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Marshall recognized as top-tier university in the U.S.

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
NEWS EDITOR

Marshall University is now officially included in the nation's highest tier of education institutions, categorized alongside institutions like Harvard, Princeton and Columbia universities.

U.S. News & World Report's 2020 magazine edition, released this week, listed Marshall as one of the best 381 universities within their top-tier "National Universities" category of the "Best Colleges" ranking.

"We are certainly gratified that U.S. News & World Report has designated Marshall University among the top tier universities in the country," Jerry Gilbert, university president, said. "It is wonderful to see our university recognized nationally as a student-centered public research institution committed to academic excellence, research, student success and accessible and affordable higher education."

U.S. News's "National Universities" category features schools which offer students what they deem an expansive

range of undergraduate majors and master's and doctoral programs. Universities within the category must also be dedicated to producing innovative and educational research.

In addition to being recognized as part of the highest tier of learning institutions in the U.S., Marshall is also now the only in-state research university to be included in U.S. News's "Social Mobility" category, in which the university is now ranked 147th in the nation. This classification measures the success of schools in regards to enrolling and graduating students from lower-income households.

Jaime Taylor, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Marshall, said the university's designation under the "Social Mobility" category is a particularly notable achievement.

"With 75% of our students coming from West Virginia, Marshall has always provided native students with affordable access to a college education and graduated them into well-paying jobs," Taylor said. "This ranking helps validate that

we are serving our talented students particularly well by helping them elevate their socioeconomic status and, in turn, strengthen their communities."

Multiple students across Marshall's campus said the university's excellent "Social Mobility" ranking means more to them than being categorized alongside universities like Harvard, Princeton and Columbia in the "National Universities" category. One such student is Brady Shrader, a political science graduate student at Marshall.

"I come from McDowell County, which is like the third poorest county in the United States," Shrader said. "I'm one of the first people in my family to be able to go to college, so that means a lot to me."

While being ranked well in a general evaluation category does not necessarily mean a university is available to most people in the state, Shrader said, such excellence in the "Social Mobility" category portrays Marshall's real-world influence in the lives of average West Virginians.

"A lot of kids in McDowell



HANNA PENNINGTON | EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Marshall University's top-tier ranking came following its classification as a "R2" research institution.

County don't have much of a chance to go to college," he said, "but now I'm a graduate student at Marshall University."

Marshall's Brad D. Smith School of Business is also included in U.S. News's rankings of the "Best Undergraduate Business Programs" in the nation.

The university's recent unprecedented rankings in several prominent categories of higher

learning institutions across the country come after its classification as an "R2" research institution by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, which ranked Marshall amongst the top six percent of universities in the country in March this year.

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Sustainability looks to make Herd vs. Ohio 'green'

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THE PARTHENON

The Sustainability Department will have a waste-free event during the Marshall University vs. Ohio University football game Sept. 14. Waste will be collected during the tailgate period until halftime and will be sorted as trash or recyclable, weighed and recorded.

The setup will be on the parking lot outside of the Joan C. Edwards stadium and near the student entrances.

Amy Parsons-White, sustainability manager at Marshall, is involved in the process of bringing the event together and promoting the importance of sustainability throughout campus and the methods that should be used to properly dispose of waste.

"It's very easy to just throw something in a trash can and not think about where it's going," Parsons-White said. "During an event such as a football game that generates so much waste, we decided to set up on the parking lot so people will see us and the work that we do."

The Sustainability Department will be working with

Zero Waste Event Productions company, based in Ohio, to bring the waste-free event into fruition. The Zero Waste Event Productions company goes to events such as music festivals and sporting events to teach those in attendance how to make it waste-free.

The relationship with Marshall came from the university becoming a member of the reuse corridor roughly one year ago and building partnerships with other entities, businesses and universities from Ohio to North Carolina that work together to be green.

Tyler Bonner, the chief executive officer of Zero Waste Event Productions, said there was an email introduction between him and Parsons-White about the potential of a project during a Marshall home game.

Volunteers are encouraged to reach out and support this waste-free initiative. Any member of the community, Marshall student body, faculty and staff will be welcomed. Organizers are looking for assistance with gathering trash and sorting it on a conveyor belt.

