses a serious issue. By no means is every single mentally ill person prone to violence.

I'm not saying that what Chambers did is not a result of a condition. It very well could be, but making that information public through the news media seems to discredit it.

It would be different if a reporter had stumbled upon this information through another source, but the fact that it's coming from Chambers' lawyer makes it feel suspicious.

The family's interviews are also an issue for me. The family's



SUE OGROCKI | AP PHOTO

Stefanie Alexander, who witnessed the Saturday homecoming parade crash, places a candle at a makeshift memorial to the victims in Stillwater, Oklahoma Monday. A woman accused of driving her car into a crowd of people at Oklahoma State University's Homecoming parade "purposely" went around a barricade, ran a red light and drove over a police motorcycle before crashing into the spectators, a prosecutor said Monday.

willingness to bring Chambers' past into the light so hastily without her consent seems cruel.

Whether or not this situation was somehow driven by her mental illness should be irrelevant at this point. The fact is four people were killed. Four families are mourning. Nothing can be done to fix that.

The past cannot be changed. The only thing we can do is move forward. The best way to do that is to try to figure out why things like this happen.

Chambers' lawyer and family going to the media about this

situation now taints the trial for her. Most members of her jury will have already heard about her mental illness being a suspected cause of the accident, so they will react to that instead of looking at the facts of the case.

Situations like this are delicate and should be handled with the proper care. Mental illness does not automatically explain violent acts.

Encouraging this type of stereotype is the worst thing society could do.

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Repository brims with seized wildlife items

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By **BRENNAN LINSLEY**
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Elephant tusks, leopard heads, crocodile skin purses and tiger skins — more than 1.5 million items in all — fill the shelves of a warehouse on a wildlife refuge near Denver.

The National Wildlife Property Repository is the only place in the United States that stores such a large collection of seized wildlife items. It provides a macabre look at the cost of the global trafficking of endangered and threatened animals.

The contents of the Colorado center operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Law Enforcement include an array of animal parts, large and small, and the items made from them — skins, carved ivory, boots, even medicines.

The confiscated items come from law enforcement agencies around the country.

"You can think of us as customs for wildlife," said Coleen Schaefer, who supervises the repository.

A multibillion-dollar industry, the black market in wildlife is the fourth most profitable in the world, after illegal trafficking in weapons, drugs and humans, Schaefer said.

The repository has a loan program for schools, museums and nonprofits that have a conservation message. It also sends items to research institutions.

"Our main purpose is to provide conservation education about the legal and illegal wildlife trade," Schaefer said.

Nearby is the National Eagle Repository, also a one-of-a-kind facility in the U.S. that stores dead bald and golden eagles and their parts and feathers. Alaska Natives and Native Americans in federally recognized tribes may use the feathers for religious purposes.

Use of the center's feathers reduces pressure to take eagles from the wild, the Fish and Wildlife Service says.



LEFT: Illegally-trafficked leopard and tiger heads stored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Law Enforcement fill the shelves of a warehouse inside the National Wildlife Property Repository in Commerce City, Colorado. More than 1.5 million items fill the shelves of the warehouse on a wildlife refuge just northeast of Denver. A one-of-its-kind repository, it's the only place in the United States that stores such a large collection of wildlife items seized by law enforcement, offering a macabre look at the cost of the global trafficking of endangered and threatened animals.



TOP LEFT: In this Oct. 20 photo, illegally-trafficked elephant ivory and a stuffed tiger are among the more than one million seized items stored inside a warehouse inside the National Wildlife Property Repository. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Law Enforcement runs the repository, whose contents include an array of animal parts, large and small, and the items made from them, skins, carved ivory, boots, even medicines.

ABOVE: An illegally-trafficked stuffed rhino is among the more than one million seized items stored inside a warehouse at the National Wildlife Property Repository. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Law Enforcement runs the facility, whose contents reflect the full array of the multibillion-dollar rare wildlife products trade.

Defense highlights ex-coal CEO's safety practices

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With a key government witness on the stand Monday, a former coal boss' defense team highlighted memos and notes to contend that his company prioritized safety and disciplined people when they worked haphazardly.

In Charleston federal court, ex-Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship's top attorney continued questioning former Massey subsidiary president Christopher Blanchard. Blanchard has testified since Thursday under an immunity agreement with the government. He opted to cooperate with the government instead of being prosecuted, he has testified.

Blankenship is on trial for charges of conspiring to break mine safety laws at Upper Big Branch Mine and lying to financial regulators and investors about company safety. The southern West Virginia mine exploded in 2010, killing 29 men. Blanchard's subsidiary, Performance Coal, oversaw the mine.

On Monday, Blanchard told defense attorney William Taylor that Blankenship didn't instruct him to ignore safety laws once Upper Big Branch no longer was in immediate danger of joining a list of safety law pattern violators. Blanchard said that in the U.S. coal industry, it's understood that mines will be



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Don Blankenship makes his way out of the Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse on the first day of jury selection in Charleston Oct. 1. 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.

cited for some violations.

