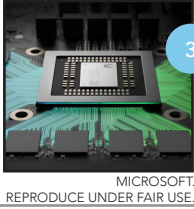
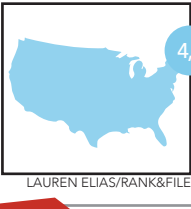




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## Groups compete in Battle of the Bands



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**Above:** "It was really fun to do a song that people dance to because we normally don't do that kind of thing [...] so I finally got to let myself go," senior and Tentatively Cousin Oliver singer Sam Bock said.  
**Top left:** Seniors Quiana Dang and Isabelle Maricar dance to a song dedicated to Maricar for her birthday.  
**Bottom left:** Senior Meghan Ward and sophomore Rohit Pillai cheer for acts performing in the revived Battle of the Bands event. "We used to do this every year, and then our freshman year was the last time [Battle of the Bands] happened so we really wanted to bring it back before we left," senior and MC Maddie Choi said.

## Original principal pays visit to community

by ethan zack

Past collided with present when original Principal Elam Hertzler had lunch in the cafeteria with Principal Jeff Litz and the student body on June 7. Hertzler was the principal from the years of 1962 to 1965, responsible for the opening of the school, as well as Langley High School and James Madison High School.

"I thought maybe people had forgotten all about me but all of a sudden, the class of [1966] resurrected me and that got me back in the middle of things," Hertzler said. "I was pleased with

that."

The visit was a chance for Hertzler to reflect upon the beginnings of the school and how he collaborated with other schools like Falls Church High School and Herndon High School.

"I asked those schools to appoint four or five kids who were thoughtful and had the respect of their peers," Hertzler said. "I pulled them together a number of times to talk about what we might do for this high school."

Hertzler recounted his goals for what the school should represent.

"This is a unique high school for a very unique guy

and I didn't want to tie his legacy into the military side of it because he did so much as a Statesman," Hertzler said.

One notable event from Hertzler's tenure was the visitation of Katherine Brown, General George Marshall's wife.

"The general died in [1959], but in [1962], the general's historian told me that she was very much interested in this high school," Hertzler said. "There were hundreds of other things named for him, but this was the only thing she paid attention to."

Hertzler offered for Brown to become the first graduate of the school.

"She came and marched in on my arm to the first graduation down here on the football field," Hertzler said.

After his time in the FCPS district, Hertzler entered the federal government.

"President Carter came in, he formed the Department of Education, and I had the privilege of being

chief-of-staff to the second United States Secretary of Education," Hertzler said.

Hertzler, who now resides in Florida with a minor role in the local school district, said he was happy that the Marshall community was still strong.

"I'm very impressed with the kids that I've met," Hertzler said. "They're really top-notch kids. I'm impressed with [Principal Jeff Litz] and how well he knows what's going on and is really up-to-speed, as far as I'm concerned, in the means of education."

Hertzler said that he wants graduates to leave as independent thinkers.

"I would very much like for the graduates of [Marshall] to think for themselves," Hertzler said. "Life starts out with discipline. You're born, you don't know what to do and your parents teach you to eat and dress and do all of those things. There's a whole set of rules [and] at a certain point, probably in your teenage years, you start thinking about what you're doing."



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Junior Chris Margiotta speaks with original Principal Elam Hertzler about the school over lunch on June 7.

## newsbriefs

### Growing population requires transfer of classes to trailers

Starting in the 2017 to 2018 school year, trailers will take over the back parking lot as new classrooms. Registrar Deb Maricello said the school is at capacity and compensations are necessary, despite the renovation just three years ago to accommodate the increasing amount of students.

Junior Neel Simpson said the incoming freshman class should occupy the trailers.

"I think freshman deserve to learn," Simpson said. "I think they should get the trailers so they don't use our school, but I guess they deserve to learn."

Freshman Hannah Taylor said the prospect of trailers provides a disconnect within the school.

"I really don't like the idea of trailers," Taylor said. "It kind of separates the school, like some [students are] stuck in trailers when there is space in a beautiful renovated school."

by kate carnio



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The finished trailers will occupy the back parking lot next school year in response to the upcoming increase in class sizes.

### FCPS Board selects newest Superintendent

The Fairfax County School Board selected Scott Brabrand as the finalist for the Superintendent, replacing Interim Superintendent Steven Lockard.

