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More than 160,000 people gathered in Manchester, Tenn. to take part in the eleventh annual Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival. Right: The Punch Brothers get warmed up before going on stage.

Tenn. music festival attracts thousands

BY JOANIE BORDERS
LIFE! EDITOR

More than 160,000 music enthusiasts gathered in Manchester, Tenn. this weekend for the 11th annual Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival.

Offering an oasis of art, shopping, camping, food and music, attendees flocked from across the nation to spend four days at the KOA Campground that Bonnaroo-ians fondly refer to as "the farm."

Veteran bands, Radiohead and The Red Hot Chili Peppers, headlined this year's festival accompanied by Ben Folds Five, Mac Miller, Skrillex, The Avett Brothers, Bon Iver and many more.

Under the supervision of a new director, Jansen Skivvy, the festival incorporated many key new elements including parades around Centeroo, a greening initiative and Carrie

the dancing dog.

"What I really wanted to do this year was step outside of the box," Skivvy said during a press conference on Friday morning. "We've got Carrie the dog here, it's time to step up. It's 2012, possibly the final year of the earth and we are going to go out with a bang with a dancing dog and the world's greatest band, Radiohead!"

With thousands of people attending the festival every year, waste is continually an issue for the environmentally conscious Bonnaroo planning staff. Having won the "A Greener Festival" award five times, the staff is dedicated to decreasing the carbon footprint caused by such a massive event. In the past the Bonnaroo staff has prevented 3 million pounds of waste from being thrown in landfills through aggressive recycling and composting. This year the festival is trying

new methods including Zimride and water refill sites. Zimride, is a ride-share program allowing festival goers to connect with others to catch a ride to and from the festival. As of the end of May, 650

rideshares had been confirmed. Encouraging attendees to bring a refillable water bottle, Bonnaroo increased the number of water refill stations to make water more easily accessible. Bonnaroo's newest sustainability partner is Eco-Products, a company producing compostable cutlery, cups, plates and napkins.

Nathan Perdomo, senior English major from Hurricane, W.Va., emerged from his first Bonnaroo this weekend with a new perspective and an appreciation for community.

"When anyone asks me to describe Bonnaroo, the first thing

I say is: weird," Perdomo said. "It is a four day party with some of the best music, food and sense of community I've ever experienced."

Apart from the star-studded roster of musicians, Bonnaroo also offers alternative options for guests including a comedy tent housing stand up comedians, a cinema tent playing movies all weekend, Kidz Jams occupying young ones all weekend, a poster art exhibit, pod art, a silent auction with the proceeds donated to various different charities, a silent disco and the "Big Ass Water Slide."

"After the first day, I stopped questioning men in corsets, tutus or spandex superhero outfits and embraced the festival for all it had to offer, especially the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the crifdogs, hotdogs wrapped in bacon, deep fried, then served on a bun with a fried egg and cheddar cheese," Perdomo said. "But what makes Bonnaroo really enjoyable is that the thousands of people in front, to the sides and behind you are all here for the exact same reason; they love the band on stage."

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Smoking ban discussion heating up again at Marshall

BY JOHN GIBB
MANAGING EDITOR

The idea of a smoke-free campus hasn't gone up in smoke yet, as another smoking ban proposal was drafted and sent for review by a committee consisting of faculty and staff in Student Affairs, the Department of Residence Life, Student Health Education Programs and the Office of the President.

An attempt to ban all smoking from Marshall University's grounds and another attempt to set up designated smoking areas around campus were nixed by the Student Government Association Senate in the past year.

In April 2012, 364 students completed the tobacco-related assessment day survey. Students didn't have

to respond to every question asked in the survey but 84 percent of those who responded said they found tobacco use unattractive. Seventy-eight percent said cigarette smoke bothered them. In addition, 86 percent of respondents said they were tobacco-free.

Faculty and staff also took part in the survey. Three hundred and seventy university personnel responded to the survey and 74 percent of respondents would like to see a smoke-free campus. Eighty-five percent do not use any form of tobacco. In addition, 69 percent said it bothered them to smell cigarette smoke.