"We hope to show you all the ropes and show our system and how we manage it," Bonner said. "It's particularly important to make a partnership with Marshall and the football stadium because there is a lot of potential, not just from this one event. I hope it brings into motion sustainability that the school can continue to run with."

Apart from the gathering and sorting of waste, Parsons-White said the main goal of the event is to raise awareness.

"We're hoping that it will be an educational event for not just the Marshall community, but the community in general," Parsons-White said. "This is the first time we've done a recycling event of this scale. I think the key is that we're having professionals who do this for a living come in and show us how to properly manage waste."

Those who are interested in volunteering may find more information about upcoming meetings and details by emailing bemarshallgreen@marshall.edu.

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Campus Activities Board preparing for semester's DIY series events

By **JULIANNA EVERLY**
THE PARTHENON

As the semester sets in, some students are seeking relief from their heavy course loads and late-night study hours, and some are finding that relief by getting crafty during some of the university's DIY series events in the Don Morris Room at the Memorial Student Center.

Marshall's Campus Activities Board, CAB, has been gearing up for their 2019-2020 DIY series, and other events have already been planned for this semester.



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The macrame pictured above is an example of a product of various arts and crafts practiced by students during DIY events.

At the end of the each school year, CAB starts planning their events for the next year. They look over the year and decide what went well and what did not, as well as what people seemed to enjoy and what they did not.

As students across campus prepare to attend these events, some are looking ahead in anticipation for future events as well.

"I am really excited for all of our events this year; they all sound like really fun DIYs," CAB member Wesley Monk said. "The one I am probably looking forward to the most is the DIY hydro dip on November 20. It's just something I have always seen and thought looked interesting."

First-year graduate student and communication disorders major Savannah Brewer said she loves attending the DIY events on campus, and she is always looking for people to attend them with her.

"I love to craft, and this is a great way to expel stress while having fun and adding to my craft collection," Brewer said.

All DIY events on campus offer students opportunities to participate in learning new creative skills and are free and open to all students enrolled at the university.

"Tie-dyeing might not seem like a skill, but if you watch some people do it, they are very particular about their folds," Monk said. "You can really learn a lot."

In past semesters, CAB's DIY events on campus have been successful amongst students, in part because they are free and offer students opportunities to take home works they have created.

"The most rewarding part of going to these events is that you end up with something you've made, and that hopefully brings you some joy," Brewer said.

This sentiment was echoed by other students who have participated in CAB's DIY series events.

"I love getting to see everyone with their own masterpieces and the looks on their faces after having



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In past DIY events, students have created countless works of arts and crafts, including the painting of Old Main pictured above.

accomplished something that may have seemed difficult when they first started," Monk said.

Seats at DIY events often fill up quickly, so students planning to participate should consider arriving relatively early, Monk said.

CAB's first DIY event of the semester took place Tuesday night in the Don Morris Room at the Student Center, where students had the opportunity to create their own tapestries.

For more information and to check out the DIY event schedule for this year, those interested can contact student-activities@marshall.edu.

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MUSIC Mondays return to Cellar Door

By **SUMMER JEWELL**
THE PARTHENON

Mondays are about to get MUSical once again as MUSIC Mondays, an event in which Marshall students and staff perform in the community, resume Sept. 16 at the Cellar Door Tapas Room by Le Bistro in Huntington.

Dr. Vicki Stroehler, professor of music history at Marshall University and original founder of the MUSIC Mondays series, is back from a year-long research sabbatical and is gearing up for her presentation on Beethoven's Fifth Symphony at the Cellar Door on Monday, Sept. 16.

The presentation Stroehler will be giving is entitled The Musical Motive that Led a Revolution: Beethoven's Fifth.

Stroehler said the piece is revolutionary because it established a pattern for other composers and is now one of the most popular symphonies for orchestras to play.

The MUSIC Mondays series began in 2015 with events taking place at the Cellar Door located at 905 3rd Ave, Huntington WV.

A \$10 donation is requested for attendees of the event, with all proceeds being donated to Marshall University's School of Music.

