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President Gilbert addresses student concerns

**Free speech on campus**

President Jerry Gilbert speaks at a meet-and-greet in December 2015.

By CAROLINE KIMBRO

Last week, Marshall University students responded in various manners to the controversial open-air preacher speaking on campus. President Jerry Gilbert said he was proud of students’ reaction to the controversy. He believed the message. Gilbert said it was a valuable experience for him. “I feel like if a student came to a college campus and never got to see some extreme person like that on campus, they would have missed out on the college experience.”

Gilbert said there could be a circumstance in which this type of speaker is expelled from campus, but his immediate response to student complaints would be to monitor the situation. He said the administration never received a formal complaint from any student last week, but he did send some members of the Marshall University Police Department to check the situation after faculty members notified the administration. “I think that maybe a good practice would be as soon as someone feels like this person or someone else has escalated the discourse to the point where it’s getting offensive, they need to let administration know immediately so we can send police out and can warn them.”

Gilbert said “if we can monitor it ourselves so we can make sure it’s not extreme to the point where it has crossed that line.”

Painter said the police did not hear the preachers sing any other song, other than the one that was presented. “I think it will work in allowing students to understand better and express their concerns and dialogue with rational people, especially if this happens.”

Gilbert said he wasn’t affected by the preachers and termed the scenario a “free speech conversation.”

Gilbert said if a student came to a college campus and never got to see some extreme person like that on campus, they would have missed out on the college experience. “I think this is a great opportunity for our students to express their concerns, talk to people that are very knowledgeable, that are practicing their First Amendment rights.”

Gilbert said the free speech conversation will be more constructive in a setting detached from the preachers, who may not be willing to have a calm and respectful conversation. “I think it’s going to be a very good follow-up to this week because I think it will be more constructive for allowing students to understand better and express their concerns and dialogue with rational people about the issue,” Gilbert said. “Because you know — when someone is as extreme as the preacher was, you can’t get into a discourse with him even though he might have come across well, because he is not going to be talking to them rationally. That’s just not the way he’s operating, even though he may have a right.”

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**I. News 1st Place**

**By STAFF REPORTER**

For the first time at Marshall University, an Earth Science Bowl will occur Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m., as part of the celebration of Science Week.

**By BREANNA FRANCIS**

Gus Douglas, the commissioner of agriculture and 2002 graduate of Marshall University, said that the Pumpkin Festival is a chance to give farmers a chance to sell their crops to other locals around the region.

For the first time at Marshall University, there will be a competition for the best tier to be made on the Pumpkin Festival fairgrounds as staff prepares for the 2017 Pumpkin Festival, themed “Pumpkin Power.”

**II. News 2nd Place**

**By STAFF REPORTER**

The ODMAP is a tool that links our public health and law enforcement efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in West Virginia.

The presenting officials are Jeff Beeson, deputy director with the Washington Office of High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), and Chad Gupta, commissioner for the Bureau of Public Health and state health officer, and Daud Canady, the prevention coordinator for the Appalachian Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency (HIDTA).

“ODMAP is a tool that will provide real-time overdose surveillance data to support public safety and health efforts. The program will do so by linking first responders to a mapping tool app that can track overdoses and use real-time response and strategies analysis across jurisdictions,” said Gupta.

The application helps to identify spikes in overdoses and confirm whether those overdoses are related to a common source. The information will be shared with local health departments and clinics.

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The rate of fatal overdoses continues to increase at an alarming rate, climbing by 19 percent from 2015 to 2016 and the loading causes of death for people under the age of 50,” Beeson said. “We must alter the way we look at responding to the nation’s drug threat and begin treating it like an infectious disease.

The gates will open at 9 a.m. on campus and providers in the community.

**By BROOKE GRIFFIN**

Huntsville Community to combat opioid epidemic

Beeson said many states throughout the country have lacked a consistent method to track both fatal and non-fatal overdoses.

**III. News 3rd Place**

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Herd football player had not done in nearly four years.
By KYLE CURLEY

O.J. Simpson freed; parole official says he’ll live in Vegas

JUSTIN POTCHARD AND KEN BITTER ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Officials at a remote Nevada prison where O.J. Simpson was set free after nine years for armed robbery arranged the former football hero and Hollywood star’s release at a remote Nevada prison Saturday morning, avoiding public scrutiny.

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The 70-year-old Simpson was released at 12:08 a.m. PDT from Lovelock Correctional Center in northern Nevada, state prison spokesman Brooke Keast said. She didn’t have the name of the driver who met and took him to an undisclosed location.

Simpson was released early Saturday morning, 1,011 days before the end of his nine-year sentence on a 2007 armed robbery and kidnapping charge.