This marked the second consecutive year that a strong majority of students noted that they were in disfavor of tobacco products and stated

that they wanted a stricter smoking policy in response to an unprompted and open-ended question on the SGA assessment day survey.

Amy Saunders, coordinator of Student Health Education Programs, said she is glad to see something might be coming of this because her department has been trying off and on for the past several years.

"There is no safe cigarette," Saunders said. "This is definitely a step in the right direction but more work still needs to be done before anything can be passed."

One of the proposals that the SGA was faced with earlier this year was the idea of having designated smoking areas around campus. Saunders said a partial ban would not eliminate the health risks

associated with secondhand smoke such as emphysema, heart disease and lung cancer. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that there are more than 3,000 lung cancer deaths a year associated with exposure to secondhand smoke in nonsmokers.

Sanders said if the proposal were passed, her department would help smokers eliminate the desire to smoke by offering courses and services to assist in the transition.

According to data from the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, more than 700 U.S. private, public, four-year and two-year colleges and universities are smoke-free.

Last week, West Virginia University passed a resolution to make their Morgantown campus smoke-free effective

July 1, 2013. The ban would be lifted at the discretion of the university during sporting events and concerts.

In addition, West Virginia Northern Community College passed resolutions last week to make their three campuses in Wheeling, Weirton and New Martinsville smoke-free. Davis and Elkins College in Elkins and West Liberty University in West Liberty are other West Virginia institutions seeking to create a smoke-free campus environment.

Ray Harrell Jr., student body president, said it is important for the SGA to address any concerns that the student body may have. He said the current proposal is just a continuation of what the SGA has been working on during the course of the past year.

"There has been a great volume of attention that has been brought to this issue lately," Harrell said. "I am excited to be working with the president's office to create some resolution to satisfy what the students want."

Harrell said the university is not discussing the idea of a smoke-free campus because WVU decided to do so and said their discussion of a smoking ban was independent to Marshall's discussion.

The committee will continue to look into the idea next week at their scheduled meeting. The final decision rests in the hands of the Board of Governors.

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Herd volleyball reloads for 2012 season



FILE PHOTO

Mitch Jacobs makes adjustments with his team during a match last season in the Cam Henderson Center.

BY ADAM ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2012 roster for the Marshall Thundering Herd volleyball team has undergone several

changes from that of the 2011 club.

Several players who regularly saw the floor that should return, are no longer there.

“There are some drastic changes to the roster,”

head coach Mitch Jacobs said. “People will see when we open up next season that there are a few upperclassmen that won’t be rejoining us, but that’s just the way it is.”

Abby Tomas, Ryanne

Milligan and Desirre Wilkerson all made an impact on a Herd team that suffered a disappointing season, finishing with a 10-21 record, and will not throw on a Marshall uni-

form this season. senior Katy Schad. “I think those four will all make a big difference for us. They’re excited to be here and they play with some passion,” he said.

Replacing those five players are five incoming freshmen, which means the Kelly Green and White volleyball team will be youthful to say the least.

“Youthful is absolutely right,” Jacobs said. The freshmen class for Jacobs includes three in-state prospects in Winfield and St. Albans defensive specialists Sara Bailey and Bailey D’Antoni and Lauren Legge, a middle blocker/outside hitter from Teays Valley Christian School.

“I love our freshman class, but more so than that I love what we have returning,” Jacobs said. They worked so hard and they have such a good feel going. It’s got to start with who we have returning, and if we can piece in a couple of freshmen, then that would be outstanding.”

Those upperclassmen who Jacobs is so excited about are juniors Laura Der, Dorothy Rahal, Sacha Byous-McConnell and

senior Katy Schad. “I think those four will all make a big difference for us. They’re excited to be here and they play with some passion,” he said.

Despite being so youthful, Jacobs said he believes his ladies can make some waves in Conference USA this season.

“There’s no question in my mind we’ll be picked 11 or 12 in this league to start it off, and I think people are going to make a mistake about that,” he said.