Brabrand currently serves as the Superintendent of the Lynchburg City Schools in Lynchburg, Virginia.

"I absolutely think [Dr. Brabrand] is a good choice," junior and student advisory council member Emma Choi said. "He is really passionate about FCPS and this area."

Choi and 20 other FCPS stakeholders participated in an interview committee where they aided in the selection.

"An important thing to be a strong Superintendent is to support the needs of the staff while keeping every single decision student centered," System of Support Administrator Kevin Wallace said. "Regardless of the student's graduation track or their academic abilities, it has to be student centered."

The decision awaits final Board approval.

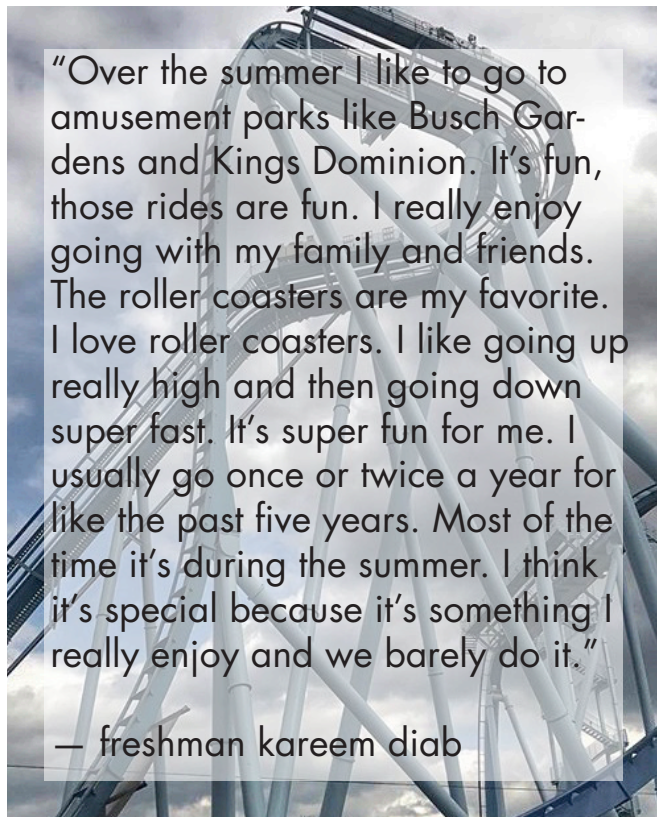
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# School is out, summer is in

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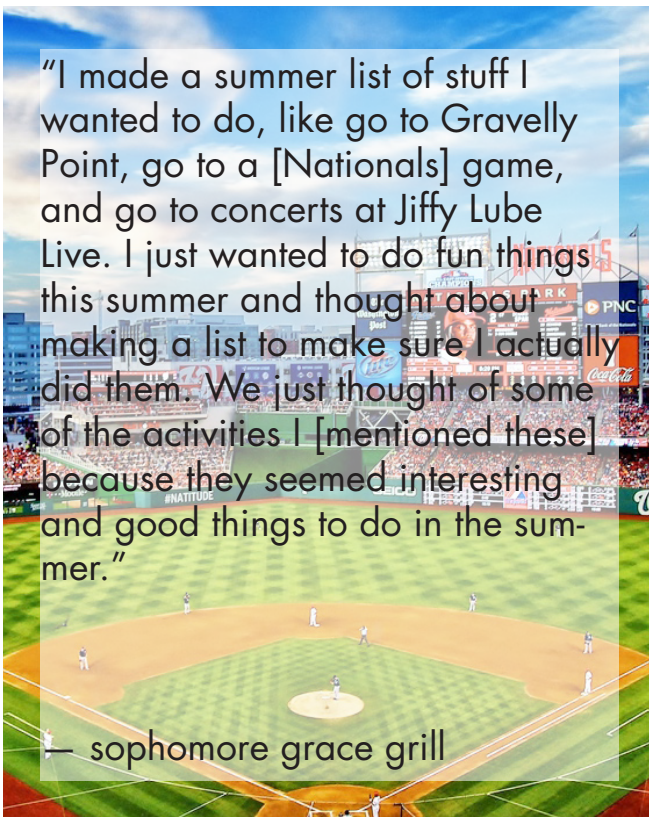
*Students staying in Northern Virginia for the summer discuss activities to do and locations to visit with friends and family throughout the upcoming months.*



"Over the summer I like to go to amusement parks like Busch Gardens and Kings Dominion. It's fun, those rides are fun. I really enjoy going with my family and friends. The roller coasters are my favorite. I love roller coasters. I like going up really high and then going down super fast. It's super fun for me. I usually go once or twice a year for like the past five years. Most of the time it's during the summer. I think it's special because it's something I really enjoy and we barely do it."