Stroehler said she is excited about her presentation.

"Just getting back to the Cellar Door and getting back to MUSIC Mondays and talking about music that I love to the general public is excitement enough," Stroehler said.

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Nationally recognized author with Marshall connections dies

By SARAH INGRAM
COPY EDITOR

Jean Edward Smith, an established author commended for his biographies of national figures, historical novels and attention to detail, who also released his 15th novel, "The Liberation of Paris," this summer, died Sept. 1 after a prolonged illness. He was 86.

Smith, born in 1932, graduated from McKinley High School in Washington, D.C. and continued his education at Princeton University. He received his bachelor's degree in 1954. After graduating, Smith served in the U.S. Army until 1961.

Smith rose to be a captain in the Army and served in Germany. This led to the release of his first novel, "The Defense of Berlin," in 1963.

"The Defense of Berlin" discussed the events that led to the building of the Berlin Wall as well as the impact these events had on the city. This novel was the first in a series of nationally recognized novels by Smith, all pertaining to historical figures and events from different parts of the world.

Smith started his teaching career at Dartmouth College as an assistant professor of government.

After leaving Dartmouth in 1965, Smith taught at the University of Toronto for 35 years. He worked as a visiting professor at multiple universities, including Marshall University, Georgetown University, the University of California at San Diego and others, during his tenure at the University of Toronto and continued to teach after retiring in 1999.

Smith has published 15 novels throughout his career. These novels discuss topics such as United States policies, foreign country events and biographies of figures, including former president George W. Bush, former chief justice John Marshall and others.

Smith won the 2008 Francis Parkman Prize for his novel "FDR" and was a finalist for the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for biography and autobiography for his novel "Grant."

Smith was a visiting professor at Marshall University for 12 years, starting in 1999 and teaching political science; he taught classes that focused on political figures such as John Marshall and Ulysses S. Grant. He was also a Drinko Scholar, which involved professors conducting research projects with students.

Montserrat Miller, executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, knew Smith since he started working at Marshall. She said Smith is recognized for multiple accomplishments, on and off campus, but she said she felt lucky to know him on a personal level.

"It's been a huge honor at Marshall. He taught undergraduate and graduate classes. He's a brilliant lecturer. He's just a very important figure on a broader stage," Miller said. "I will miss him dearly. I was fortunate enough to be his colleague and his friend for 20 years."

Smith also used Marshall as one of his writing centers when working on his novels as recently as last year when writing "The Liberation of Paris." Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Robert Bookwalter reflected on how he knew the author as a straightforward but intelligent person while he was on campus working on the French novel.

"He was a great storyteller, a really smart guy, kind of matter-of-fact," Bookwalter said. "He didn't really suffer foolish questions or frivolous ideas. He seemed to have a purpose of things that he was doing and things that he wanted to talk about."

Bookwalter also said while Marshall has multiple professors who have published



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Jean Edward Smith, a former professor at Marshall University and established author, died due to an illness at the age of 86.

novels, Smith's presence on campus was a slightly unusual one.

"It is a bit unusual for Marshall University to have a person who teaches regular classes here, who has written this many books, who has worked at this many different institutions," Bookwalter said. "He's a different type of scholar than what we're normally able to hire. We have brilliant faculty and we have people doing amazing work. It isn't that we don't have other faculty doing amazing stuff, but the volume of his work and the significance of his work and the fact that he is attached to John Marshall, he's done tremendous things."

Smith also frequented Fourth Circuit Judicial conferences, with judicial officials and administrators. Shannon Frazier, an assistant prosecutor in Huntington, said she first learned of Smith at one of the conferences in Virginia while he was still teaching at Marshall, and she remembered everyone seemed to enjoy his speech.

"I was living here and I would go to the Fourth Circuit Judicial conference, so it would be the federal judges would be there and we would have other guests, and they would just have the most incredible

speakers," Frazier said. "And one year, there was this speaker who was just wonderful, he was witty, he was insightful, people were just really paying attention. It was one of the best, if not the best, speakers that I had ever heard at one of these conferences."