The goal for Jacobs and his coaching staff is to bring back the momentum to the program it had when Jacobs first arrived at Marshall.

“I know how we gain momentum in this program because in 2002 we held those kids accountable for everything they did, and they went from 6-20 to 22-12,” he said. “That’s how we’re going to do it and we have the right kids in-house now to do it.”

The Herd opens its schedule at home with the annual Thunder Invitational against Wright State, IUPUI and Miami (Ohio).

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FILE PHOTO

Missing from the 2012 schedule for Marshall is the Battle for the Golden Ball against WVU. The Herd won last season’s match over the Mountaineers three sets to one.

COLUMN

Despite bad ratings, NHL doing fine

BY TYLER KES
NEWS EDITOR

I originally sat down to write an article complaining about how no one was watching the Stanley Cup Finals, but like so many people on the Internet, my tune changed after doing a little of research.

Yes, the ratings for the Finals are down nearly 30 percent from last year.

I’m fine with that, simply because the games were so boring.

The way the Kings swept through the so-called best of the western conference left little to doubt about what would happen when they faced the Devils.

Not only that, but the best storyline that anyone could muster up was about how the Kings hadn’t won the Cup in a while.

And it’s not like people weren’t watching the rest

of the playoffs.

NBC reported a 29 percent increase in viewership for the first round compared to last year, and looking at the games that were played, it’s not hard to see why.

There was a lot of action. Teams that hated each other, or had history with each other (neither of which apply to the Kings and Devils) faced off earlier this year than in years past, and fans looking for an exciting Finals like last years went with out.

I’m not too worried about the state of the NHL.

Things have been trending up ever since the lockout, and this year’s series was just a little blip on the way to greater national recognition.

Let’s just hope that next year we get a Finals worthy of the history and the tradition that go along with Lord Stanley’s Cup.

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2012 Volleyball schedule

Date	Team	Location	Time
Thunder Invitational			
August 24, 2012	Wright State	Huntington, WV	7:00 PM
August 25, 2012	IUPUI	Huntington, WV	1:00 PM
August 25, 2012	Miami (OH)	Huntington, WV	7:30 PM
August 28, 2012	East Tennessee St	Johnson City, TN	7:00 PM
Louisville Tournament			
August 31, 2012	Louisville	Louisville, KY	TBA
September 1, 2012	Duke	Louisville, KY	TBA
September 1, 2012	Samford	Louisville, KY	TBA
September 4, 2012	Morehead State	Huntington, WV	TBA
Kent State Tourney			
September 7, 2012	Kent State	Kent, OH	TBA
September 8, 2012	St. Francis, PA	Kent, OH	TBA
September 8, 2012	Liberty	Kent, OH	TBA
September 11, 2012	Eastern Kentucky	Huntington, WV	7:00 PM
East Carolina Invitational			
September 14, 2012	East Carolina	Greenville, NC	7:00 PM
September 15, 2012	UMBC	Greenville, NC	TBA
September 15, 2012	Brown	Greenville, NC	TBA
September 21, 2012	Tulsa	Tulsa, OK	7:00 PM
September 23, 2012	SMU	Dallas, TX	1:00 PM
September 28, 2012	Central Florida	Huntington, WV	7:00 PM
September 30, 2012	Southern Miss	Huntington, WV	1:00 PM
10/5 or 10/6	East Carolina	Huntington, WV	TBA
October 12, 2012	Rice	Huntington, WV	7:00 PM
October 14, 2012	Houston	Houston, TX	1:00 PM
October 19, 2012	UAB	Huntington, WV	7:00 PM
October 21, 2012	Memphis	Huntington, WV	1:00 PM
October 26, 2012	Southern Miss	Hattiesburg, MS	7:00 PM
October 28, 2012	Central Florida	Orlando, FL	1:00 PM
November 2, 2012	Memphis	Memphis, TN	7:00 PM
November 4, 2012	UAB	Birmingham, AL	1:00 PM
November 9, 2012	Tulane	Huntington, WV	7:00 PM
November 11, 2012	UTEP	Huntington, WV	1:00 PM

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EDITORIAL

Buying and selling textbooks is cheaper than renting them, despite industry trend

In my quest to get the best bang for my buck, I decided to rent some of my summer textbooks. I thought renting them would be ideal since I was pressed for cash at the time.