— freshman kareem diab

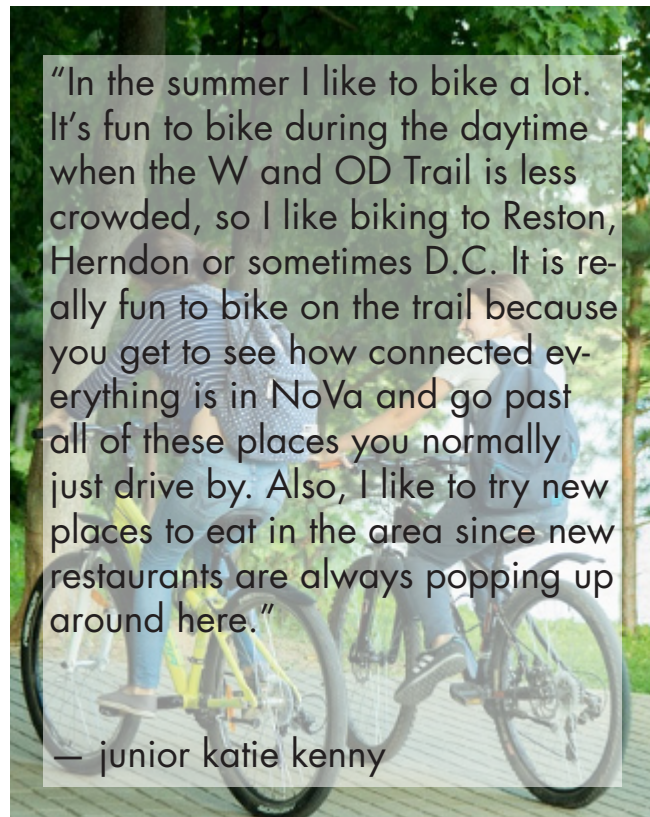
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"I made a summer list of stuff I wanted to do, like go to Gravelly Point, go to a [Nationals] game, and go to concerts at Jiffy Lube Live. I just wanted to do fun things this summer and thought about making a list to make sure I actually did them. We just thought of some of the activities I [mentioned these] because they seemed interesting and good things to do in the summer."

— sophomore grace grill

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"In the summer I like to bike a lot. It's fun to bike during the daytime when the W and OD Trail is less crowded, so I like biking to Reston, Herndon or sometimes D.C. It is really fun to bike on the trail because you get to see how connected everything is in NoVa and go past all of these places you normally just drive by. Also, I like to try new places to eat in the area since new restaurants are always popping up around here."

— junior katie kenny

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## Retirees reflect on their careers

by aqsa rashid

After a year full of grading papers, planning classes and working with students, teachers are getting ready to end the year and begin their three month vacation. However, some staff members are preparing to finish their final year at Marshall. Instructional technology specialist Roxanne Kaylor will be retiring after facilitating teachers with their lesson plans for the last seven years. Although Kaylor's office resides in the library, her job revolves around integrating technology into classrooms. Doing so has allowed Kaylor to maintain a close relationship with various people around the school.

"It's been the best job in the world," Kaylor said. "I'm in a position that interacts with all teachers and students, so it's been better for me to see the building as a whole."

Kaylor said she appreciates her time working with teachers

and seeing the effects of technology on education in the classroom.

"Technology moves at a fast pace, especially when it comes to education," Kaylor said. "I'll miss the hands on technology that I have on a daily basis."

While reflecting upon her job, Kaylor said she will mostly miss the times she's helped teachers use technology they were otherwise unfamiliar with.

"If I opened up that door for them to make their lives easier and more efficient, that will make me happy," Kaylor said.

Although Kaylor plans to take up old hobbies like marathon running after retirement, she also hopes to also cultivate a part time job using technology.

Security officer Skip Arnold is also planning to finish off his final year at FCPS after working for 15 years. Prior to his work as a security officer, Arnold served as a deputy sheriff for 27 years, working in courts and jails while instructing at an academy.