Frazier said she reached out to Smith, asking to audit his class after learning he was at Marshall, and she said she learned a lot in his classes. Frazier also said she enjoyed how Smith made his classes discuss the history of different events and people and connect them to present day issues, such as the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"He spent much of the semester easily transitioning between what was very current and on the front of everybody's mind, which was 9/11 happening, and John Marshall and the foundation of our country," Frazier said. "He would just fluidly go back and forth which made it just so much more real, more alive and a more relevant feeling. His grasp of American, presidential and constitutional history was just so amazing. That's what impressed me the most."

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—Montserrat Miller

Japan Club kicks off semester with Welcome Picnic

By **PHUONG ANH DO**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Japan Club is a group for anyone interested in "the land of the rising sun" and offers students from different backgrounds opportunities to meet and learn from each other's various experiences, ideas and perspectives.

To begin the fall semester, Japan Club hosted their Welcome Picnic Sunday afternoon at Ritter Park, with roughly 40 members joining in to celebrate.

The picnic occurs each semester to welcome newcomers and provide students the chance to get to know more about Japanese culture.

Ryohei Fukuda, president of Japan Club, said the goal of the picnic is to connect everybody in the community, not only students from Japan or students majoring in Japanese. Everyone is welcomed.

"We have students from different countries, we have some Chinese students, some Japanese students and also



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Members of Japan Club pose for photo during Welcome Picnic, Sunday at Ritter Park.

native friends," Fukuda said.

Anne Miller, a Marshall student majoring in Japanese, said Japan Club is a great group for students to make friends with similar interests in Japan.

"I have a chance to speak more with Japanese students, and it really helps me with my own studies," Miller said.

Other members of the club said it provides valuable opportunities to students

wishing to travel to Japan in the future.

"A lot of people here haven't been to any other countries, and they get a chance to know about Japan before they really get there," Masami Ikechi, a Marshall student from Japan, said. "And they don't really get shocked when they go abroad."

During Sunday's picnic, participants had opportunities to attend different outdoor activities together

and enjoy free food, including sushi, chicken curry, Japanese rice bowls, cookies and pizza.

Marshall's Japan Club received \$500 from Student Government Association funding last year and were able to host various events.

"Last year, we didn't get as many people as we wanted. So this semester, we want to retain the number," Fukuda said. "We hope to host frequent events for students. We'll see how many people will show up for the next one."

Upcoming events include Movie and Bonfire Night Sept. 19 and International Festival Nov. 9, during which attendees can watch movies and dress in Japanese traditional clothing while being introduced to Japanese toys and cultures.

For more information about Marshall's Japan Club, students may email mujapanclub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page, Marshall Japan Club 2019-2020.

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Marshall's first ever Archery Club now available for students

By **JULIANNA EVERLY**
THE PARTHENON

This past week, students introduced a new club to Marshall University's campus: Archery Club. This is the first time Marshall has had this kind of club, and multiple students said they are excited and interested.

The first meeting for the club occurred Tuesday, Sept. 3 in the university's Recreation Center. The club is open to all students interested in joining.

Archery Club was just starting out when the club's advisor, Carrie Nilles, a sustainability coordinator at Marshall, got wind of it. Nilles had been shooting for a few years and wanted to know if the club was open to faculty and staff. She and Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student involvement and leadership, began discussing the possibility of an advisor for the club.

"I was happy to volunteer and

help out," Nilles said.

Archery Club member and first-year student Blake Lacy said he was excited when he heard about the club's emergence on campus.

"I was actually part of my school's archery club for the past five years, and I have been looking for a way to continue improving on that skill and having fun while doing it," Lacy said.

Other members said they joined for different reasons.

"I am joining the archery club because my dad is a part of 'Almost Heaven Archers', which is a local archery group," sophomore student Olivia Sweeney said. "I have been around archery my whole life, and I just really enjoy it."

Archery Club is open to students of all skill levels, beginner or expert.

"You could never have touched a bow in your life, or even know

what a bow is, and we would still welcome you," Lacy said. "Just come and try it out."

Some club members have been shooting for years and are experienced in archery, while others have never shot

a bow before.