Simpson looked forward to being out of prison but said he would need to move back to Florida, where he lives for nearly six months a year. The prison in Lovelock is about 30 minutes from the state line.

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**SPORTS**

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**THE PARTHENON**

**by kyle curley assistant sports editor**

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COLUMN: WE DO NOT DENOUNCE WEAPONS IN THIS COUNTRY

By Tom Jenkins
Managing Editor

After the worst mass shooting in U.S. history, one question needs to be asked: When will it be time to actually create legislation towards ending these mass shootings? The New York Times shared an article that showed all of the mass shootings in the U.S. since 2007, with 27 since Black Thursday, Virginia.
The Virginia Tech attacks shocked this country killing 30 people and wounding many others, but since then, we have become a divided country on an issue that should be as clear as day. We do not need automatic weapons in this country. It’s even a better way of putting it, we have lost the right to call the tragedy in Las Vegas an act of terrorism. That needs to stop.

This isn’t a call to action to say the government should take Americans’ guns, but maybe just a plea for a little civility for the fate of this country. Yes, it’s true that some of these shootings have been done with illegally obtained weapons. But not the Las Vegas, Orlando, or the Orlando shooters who had purchased them legally. These tragedies, the last three Americans “Terrorists” attacks by Americans in order.
The Las Vegas Police Department reported that the shooter had 20 rifles in his hotel room alone, that’s not including the 10 weapons and explosives he had on his farm in Nevada. Thirty-eight legally purchased guns, most of them being automatic weapons. It’s very easy to say “well, who needs that many guns?”

But that’s not the issue, the issue is that he was able to purchase that many guns. Why was this not a red flag? Because it was the second amendment, right? I’m sure that when the founding fathers wrote that, they didn’t realize someone would buy a small army of 38 guns to protect themselves from the state.

When you run the numbers, according to the New York Times, are the last three Americans “Terrorists” attacks by Americans in order. The Virginia Tech attacks shocked this country. The Las Vegas attacks shocked this country. The Orlando attacks shocked this country. These attacks are not the same.

Editorial: Yes, it’s pure evil. But they are terrorists as well

Contractors who simply wanted to be connected through music. Music was who simply wanted to be connected through films. Church groups who simply wanted to be connected through religion. Little kids who simply wanted to be connected through school. The common thread is that in many people went in only to have a good time, and many of them didn’t come out alive.

Another common thread is that the perpetrators were white males who somehow avoided being called terrorists. That needs to stop. These men are terrorists. It’s that simple.

Clark County Sheriff Joseph Lombardo re- called the tragedy in Las Vegas an act of terrorism, stating, “This is not at this point, we believe it is a local individual, he resides here locally. We don’t know what his belief system was at this time.”

So maybe Stephen Paddock’s actions don’t match the Nevada definition of “terrorists”?: Let’s consult their state law. Nevada defines terrorism as: “any act that involves the use or attempted use of sabotage, coercion or violence, with the purpose of causing great bodily harm or death to the general population.”

With over 50 people dead and hundreds in the hospital, the tragedy should qualify that definition, right? But, their own state law, should know better. It’s not that hard to understand from “the state.”

This double standard is even more apparent when you run the numbers. According to Yes, “more Americans have been killed by white American men with no connection to Asian than by Muslim terrorists or terrorists elsewhere.” America is currently in the midst of increasing homegrown extremism, and we’re doing little to address the causes or effects of the problem.

It’s a difficult discussion, though, and it requires Americans to perform a level of self-reflection that might make us uncomfortable. Why are some of us committing such heinous acts of violence? Whether it’s a gun problem or something more engrained into our cultural fabric, it’s time to stop ignoring the reality that we live in: domestic terrorism has become an issue that we must reconcile with.

Yet after another of the “deadliest mass shootings in American history” it seems the country has its head where we go from here. But for the victims and the families of the concert goers, the neste goers, the church goers and the school children who died somehow death, it’s time for us to find out.

Las Vegas gunman Stephen Paddock.

How do you navigate dealing with the rejection of one parent because of your sexuality, and wanting to spend more time with the other who is more accepting?

Dealing with rejection from a parent, for any reason, is incredibly difficult. I’m sure it’s especially hard when the rejection is in reaction to something you that you can’t, and shouldn’t, change. You need to be around people who support you, and if your other parent is being supportive and accepting of your sexual orientation toward them. I hope both parents eventually accept and support you equally, but, in the meantime, don’t feel bad about spending more time with the people you know have your back. It’ll help to discuss your feelings with your more supportive parent, consider counseling, or join a support group.