"Working here was a way for me to collect more income until I could get the social security at the age of retirement," Arnold said. Upon his departure, Arnold will move to his retirement home near Luray Caverns, and devote more of his time to his grandchildren. Nonetheless, Arnold says he will miss his time working as a security officer.

"I've met some really nice students and teachers while working here," Arnold said.

After teaching for 25 years, math teacher Melissa Nicholson is planning to devote time after retirement to her hobbies.

"I want to get caught up on spending time with my family, and on volunteer work," Nicholson said. Nicholson treasures the relationships she's built as a teacher. In addition to teaching students, she said she has benefitted from them, too.

"You learn a lot from kids. You learn about changes in life and changes in directions in



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Instructionalist technology specialist Roxanne Kaylor contemplates her time working in the library and within classrooms, appreciating the benefits that came with the job.

"[My job] has opened up the curriculum within classrooms because teachers are thinking differently on how they [plan] their curriculum on a daily basis," Kaylor said.

As the school year comes to an end, retirees prepare to say goodbye to their time with staff members and students.

"I'm going to miss the teachers," Kaylor said. "I think it's important to have a relationship with them no matter what position. It's how you build relationships, with the people that you serve and that's what I am going to miss most of all from here."

## Pride month celebrates equality

by kate carnio

The LGBTQ+ community and its supporters have recognized June as the unofficial Pride Month since 1969 in commemoration of the Stonewall riots. Sophomore Jack Newman said that Pride provides an opportunity for members of the community to express themselves in a way that they otherwise couldn't.

"[Pride month] means celebrating who I am and my identity," Newman said. "Just showing that I'm visible in the world. People who are LGBT won't go away. Going to Pride shows that we're out there, that we're visible, we're unapologetic [and] we're proud to be who we are."

Expressing sexuality freely is a relief to junior Nicole Schmidt because she said she no longer has to hide from her parents.

"I didn't have to lie to them anymore about where I was going out or why I was going out and who I was meeting up with," Schmidt said. "I was able to be more open and honest with them and it made it so that they could trust me more and I could trust them more."

For junior Valerie Villareal, she said the decision to come out to her friends was easy, but she has some reservations about sharing her sexuality with her family because of her Catholic roots.

"To some parts of my family, I think it would be hard to [come out] because I did grow up in a Catholic house," Villareal said. "To some parts it might be a little bit harder but to others I feel like they would accept me."

The decision to come out is stressful, but senior William

Mulville said she encourages individuals still in the closet to be open about their sexuality and identity with at least one person in their lives.

"If you're not in the best situation with your family, at least confide in your friends because you get stressed out the longer you hold it in," Mulville said. "Tell someone that you are so that way someone can support you. You don't have to do it alone."

Villareal said she also supports closeted individuals to come out to someone once they have come to terms with their sexuality and identity.

"Find a group of people you feel comfortable with and when you really do feel like they would feel okay with it, and you feel okay with it, just open up to someone," Villareal said. "You need one person at least to feel



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The OUTRIDERS Womens Motorcycle Club carries a flag marked with "Born this Way" in support of the LGBTQ+ community at the Pride Parade on June 10.

"I shouldn't feel ashamed for what I feel and other people shouldn't either," junior Valerie Villareal said.



# Wonder Woman generates optimism for new DCEU films

by johann young

With the first three entries of the DC Extended Universe all having less than 60 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, *Wonder Woman* was Warner Brothers last hope to keep both critics and fans interested in their new franchise. Released on June 2, the highly anticipated entry into the DCEU stars Gal Gadot as Diana Prince, better known as Wonder Woman, and Chris Pine as Steve Trevor as the two fight their way through the Eastern front of World War I to stop a new threat. Gadot's performance was surprisingly good given the fact she is relatively new to the acting scene, and she managed to handle her role with skill. Pine's portrayal of Steve Trevor was also a standout performance, especially when he shared the scene with Gadot. The on-screen chemistry between the two was one of the best features of the movie with each promoting

a romance that did not seem forced in any way. Sadly, unlike the main characters, the movie's villains were very underdeveloped. After watching the movie, Danny Huston's General Ludendorff and Elena Anya's Doctor Poison seemed to just be shoved in so there could be an eventual twist. This wouldn't be such a bad thing if their performances weren't lackluster and overall forgettable at best. A comic book movie isn't complete without intense action, and Wonder Woman definitely delivers that. As the movie goes on, the action continues to improve with more and more intense scenes, starting with simple combat training then later tank flipping and church destroying combat. However, one thing that does distract from the action is the poor computer graphics. This generally is not the worst thing, especially if they hide it well, but it is extremely obvious in the final fight where you should be most invested in the