Club members said they want to eventually become members of the U.S. Collegiate Archery Association and enter competitions, but there is a "for-fun" aspect as well.

"For me, the goal of the club

this year is to reach out to students with all levels of experience and help foster a love of the sport," Nilles said.

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Weekly Poll Results

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon's Instagram, @MUParthenon. The results reflect responses from an average of 140 individuals.

	Y	N
Do you like the new campus dining renovations?	76%	24%
Do you plan to go to the Battle for the Bell?	53%	47%
Have you listened to the Parthenon podcast?	29%	71%
Are you a member of the Marshall Maniacs?	13%	87%
Did you read the Football Edition of The Parthenon?	49%	51%

Herd men's golf finishes sixth of 16 teams

By **GRANT GOODRICH**
THE PARTHENON

Coming in sixth place out of 16 teams, the Marshall University men's golf team finished 13-under par at the 50th Joe Feaganes Marshall Invitational on Tuesday afternoon at Guyan Golf & Country Club.

In a shotgun start, Marshall completed the first round with a 5-under par mark and the second and third rounds with a 4-under par mark.

"Everybody on the team was contributing," Assistant Coach and former Marshall golfer Alex Weiss said. "A couple of the individuals played well, so it was a pretty good effort for all eight guys playing."

After day one of the invitational, the Marshall golf team sat tied for fifth place with a combined 9-under par through the first two rounds.

"The guys are playing really good golf," Marshall Head Golf Coach Matt Grobe during round two of the invitational said. "I'm not seeing anything that is really discouraging right now."

Leading the way for the Marshall team after day one was Columbus true freshman Tyler Jones. He was tied for seventh overall with a 5-under par mark.

"I really like what I'm seeing out of Tyler Jones," Grobe said. "He's a tournament player; he knows how to play when the tournaments are on."

Jones finished round three 1-under par to finish the invitational 6-under par overall, tied for ninth place.

Redshirt junior Will Straub finished the invitational tied for 15th place at 4-under par, while fellow redshirt junior Matt Hoffman, who was playing as an individual, finished tied for 17th place at 3-under par.

Redshirt senior Ben Roeder completed the invitational 2-under par for a tied 20th place finish. Grobe said he was glad to see Roeder "being a team leader" and playing good golf at the same time.

Redshirt junior Cameron Root, despite not making the five-man team, was having a solid tournament through the first two rounds as an individual, Grobe said.

Root was 5-under par after the first two rounds, tied at 7th with his teammate, Jones.

Root said he drove the ball really well off the tee, allowing him to play bogey free on his last 18 holes. "When you're in the fairways, it's hard to hit bogeys."

Ultimately, Root finished the tournament only 1-under par after having three double

bogeys in the final round that hampered his final score.

Rounding out the rest of the Marshall team, sophomore Kyle Mitchell concluded the invitational tied with Root at 1-under par, senior Cole Moore finished 1-over par, and junior Bradley Plaziak ended 12-over par.

VCU beat Dayton in a close finish with a score of 31-under par to a score of 28-under par to win the tournament.

Even though Marshall did not come out on top of the score cards, there is a silver-lining for coach Grobe.

"The good thing about college golf is we're playing 15 teams," Grobe said. "So if you finish fifth, you lost to four, but you were able to beat ten of them."

The Marshall University men's golf team will travel to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the three-day Golfweek Conference Challenge beginning Sunday, Sept. 15.

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Tyler Jones tees off at the 50th Joe Feaganes Marshall Golf Invitational.

Family feel leads Herd Volleyball to victory in Bulldog Invitational



RICHARD CRANK | MARSHALL PARTHENON

Destiny Leon celebrates a kill in the Green vs White volleyball match.

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University Herd Volleyball went undefeated at the Bulldog Invitational in Washington, D.C. last weekend.

The team started off the weekend with a five set victory (25-16, 25-15, 15-25, 22-25, 15-10) over Georgetown, then swept Stony Brook (25-23, 25-14, 25-17) in match two and swept Northern Kentucky University (25-14, 25-17, 25-18) in the final game of the invitational.