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A wounded person is walked in on a wheelbarrow as Las Vegas police respond Sunday during an active shooter situation on the Las Vegas Strip in Las Vegas. Multiple victims were being transported to hospitals after a shooting Sunday night at a music festival on the Las Vegas Strip.

By SALLY HO and REGINA PAPP
LAS VEGAS (AP) — The rapid-fire popping sounded "like fireworks at first, and many in the crowd of tens of thousands at the Route 91 Harvest festival thought it was part of the show.

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The shooting began at 10:08 p.m. with the country band Paddock千古killing the victims.

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This October in ‘Hauntington’

A list of events happening in Huntington and surrounding areas this October

October 3-29: Cooper Family Farm Corn Maze, Milton, WV
October 4: “The Shining” presented as part of CAB’s Screen on the Green, 8 p.m., Harless Field
October 5: WMUL Presents: Cutting Edge Fest, doors open at 8 p.m., The V Club
October 5-8: WV Pumpkin Festival, Milton, WV
October 6: WV Makes Festival 2017, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Memorial Student Center Plaza
October 7: Halloween Hike of the Month, 12 p.m., Rotary Park
October 12: Maren Morris, 8 p.m., Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center
October 12: Marshall Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally Bonfire, 6:30 p.m., Marshall University Campus
October 13: Interactive showing of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” 10 p.m., Ritter Park Amphitheater
October 13: Ona / Wayne Graham / Basie, doors open at 8 p.m., The V Club
October 14: Marshall Football vs. Old Dominion (Homecoming), 2:30 p.m., Joan C. Edwards Stadium
October 20-22: The Fantasy Maze, Ritter Park
October 24: Halloween-Themed Fourth Tuesday Tour, 7 p.m., Huntington Museum of Art
October 26: Kinky Boots, 7:30 p.m., Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center
October 26: ALABAMA Southern Drawl Tour, 7:30 p.m., Big Sandy Superstore Arena
October 27: Marshall Football vs. FIU, 2:30 p.m., Joan C. Edwards Stadium
October 27-31: The Fantasy Maze, Ritter Park
October 28: WV Halloween-Themed Fourth Tuesday Tour, 7 p.m., Huntington Museum of Art
October 29: WV Makes Festival 2017, 7 p.m., The V Club
October 30: WV PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2017, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Memorial Student Center Plaza
October 31: WV Pumpkin House, Kenova, WV
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Theater students prepare for the opening of ‘Miracle Worker’

By BUFFY SIX and SEBASTIAN MORRIS

THE PARTHENON

“Miracle Worker” by William Gibson tells the story of Helen Keller and her teacher Anne Sullivan, and how they learned from one another. The show is coming to the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse beginning Oct. 4, under the guidance of guest director Bryan Conger.

The play centers on a nine-year-old Helen Keller who does not yet understand that words have meaning and flings objects at those who try to teach her. Adapted from Keller’s autobiography, “The Story of My Life,” the play follows Keller’s relationship with Sullivan, who taught Keller, a blind and deaf individual, how to understand language.

“Since becoming Helen’s anchor to the world, Sam Kincaid, box office manager said, “This story really shows how Helen Keller learned by signing into her hand and later teaching her to speak and write.”

A veteran of Marshall’s theater program, Story Moore, will play Annie Sullivan. Helen, a junior in the program, will play Helen Keller.

“I am thrilled to be portraying one of my favorite activities in this production,” Hofe said. “This is the part of her story that we don’t normally hear about that shows her when she was locked away in the dark and confusing world of her mind.”

Hofe has no lines in the play, but she is constantly moving on stage. “It’s a very movement heavy show, and the cast has light choreography every night during rehearsals.”

“We have to stay very healthy and hydrated,” Hofe said. “It’s very hard on our bodies.”

Hofe also said this story has inspired her, and she said she hopes it will inspire the audience as well.

“I want people to appreciate what Helen Keller did for the world,” Hofe said. “I want to really connect to people and open their hearts.”

Moore said she is delighted to join familiar faces on stage again, creating the world in which this miracle takes place.

“This has been the most demanding, exciting show I have been a part of,” Moore said. “Our (Anne Sullivan’s) toughness and integrity, along with her personal history, really drew you into the play. I’ve had a really great experience with exploring these textures and how it has changed me as an actor.”

The cast and crew is a mix of new and experienced faces. One of the new faces to take on a role is sophomore Emily Davidson, who joined the cast to portray someone like her.

“Before this production, we have tried to strip away any artifice and get to the heart of that story,” guest director Bryan Conger said. “Helen Keller was one of our greatest political activists, who fought fearlessly for the civil liberties of all people. I can’t think of a better person to be exploring at this current time in our country’s history.”

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