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**From left to right:** Sameer (Saïd Taghmaoui), Steve Trevor (Chris Pine), Diana Prince (Gal Gadot), The Cheif (Eugene Brave Rock) and Charlie (Ewen Bremner), pose for a photo after saving a small town in the Eastern Front in Belgium

movie and instead you're just watching two poorly made animations fight it out. Overall, *Wonder Woman* is a welcome addition to the DCEU with extremely strong performances from both Gadot and Pine. It creates a new standard for not only other DC films, but for female lead comic book movies as a whole.

## E3 Convention the big reveal

Each year the biggest names in video game development meet at the Los Angeles Convention Center to announce their new games and future plans for the industry.

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### Xbox One X

Microsoft will be shipping out the Xbox One X on Nov. 9 at \$499 worldwide with the ability to produce true 4K visuals, along with 4K UHD blue ray playback. The consoles hardware makes it the most powerful console on the market with a 6 teraflop GPU clocked at 1.172 ghz, 12 GB of GDDR5 memory and 326GB of memory bandwidth, putting it above Sony's Playstation 4 Pro. It will also allow all original Xbox One games and accessories to work with the new console. Even without a 4K TV, the Xbox One X will allow the graphics to be the best quality possible on that TV with super sampling. Microsoft also announced 41 new game titles that will be playable in 4K at release, along with updates to previous releases like *Gears of War 4* that will allow for true 4K visuals.

### BattleFront 2

Electronic Arts Inc. announced their second installment in the *Battlefront* series, *Star Wars Battlefront II*. The game now allows players to go through all the Star Wars sagas from Episode I to Episode VII. This means that fans can now take part in battles during the Clone Wars era and beyond. EA said this change gives the game more than triple the content than the previous entry, even bringing back the fan-favorite space battles. John Boyega, who plays Fin in the new films, was introduced to fans and said there will be free content every season, starting with the release of his character as a playable hero. EA also announced the first major content expansion. It will follow the *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* theme and is scheduled to release in December.



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## Orchestra starts community outreach

by janan iranbomy

The spring orchestra concert last week was the last concert of the year. It focused on honoring the 20 graduating seniors out of the 128 person department. "We had so many talented seniors this year," fine arts chair Catherine Bond said. The annual event focuses on seniors because it is their last performance as part of the Marshall orchestra. Every senior gets recognition for their talents during an awards ceremony after the concert. "[The] concert was great," Bond said. "It was a fantastic night. I was really proud of them." This year, the orchestra group has tried to expand its involvement to outside of Marshall, reaching out and playing music and local elementary schools as part of an outreach program. "We just played at [Westbriar Elementary School] last week," Bond said. In an attempt to introduce Marshall's music program, orchestra members tried to perform

at all the elementary feeder schools. But, due to logistics, some schools were unable to accommodate. "Unfortunately with their testing schedule, they couldn't accommodate us," Bond said. Although they weren't able to reach out to all the elementary schools in the area, orchestra members still expressed the importance and effect of visiting the younger community. "Our orchestra helped advocated and bring people in by playing at elementary schools and talking to little kids," junior Neha Reddy said. "It was really a fun experience." With the year coming to a close, the orchestra is looking forward to next year's annual events, as well as some new changes that will be made to the structure of the music department as a whole. The annual winter concert will prove to be a big change from the usual setup, with orchestra merging with choir and band for a fresh new take on the concert. "Next year's winter concert will be exciting" Bond said.