Not only did the team win the invitational, but three players received honors. Redshirt junior Ciara DeBell was named Tournament MVP and junior Destiny Leon and sophomore Isa Dostal were named to the All-Tournament team.

"Our team was together the entire time," Leon said. "That is why we went 3-0 because everyone was together, we were fighting together and we are just a family."

DeBell was also named Conference USA Co-Offensive Player of the Week.

"It is really exciting," DeBell said. "I have never actually

gotten anything like this before. I am pretty hype, it is pretty cool."

Against Georgetown three players for the Herd finished with double-digit kills in the match. DeBell led the team with 18 kills, and sophomore Sarah Schank followed with 16. Leon set a career-high 11 kills, hitting a .381 percentage for the match.

"It means a lot because I know now that our team is able to pass good," Leon said. "When they do, we (middles) have the opportunity to hit."

Junior setter Sydney Lostumo led the team with 30 assists and sophomore Gabrielle Coulter had 18. Senior Amber Weber had 18 digs and six assists. Dostal picked up seven blocks in the match.

In the second game of the tournament against Stony Brook, DeBell recorded 15 kills, eight of which were in the second set finishing the match with a .448 attacking percentage. She also had seven digs and three total blocks. Schank contributed seven kills and had three

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Herd faces Bobcats in the Battle for the Bell



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Members of the Marshall football team huddle together prior to the start of the game against VMI.

By BRIGHAM WARF
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Thundering Herd (1-1, 0-0 Conference USA) will return to the Joan C. Edwards Stadium Saturday to face the Ohio University Bobcats (1-1, 0-0 Mid-American Conference) in the Battle for the Bell game.

This will mark the 60th time the two teams faced each other with the height of the rivalry going back to when Marshall was in the Mid-American Conference. The Herd and the Bobcats have not faced off since 2015 when Ohio edged Marshall 21-10 in Athens, Ohio.

The Herd and the Bobcats are both coming off losses, Marshall was defeated by Boise State 7-14 while Ohio lost to Pittsburgh 20-10, and both teams will look to get back on track.

After the Herd defense held the Boise State Broncos to 14 points last Saturday, it will face another challenge when All-MAC second team senior quarterback Nathan Rourke and the Bobcats travel to Huntington.

"They (Ohio) are picked to win the Mid-American Conference by their peers," Head Football Coach Doc Holliday said. "If you talk about Ohio, you have to talk about the quarterback Rourke. He's an excellent player that can beat you with his feet and can throw the ball extremely well and that is going to create a lot of problems for us defensively."

Rourke will test the Herd with his feet and arm as he carried the ball ten times for 75-yards and a touchdown. He threw for 188-yards and two touchdowns in the Bobcats season opener against Rhode Island.

"We had a lot of opportunities to make plays that we missed," Marshall redshirt sophomore

quarterback Isaiah Green said. "This week I want us to focus on making those plays when the opportunities arise."

Marshall, which did not account for a first down in the second half against Boise State, lost an offensive playmaker Saturday.

Marshall Athletics released a statement Monday that stated: "Thundering Herd running back Tyler King has been dismissed due to a violation of team rules and policies. The department will have no further comment regarding this matter."

King had provided a steady supply of offense for the Herd in years past rushing for 820 yards and seven touchdowns and was selected to the All-Conference USA Freshman team in 2017.

However, redshirt freshman running back Brenden Knox has shown to be a playmaker for the Herd offense. Last season, Knox had a stand out performance against Virginia Tech rushing for 204 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries. Knox also produced solid numbers this season rushing for two touchdowns against Virginia Military Institute and rushing for 71-yards and scoring the only Marshall touchdown against Boise State.

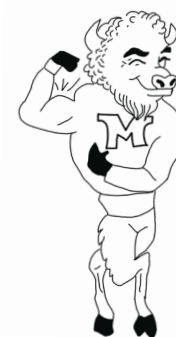
"I feel good about the running back position," Holliday said. "We like what Knox brings to the table and we have Sheldon Evans. It is these guys' turn to step up and go make plays."

The rivalry was recently extended between Ohio and Marshall with a home and home agreement between the programs that was announced earlier this month.