A couple years ago, Marshall University implemented a new program in which students would be permitted to rent textbooks rather than having to spend an arm and a leg buying them. I finally jumped the gun and decided to take advantage of it.

When I returned one of my books at the end of May, I was notified that I would be charged for the entire book because I supposedly damaged it! In the end, it would have been much cheaper to get the book used from popular sites such as Amazon.com and Half.com.

Even if my textbook wasn't damaged, I still believe the traditional buying and selling textbooks is almost always cheaper than renting them even though the industry is finding a large trend amongst students toward rentals.

New research even backs my claim.

BIGWORDS.com is a price comparison site and has been saving students money through its proprietary Multi-Item Price Optimization. BIGWORDS stays on top of retail

textbook models and just released some new research showing that my claim is correct.

The research by BIGWORDS.com was based on sales and rental data from January, compared to buyback data from April/May. The research found that buying and selling books instead of renting them saved students an average of 95 percent, or more than \$1,000 a year.

The results are simply incredible and mind-boggling.

BIGWORDS even has a "Consider Buyback Value" option on their site in which students can see what the current buyback price of that book is. In most instances, students get more back in buyback than the amount they would be saving by renting a textbook.

I believe BIGWORDS is a great resource for students and when deciding on where to get your textbooks, I encourage students to check many different options instead of running on over to the bookstore and ordering from the first website they come to.

Money is tight these days and you shouldn't have to spend a fortune paying for your books after you got done dishing out thousands of dollars for tuition.

COLUMN

History repeats itself with brazen voter purges

By Vincent Defrancesco
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VIA UWIRE

Audacious is a word that consistently describes Florida's Republican party and its leader Gov. Rick Scott.

It also describes the state's policy of scrubbing voters on the basis of their suspected citizenship status—a supposed effort to curb voter fraud strongly reminiscent of the 2000 elections.

Scott claimed to have good intentions.

"When you vote, you want to make sure that the other individuals that are voting have a right to vote," he said to the Tampa Bay Times/Miami Herald Tallahassee bureau last week. The Department of Justice, however, has told the state to abandon its effort, saying the purge is illegal under federal law.

Here's how the purge works: The state compares its voting rosters with a database from the Department of Motor Vehicles, then compiles a list of voters that are likely to be non-citizens. Country elections supervisors then send the suspected foreigners a letter saying that they will no longer be eligible to vote unless they prove their citizenship.

Voila.

Voter fraud, that ever-present menace, is prevented.

Well, not so fast. One of the voters targeted in the sweep was Broward County resident Bill Internicola, according to the Miami Herald. Internicola, according to the Herald said he was "flabbergasted" when he received one of the purge letters. The 91-year-old citizen had served in World War II, earning a Bronze Star for his participation in the Battle of the Bulge.

But he's not alone. It turns

out that of the 385 citizens removed from voting status in Miami-Dade County, only 10 proved to be non-citizens. That's right, Scott's list had a 97 percent error rate.

Thank goodness the Florida Republican Party is on top of this voter fraud thing.

During the 2000 Bush v. Gore election season, the state identified 82,389 "probable" and "possible" felons that were identified based on names, birth dates and other factors, although less than half were eventually purged from the voting rolls.

According to The Washington Post, 2,900 former felons whose rights had been restored were prevented from voting because of the list. That doesn't include voters who were never convicted of a felony at all, but still purged from the rolls. Given the thousands of Democratic-leaning voters prevented from voting in the 2000 election and the fact that Bush won Florida by 537 votes ... well, you do the math.

According to the Palm Beach post, 88 percent of the names on the 2000 purge list were black, a group that voted for Gore around 90 percent of the time. This time, of the nearly 2,700 voters identified, 87 percent are minorities. According to the Miami Herald, the list is "dominated by Democrats, independents and Hispanics."

