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By ROB ENGLE
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Giving Tuesday is a globally celebrated day that began in 2012 dedicated to philanthropy and volunteerism in communities. Giving Tuesday also brings together nonprofits, civic organizations, universities, businesses, families and individuals to encourage and amplify acts of kindness in the community.

Griffin Talbot, Program Director for the University Fund, said this day is particularly fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.

“It is a purely social event where the hashtag ‘#givingtuesday’ is used throughout social media,” Talbot said. “It’s an opportunity for not only Marshall alumni but people around the world to give to a cause of their passion.”

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“Tamir was carrying a nonlethal, 22-caliber gun that shot plastic pellets when Loehmann shot him twice outside a recreation center on Nov. 22, 2014. He said a day later Tamir turned toward her.

The suspect faced his shot, reached for his weapon and fired it at the officer, Belcher said. The officer returned fire, and Tamir was hit in the stomach.

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Reaves receives weekly Conference USA award for second time this season

The Marshall University's Donnie Reaves was named the Conference USA Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in the Herd’s 49-20 loss to Western Kentucky University Friday.

The senior kick returner opened the scoring for the Herd with a 97-yard kick return for a touchdown in the second quarter. Reaves fended a crowd on the play before bringing the return outside and sprinting down the right side of the field.

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-Marshall's next game is set for 7 p.m. Friday at the Cam Henderson Center against the University of Akron.

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Herd drops game against rival Ohio, falls to 0-4

MLB pitcher David Price’s freely signed contract is fiscally irresponsible on the part of the Red Sox

By ZACH WRIGHT

Just a month ago, the Kansas City Royals claimed their first World Series title in half a century. MLB commissioner Rob Manfred, however, in the hot seat this past November, built the best defense in baseball and a stingy offense that puts the Red Sox in play provide a vision of what can be. Despite this, the 27th title in Red Sox history appears a long shot. The team’s payroll consists of nine players, including 10 of the top 30 free agents in the MLB. This all makes it an easier task for the Red Sox to affiliate with the Texas Rangers. The Rangers provided a sense of perspective with their own payroll.

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Oxford Dictionary names an emoji Word of the Year

Is this a sign that society is too addicted to technology?

The word of the year is not a word at all. Oxford Dictionary names the Word of the Year the laughing crying emoji.

By SAMANTHA GODBY
THE PARTHENON

As technology grows and improves, society learns what we can do and create incredible connections all across the globe. However, it seems to have taken over the way we process and interact with the world around us. A lot of college students love to get connected, and technology makes it easier than ever. With hashtags, emojis, tweets, posts, likes and favorites, there are endless ways to make your opinion heard.

“It’s sort of an artificial connection,” said psychology professor Steven Mewaldt. “People feel like they’re more connected than ever before because they have so many friends and things that they communicate with, but the data also shows that they are actually lonelier than ever before. So it’s really an artificial kind of connection instead of the face-to-face kind of connection and interaction that involve real people and not virtual people.”

Studies have shown many people in American culture have become addicted to cellphone usage. A simple search on Google will turn up endless social experiments with results that show just that, addiction.

“People that have tried and have said, ‘go one day without your cellphone,’ people feel nervous and really upset about this difficult task of going one day without that kind of connection,” Mewaldt said.

Some Marshall students did not argue with those results. “I definitely think I’m one of those people, but I think it’s more because I don’t have anybody to contact,” said geology major Sadie Ulmen. “Because nowadays it’s a lot harder to find like a landline that you can contact somebody, it’s all digital. I think that’s sort of the major problem, if you don’t have your phone then you can’t contact anybody if you need to.”

Even Oxford Dictionary has catered to the digital age. The dictionary claimed this year’s Word of the Year to be, not a word at all, but the laughing crying emoji.

“I think that’s true,” Ulmen said. “I think that the more that cellphones grow or even technology grows, I think we’re going to start to get unconnected with each other.”

Technology has provided people with the ability to connect with one another across the world, however sometimes it makes it hard to keep the connections that are right in front of you.

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