Kickoff for Saturday is set for 6:30 p.m.

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Athlete of the Week: Ciara DeBell



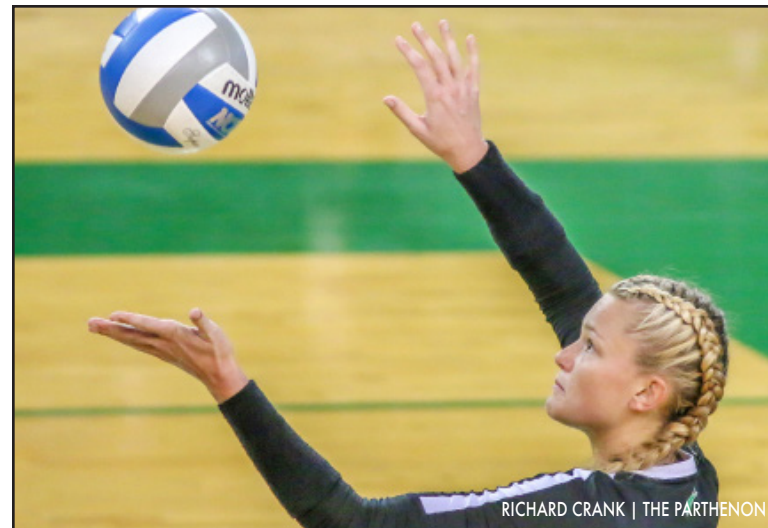
ABOUT CIARA DEBELL

Position: Pin Hitter
Class: Redshirt Junior
Height: 6'2
Hometown: Ocala, FL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Bulldog Invitational
vs. Georgetown (5 sets): 18 kills, 14 digs, two aces, three blocks
vs. Stony Brook (3 sets): 15 kills, seven digs, three blocks
vs. Northern Kentucky (3 sets): 14 kills, seven digs, one ace, three blocks

Marshall Volleyball redshirt junior Ciara DeBell was named Bulldog Invitational Tournament MVP and C-USA Co-Offensive Player of the Week after her standout performance at the Bulldog Invitational this past weekend in Washington, D.C. against Georgetown, Stony Brook and Northern Kentucky. At the tournament, DeBell acquired 47 kills, 28 digs, three aces and nine blocks in a total of 11 sets. She averaged 4.27 kills per set, only had nine attack errors all weekend, three service aces, and a .333 hitting percentage. In each match, DeBell recorded three blocks.



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EDITORIAL

Mental health important to collegiate success



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Mental health is just as important as physical health; it's time we all realize that. We need to reiterate that until everyone understands it. As college students, we tend to be stressed, worried and nervous on a daily basis. It's safe to say our mental health sometimes takes a backseat when classes are in session for the semester. We focus on homework, studying and making it to class on time. It can be hard to eat healthy or work out most of the time; it can be even harder to make sure our minds are healthy.

September is Suicide Prevention Month, and this week is National Suicide Prevention Week. Marshall University is participating, and it's important for all of its students. Even if some students feel it doesn't apply to them, they can still be allies.

We need to check on our friends, even those we assume don't have any worries or troubles. Everyone experiences things differently, and everyone has troubling things inside they may never share. We don't need to prod, but we can offer our support and friendship. That's one of the best parts about Marshall; we truly are a home away from home. We are a family. We are one of the Herd. We are...

Making small talk in line at Starbucks, opening doors for others or even smiling at people who cross our path all have the potential to make a huge difference. If we make just one person a little happier, we

have made a difference.

Another aspect of college is that we can sometimes feel isolated. Adjusting to a new life at school and differing workloads can overwhelm us, and with different schedules from our friends, we can drift apart. Our social lives suffer, and when we feel alone, our mental health may take a tumble. Yes, making friends on a college campus can be difficult, but again, we're all part of the Herd family. Join a club or organization, talk to people in your classes. These small steps can benefit everyone. Not feeling alone in the world helps our mental health tremendously.

Marshall's Counseling Center is a great resource for those who may be struggling. They take walk-ins, and the sessions are half an hour. Students can also call and make appointments with a counselor. The dedicated staff is here for you.