Last week, Blanchard testified to prosecutors that there was an understanding that Massey was going to get written up for a certain number of violations that could

have been prevented. He also said he believed there was an understanding that it would cost less to pay fines than to try to prevent the violations.

Once Taylor started the defense's

questioning Friday, Blanchard testified that he did not conspire with Blankenship to break safety standards. Blanchard also said he himself had not broken any laws.

On Monday, Taylor highlighted dozens of federal citations and internal disciplinary actions in which Massey managers showed concern about safety problems. People were reprimanded, suspended, and sometimes fired for their mistakes, the defense's documents showed.

In several citations at Blanchard's mines, former Massey Chief Operating Officer Chris Adkins wrote notes back indicating that breaking regulations was not cost effective compared to implementing property safety precautions in the first place.

In one citation, a Massey inspector failed to recognize that a gas detector was missing in the mine. In a follow-up note to Blanchard, Adkins added up the \$500 cost of buying the detector and the \$7,176 violation fine, with a caption that said, "WOW."

Adkin's handwritten notes on the citations often asked: "Who is responsible?"

One of the notes, Blanchard said, made the point that "10 cents of labor to permit a \$1,000 violation was a smart thing to do."

Defense attorneys will continue questioning Blanchard on Tuesday.

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Confederate history lives on in Marrow Library

By RILEY MAHONEY
THE PARTHENON

The Rosanna Blake Library of Confederate History in Morrow Library on Marshall University's campus first arrived in 1987 under the terms of Rosanna Blake's will.

When the collection came to Marshall in 1987, the university invited two well-known bibliographers and historians to come and look at the collection and they declared that it was one of the top four or five in the United States for southern and Confederate materials outside of the national archives.

"When Rosanna Blake was 10 years old her mother got her a little book on Robert E. Lee that got her started," said Jack Dickinson, Confederate bibliographer at Morrow Library. "She became infatuated with Robert E. Lee and she wanted to only collect Robert E. Lee material."

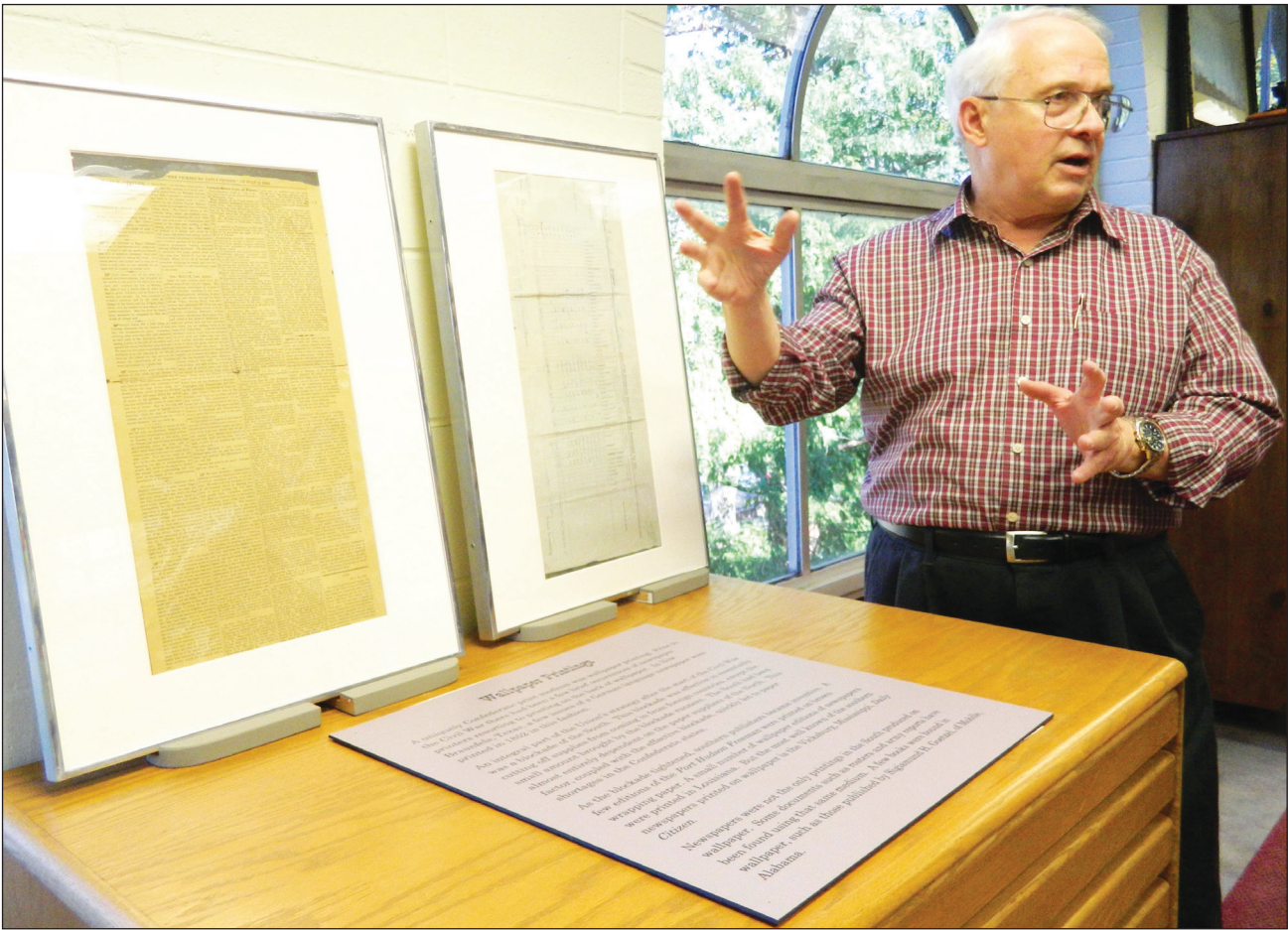
With Robert E. Lee material being very rare and expensive, Blake decided to branch out into the rest of the Confederacy and the southern states. However, according to Dickinson, Blake started seriously collecting after she got her law degree.