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# Shortened summers hurt students

by kate guardado

The only thing that motivates me towards the end of the school year is a long summer vacation. This year's summer vacation is shorter by nine days, which is very frustrating. Even though having a short summer makes you value every second of your vacation, we deserve a longer break. Personally, this year has been very trying. In the beginning of the second semester, I transferred from Falls Church

to Marshall, which impacted my social and academic life. The systems are completely different, and I'm in a new environment. Weeks into the move, I started to count the days until my summer break. I wanted to forget the frustration of this experience and relax. When I found out that this summer was going to be short, I was devastated. I wanted to take time to relieve all of the stress from this school year. The last thing I think about in a summer vacation is going back to school. Now

I'm stressed about going back and preparing myself for the upcoming year. I won't be able to enjoy my time off due to the fact that I'm stressed over the start of the school year. The purpose of having a vacation is to forget about the year, but because of the shorter break, I'm stressed for most of my summer.



# Late finals week results in unnecessary anxiety

by anna zelenski

Coming to school with nothing but a pen and a stack of random papers stuffed in your backpack is the epitome of fatigue most students experience by the time the end of the school year rolls around. Anticipating the classes where little classwork occurs is a huge part of the appeal of the end of the year. To my unpleasant surprise, this has not been happening. An indirect relationship seems to be occurring between the amount of motivation I have and the amount of work teachers

assign. On top of the unexpected hit of projects, extra assignments and tests, finals are something that have been in the back of my mind since we talked about them in September while going over the syllabus. Having finals the last week of school is not only unfair, but quite frankly cruel to the students as well as the teachers who have been working and pushing for a solid nine months. Squeezing in finals during the last week of school is a major cause of unnecessary stress for students. The last week of

school is meant to slow down our workload. With finals right before the end of the school year, it leaves no breathing room for the students or the teachers. Grades remain up in the air until you receive your report card in the mail over the summer. With no extra time to spare, students don't have the opportunity to see if remediation is necessary to obtain their desired grade in the class. It's unfair to the students to be left in the dark about their grades, and having finals the last week of school does just this.

# Rank & File begins to innovate after strong year

As Volume 55 of *Rank & File* begins, I find myself reflecting on my mission statement from the start of this year. I remember feeling a strange mixture of fear, excitement and most chiefly, anticipation. With two years of experience in journalism, I was extremely unsure as to how the year would progress. Reaching the end of yet another year of *Rank & File*, I can confidently say that this year was a success in a variety of ways. Our social media presence expanded by a significant margin, effectively filling in the gaps between each print issue. There were enough funds to consistently maintain some color in each issue, allowing our changing approach to design to become all the more visually appealing. The dynamics of the publication have

also developed a productive rhythm. Even to those that joined staff just this year, production cycles are second nature. New friendships have bloomed and my goal of making *Rank & File* a community that fosters both hard work and enjoyment has come to fruition.

## letter from the editor

This isn't to say that there weren't some hardships. Many breaks and holidays split our production cycles into fragments. There were times when we finished one issue, only to have to immediately jump into designing the next issue in order to get it

out in time. But I think my staff and I rose to the occasion, not once failing to get a high-quality newspaper out to the community. I feel extremely confident in this publication's ability to consistently be a reputable source of information. It is with that confidence that I will enter my second year as Editor in Chief and employ a variety of new changes to the organization. We have gracefully upheld the legacy that the editors before us left behind and now it is time to innovate. We hope for your continued readership next year.

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# Girls varsity tennis team wins States

by anna zelenski

The girls varsity tennis team won the Team State Championship on June 5 after defeating Deep Run High School in a rematch of the 2016 State Semi-Finals.

The team has won individual States in past years, but this is the first year in Marshall's history they've won Team States. Each team used their top six players in a series of singles matches, and if neither team has more than five wins, they move on to team matches that consist of two players from each team.

Many obstacles and tragedies fell upon the team during this season. Head coach Arlene Fitz-Patrick's cancer diagnosis caused a momentary halt in the team's progress.

"When I first heard that coach Fitz-Patrick was diagnosed, I remember me and the other girls being really upset, and for a little bit I could see it impacting my play," junior and varsity tennis player Kate Taylor said. "But then after a while we all realized we should use this as motivation to go the farthest we can, and now being that we did that, it makes it that much more meaningful because we did it for her."

Fitz-Patrick's daughter, sophomore and varsity tennis player Ashley Fitz-Patrick, said that having her mom as a part of the team created a positive atmosphere that aided the team's success.

"My mom was more of a mentor and a motherly figure to everyone," Fitz-Patrick said. "She didn't change up our strokes or techniques or anything because we each had individual coaches, but she gave us really good advice throughout the season."

According to Taylor, the biggest challenge in the State Finals was beating the undefeated Nina Sorkin.