History seems to be repeating itself and once again, Florida may prove to be the deciding factor in the upcoming presidential contest again.

But the audaciousness of a seemingly politically motivated voter purge, despite an order from the DOJ, is something that should not be seen again.

BLUNDERGRADS

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)



COLUMN

No quick fix for the student loan debt crisis

By Courtney L'Ecuyer
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT
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Experts link high education levels with better health, work productivity and economic growth, but what happens when tuition costs continually increase, employment opportunities fizzle and student debt hits \$904 billion?

Since the 1990s the average tuition rate at 4-year universities have doubled. The average cost of attending an in-state university was \$20,000 and the average cost of attending a private school was \$40,000 in 2010-2011 according to the National Center for Education and Statistics.

Tuition at U. Arizona for residents has increased 82 percent since 2007 and is approximately \$9,300 per semester. In the last year alone, in-state tuition rose 17 percent, the largest increase out of all Arizona universities and the second highest spike in the nation next to California State University, whose tuition rose 25 percent in 2011.

And to make the situation brighter, unemployment

rates of recent 2011 graduates are at 9.1 percent, a national high.

On top of the outlandish tuition costs and high unemployment, student loan interest rates are expected to increase from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on June 30, 2012. Legislative action could stop the increase, but it would cost the government \$6 billion according to the Congressional Budget Office to extend the lower interest rate.

Is an increase in loan interest rates really that bad?

Here's something to consider: The government provides students loan to those in need and want of a college education. For example, the popular unsubsidized federal Stafford loan gives a student \$6,063 per year. Universities realize they won't get as much out-of-pocket money from students, so they raise tuition. Raising tuition makes students cry to the government for lower interest rates and higher loan amounts. This cycle continues and ends up costing taxpayers and the federal government

more money along the way.

Is there one right answer to the student loan crisis? It's the chicken or the egg.

Does the blame fall on the higher education system and the federal government? These are the entities that determine the cost of education and the amount of aid available. Statistically 50 percent of graduates are either unemployed or in jobs that don't require degrees. Two-thirds of college seniors who graduated in 2010 had an average debt of \$25,250 according to an article by The New York Times.

Is it fair to financially drain students with high tuition and high interest rates, in return for a degree that promises only half of their graduating class a job?

At the other end of the spectrum, there are the college students who flounder away money for four years and end up with a whimsical degree that won't help them pay back their loans. Eight million people rely on taxpayer subsidized Stafford loans

and nearly 9 percent or 720,000 students default on them according to a report by the U.S. Department of Education. This rate is higher than delinquency rates of mortgages, auto loans and personal credit card debt according to economists.

Are lazy students to blame for squandering federal money? Or the job market?

The answer is not simple. Just like the housing bubble and unemployment, there is no quick fix. It's going to take time. The education system needs a makeover that maintains opportunity for those in need of academic loans, wisely allocates taxpayer money and finds more innovative ways to pay for college expenses.

Don't believe any politician that promises they will fix the student debt problem if elected. Ask in return how they will first fix the unemployment rates. The reason education is worth the investment, is because it secures a job. Until our country renews job security, a college degree can only take you so far.

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SOJMC Hall of Fame inductee honored at Wayne H.S.

BY NIKKI DOTSON
FOR WAYNE COUNTY NEWS

Close to 150 people flooded the Wayne High School cafeteria to honor retiring English and journalism teacher Ruby Dyer Saturday, June 2.

Dyer taught English and journalism classes at WHS as well as advised the student yearbook and the newspaper.

She was offered a job at WHS in 1982, where she has spent the duration of her teaching career.

"I kept thinking about how I was going to get the job from Donna Stark," Dyer said. "Come to find it out she was thinking about how she was going to get me to take it."

Her son, Kyle Dyer, and his girlfriend Kayla Queen planned the celebration for Dyer with the help of other family members and friends.

Kyle Dyer said the party was really the least they could do.

"I love my mom, and I'm extremely proud to be her son," Kyle Dyer said. "She taught me how to work hard, have high standards and love where I'm from. She taught me how to write, question and observe. But



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dyer, sitting on bench, surrounded by classmates on campus while she was a student at Marshall University.

typewriter for guests to use for signing in.