The Civil War room in Morrow is where the collection is housed. In the room one can find everything from Civil War weapons to sheets of music such as "Bonnie Blue Flag" that were popular in the Confederate states during the war.

"She loved going after first editions of music," Dickinson said.

The room also houses photographs and first edition books. Dickinson said Blake was always searching for the best things to add to her collection.

"She went out aggressively to go out and to buy first editions of books from the Civil War," Dickinson said. "She also collected Confederate imprints which are things printed by the confederate government during the war."



Confederate bibliographer Jim Dickinson showcasing an item featured in the Rosanna Black Library of Conderate History located in Marrow Library.

Also among the collection are two wallpaper printings from the southern Confederate states. "Wallpaper printings were a thing in the south that were invented out of necessity," Dickinson said.

When the North was blockading the South to cut it off from receiving supplies from the north, one of the first things to become scarce was paper to print newspapers. According to Dickinson, to compensate for the shortage of paper, printing companies would use whatever they could find.

"What they did in a couple of cities was they went to warehouses and found great rolls of wallpaper and printed their newspapers on wallpaper," Dickinson said.

Although the wallpaper printings in Marshall's collection are not the first they are still very

valuable according to Dickenson.

"Wallpaper newspaper goes from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a page. These aren't the first ones, but they are still rare and valuable," Dickinson said.

The rarest and most expensive thing in the collection is the Volck Shield, which is locked in the vault of the library. The Volck Shield is by Adalbert J. Volck and is a shield that is dedicated to the women of the Confederacy. The shield is inscribed with the words "To the brave women of the South."

"There were only three made, and one is in the museum of the Confederacy, one is in the Maryland Historical Society and we have the third one," Dickinson said.

In addition to housing many historical artifacts, the collection also houses books of official records

of soldiers that fought in the Civil War.

"I get all the Civil War questions flowing through Marshall University," Dickinson said. "Mainly it's people asking their ancestors and trying to figure out if they had an ancestor that fought in the Civil War."

Many people, when tracing back their family genealogy, use the records Morrow has to help them. Morrow holds a significantly large collection so it makes sense for people to go there for help.

"I get emails that say their great grandpa was in the 54th New York infantry and I can at least tell them when that unit was formed and who the officers were and a few things like that," Dickinson said. "There are three classes of patrons that use this collection. Group one is students and graduate students that may be writing a paper or they've been assigned something on the Civil War. The second group is the genealogists and family history people. The third group is the serious historians and famous Civil War writers."

Dickinson said the item he finds the coolest is the ambrotype of Bishop Whalley, who was the Catholic Bishop in Wheeling, West Virginia at the time of the war.

"When the war started, one company of the Union Army told the Bishop that he had to raise the American flag over his church and he said, 'No, I'm not going to do that.

I never raised the other flag and I'm not going to raise yours.' So they threw him in jail and there was a gigantic protest, people rose up in arms until they turned him loose," Dickinson said.

The ambrotype was made before the Bishop got on a ship to leave the country to go to the Vatican.

The collection is also home to a painting of the last meeting between General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson before the Battle of Chancellorsville, where Jackson was mortally wounded in action.

Morrow Library invites students to come and explore the Rosanna Blake Library of Confederate History and all of the other exhibits it houses.

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This Week's #ParthePet is... Pipa



Pipa is a 7 year old Bearded Dragon that I've had for four years. Her original owner, Sam Pauley and family, thought she was a dude beardie until she laid eggs one day. Her name used to be Pablo and was renamed Pipa after they discovered she was a she. She's an explorer and tends to get stuck trying to walk on lenoleum floors/tile. She's the queen of dumb faces. The only reason she likes me because I'm her food source. She seems to be happier in a room that sees more activity than one that doesnt; she likes to be a part of the action as much as possible.

Likes: Basking in the light of her heat lamp. Pooping at inappropriate times (on my lap, floor, pretty much anywhere but her tank, etc etc)

Her favorite food is super worms and red leaf lettuce with a side of blueberries. Hanging out with our two cats, Neko and Kovu.

Dislikes: Eating her vegetables, being cold and bath time. She dislikes power outages (she gets cold without her heat lamp/ cold blooded)

Contending for attention with my Western Hognose snake, Kemah.

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