"[Sorkin] hadn't lost a single match in all of her four years of high school, so I was really nervous for [Tran] when she was going up to start," Taylor said. "But I had a strong feeling that something really special was about to happen."

At the closing moments of the match between Sorkin and Tran, when the team realized what was about to happen, Taylor said the team was close to tears.

"As the last serve was going, and we realized that Reilly was going to win, I remember looking around at my teammates and seeing them with tears in their eyes," Taylor said. "It was such a special moment to share, and one I will never forget."

Freshman and varsity tennis player Reilly Tran is now the only athlete to have defeated Sorkin during her high school career.

"It was pretty amazing when [Tran] beat [Sorkin] in the Team Event," Fitz-Patrick said. "[Sorkin] had gone undefeated and we finally beat her, and now her record is 89-1."



COURTESY OF KATE TAYLOR

The girls varsity tennis team poses with their trophy after winning the Team State Title on June 5, their first win in this category. The team defeated the previous state champions, Deep Run High School.

"This was a really big moment and we're really excited to get rings and trophies," sophomore and varsity tennis player Ashley Fitz-Patrick said.

Fitz-Patrick said Tran's victory was the turning point in the game.

"That was a real game changer in the score because it allowed the seniors to win [the championship]," Fitz-Patrick said.

Seniors and team captains Priya Trehan-Sarna and Nattie Koludrovic won their doubles match, sending Marshall to victory. Losing in the semi-finals of their sophomore year, freshman and varsity tennis player Alyson Rees said it was nice of them to finally win together their senior year.

"It felt so good to have [the seniors] close it out," Rees said. "It was nice that it was their last game as high school players and we all ran on the court bawling our eyes out."

Rees said the team is excited to be presented with the state rings.

"I think that it's cool that I can say I got a ring as a freshman," Rees said. "I'm also excited for the seniors to get them and to see the trophy because they deserved it."

Taylor said that claiming the title of Team State Champions meant more to the team than just winning their first rings and a trophy.

"Winning signified our unification and our care for coach Fitz-Patrick," Taylor said. "It showed how strong we are as a program to come back and make a name for ourselves."

## sports**briefs**

### Girls lacrosse takes second in consecutive State Final

Girls varsity lacrosse fell to Potomac Falls 9-12 during the State Championship game on June 10, a rematch of the 2016 State Championships, where Potomac Falls beat out Marshall 19-7.

Regardless of the loss, sophomore and varsity lacrosse player Emily Brunner said she is content with the determination and ability of the team.

"I am definitely still proud of our team because we played some amazing games this year," Brunner said. "We made school history by winning the first girls lacrosse regional banner ever."

Brunner accredits the real crutch in the game to the Statesmens' lack of defense, as well as the Panthers' offensive play.

"We need to work on defense pressuring ball and doubling," Brunner said. "We sort of did it during the game, but we didn't always connect like we should have."

Sophomore Claire Cwalina said the stellar season is due to the team captains, expressing the benefits of their dedication for the sport.

"Really, our senior captains Lauren Deaver and Hannah Smith are truly the reason why we got this far," Cwalina said. "They are the backbones of the team."

Senior and team captain Lauren Deaver said that good sportsmanship is more important than titles.

"All our time and hard work together and being on this team is a million times better, in my eyes," Deaver said.

by aparna mathew



APARNA MATHEW/RANK&FILE

Senior and varsity lacrosse player Lauren Deaver runs down the field in an attempt to shake off a defender.

"Winning States was a goal, but we put up a good fight and came extremely close," Deaver said.

### Softball varsity coach retires after five seasons

Varsity softball coach Missy Whittington resigned from her coaching position at the end of this spring 2017 season after coaching for five seasons.

"Due to unexpected back issues, I am unable to maintain the softball field on a day to day basis any longer," Whittington said.

Whittington said she feels confident in the softball program following her resignation because of the staffing retention.

"The softball program at Marshall is in really great shape today due to the consistency of my coaching staff over the past five years," Whittington said. "The girls worked hard in practices, competed at a very high level in contests, and came through with four conference championships."

Freshman and varsity softball player Emily Hoskins said that she will miss Whittington because of her caring nature.

"[Whittington] was always super encouraging and always believed in every single player," Hoskins said. "She definitely cared about her team and treated us with so much love."

by kiley moriarity

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