The guest list was comprised of family, friends, former students, co-workers and even professors Dyer met while attending Marshall University; many of which gave speeches in honor of Dyer.

George Arnold, former professor at Marshall University, praised Dyer in his speech for her time at the university.

"Ruby was in our top two percent of graduates," Arnold said. "After 32 years of teaching, she is still one

Gazette, said he learned a lot from having Dyer in class.

"I learned a lot about life from Mrs. Dyer, but having her class was also a lesson in responsibility," Dickerson said. "She taught us so much, and I can honestly say not a day goes by in my professional career I don't use something I learned from her journalism class."

Dyer thanked guests for coming and gave a special thank-you to her immediate family and her mother for supporting her throughout her teaching career.

Dyer spent 38 years teaching students the basics of English and everything she knew about journalism.

The student newspaper and yearbook have won numerous awards over the years, and many believe it is because of Dyer's teaching efforts.

Wayne High School principal Sara Stapleton said the school is not only losing an excellent teacher who has been a huge asset to the school.

"We will miss all of the time and talents she has dedicated to this school," Stapleton said. "She has dedicated so much to this

school. She has done so much ranging from her classes to homecoming activities and other countless things. Not only has she dedicated herself, but we can always count on things being done the right way."

Dyer has established herself as a role model not only at WHS, but also in the community, touching the lives of numerous students.

Chelsea Watts, graduate of Wayne High School class of 2010, said that Dyer has influenced her education at Marshall University.

"When I think of Mrs. Dyer, I think of perfection," Watts said. "After being at Marshall for two years and having multiple English classes, every time I write a paper I find myself correcting things and overall being a better writer thanks to the structure and abilities I learned from Mrs. Dyer."

"She was always so professional in both her actions and appearance," Derek Ellis, 2009 graduate from WHS, said. "She taught me that if something is worth doing, it is worth doing well, and to receive a good outcome it takes hard work and determination."

Dyer said that she hopes students learned to always do their best, no matter how much work or time it takes and to not settle for less.

"If anything, I hope I was able to make some of my students fall in love with

journalism like I did," Dyer said.

Not only did Dyer involve herself in her student's lives academically, she also became involved on a personal level.

Anita Crabtree Thompson, graduate from Wayne High School class of 1984, said Dyer supported her marriage to her high school sweetheart Bobby Thompson.

"Not all my teachers supported my decision to get married while in high school," Thompson said. "Mrs. Dyer and all of my classmates got together and threw me a house hold shower and chipped in to buy me a toaster, and 28 years later I'm still using it."

Thompson said it meant a lot to her and that it was a really sweet gesture.

Dyer said being around students and the friendships she has made at WHS will be what she will miss most in her retirement.

"I will miss the laughter of students," Dyer said. "I become so involved in my students lives from attending weddings to baby showers after they graduate, and I will miss developing those relationships."

Dyer said now that she won't be spending

so much time at Wayne High School, she plans to babysit her grandchildren, visit her sons more, clean, cook and work on her flower garden.

The teaching position Dyer will leave behind has been filled by Shawn Ross, who is currently a teacher at Wayne Middle School, and a former student of Dyer's.

"I think it's important to let my successor build his own success," Dyer said. "I had him as a student and I know what he is capable of. He will make me proud."



Ruby Dyer at her surprise retirement party on Saturday, June 2.

"If anything, I hope I was able to make some of my students fall in love with journalism like I did," > RUBY DYER

the thing is, she did that for decades for hundreds of students who walked through her classroom door. Some weren't up for the challenge, but of those who were, she was a tremendous influence. I could throw her a hundred more parties and it couldn't repay her."

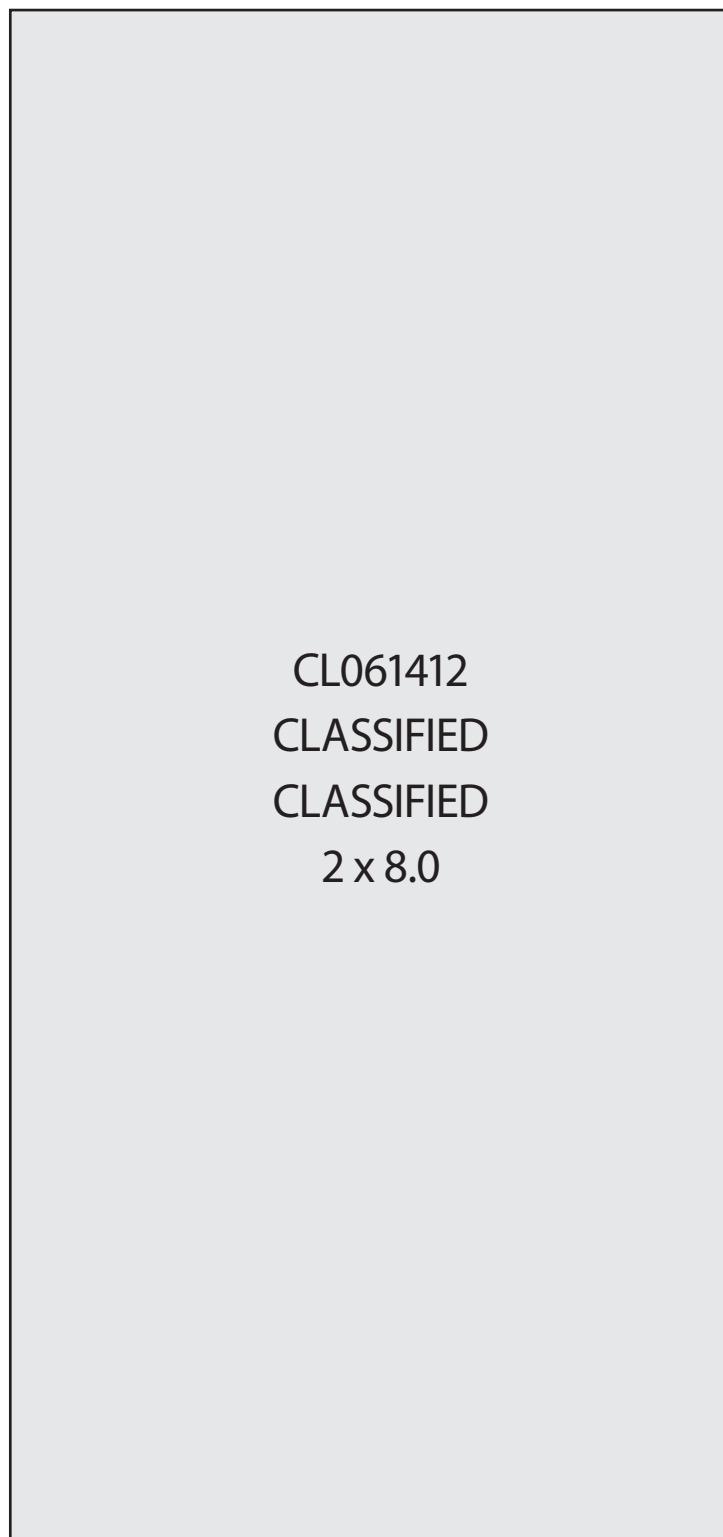
Queen said that the party planning started as soon as Dyer announced that she would for sure be retiring.

"Going into it we weren't exactly sure what we wanted, but every week we had new ideas and were inviting new people," Queen said. "Pretty soon we had a guest list of 200 people and 200 feet of garland to hang up."

The party was kept a secret from Dyer.

"We started planning in January and have basically been telling lies since then to keep it a surprise," Queen said. "The party was never just about celebrating Ruby's teaching career, but about giving others an opportunity to thank her for being such an inspiration and to show the true impact she has had on people in the community."

Decor for the party included: front pages of student newspapers ranging from the time Dyer started teaching journalism to today, centerpieces made of yearbooks and work clippings, homemade garland strung from beam to beam featuring newspaper print and even a



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