Walk in hours for the Counseling Center are Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The phone number for the Counseling Center is 304-696-3111 and the email is counselingcenter@marshall.edu.

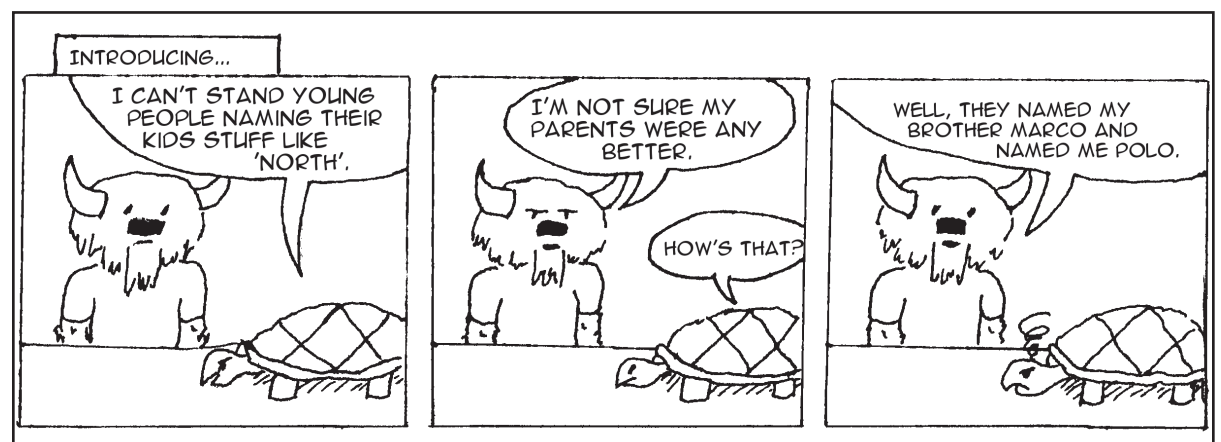
Remember you are not alone. Remember it gets better. And, most importantly, remember there are resources you can utilize.

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COLUMN: 9/11 memorials important to younger generation



SYDNEY SHELTON | SPORTS EDITOR

Flags planted to honor the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, at a Healing Field in Huntington's Spring Hill Cemetery. Marshall President Jerry Gilbert will be a guest speaker at a memorial event at the Spring Hill Cemetery Wednesday, Sept. 11.

By **AMANDA LARCH**
MANAGING EDITOR

It's been 18 years since the horrific tragedy resulting in the loss of 2,977 lives and the destruction of the Twin Towers in New York City. Most of Marshall University's first year students weren't born yet or were infants when this devastation occurred. For that matter, many of Marshall's seniors, including myself, were toddlers or young children when it happened. I have no memory of that day.

It's strange to think that this event is not remembered firsthand by most of America's college students, and our country's high schoolers obviously were not alive for it. Only the cultural memory exists in our minds. But those older than us make sure we understand the importance of the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy. We are a generation who grew up understanding fear and heartache. We are also well aware of the hate that humans are capable of. In the aftermath of the tragedy, the pain is still tangible to us.

Each year, we see documentaries and videos of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. In school, I remember reading personal accounts and stories of that horrific day. These never cease to give me chills and hurt me to my very core. I honestly cannot imagine watching live footage of the plane crashes. How would I have reacted? As a journalist, I can't imagine covering that tragedy.

America was never the same after 9/11. Its citizens were

forever changed and damaged. But, we've always been a resilient people. We overcame the attacks, and we do what we can to remember those we've lost.

It's important to remember and honor the victims. It's especially important for those of us who were too young to remember. There are ceremonies every year on the anniversary, and in the heart of New York City, there are memorials. I wish the day was revered as much as it should be; I fear that because so many of our young people don't remember, many don't or won't care. Soon, we'll be adults, and those who experienced it will get older.

While we are taught about 9/11 in school, the conversation almost stops when we get to college, depending on our classes. Even though the events of that day didn't happen close to Marshall, someone from Huntington perished in one of the crashes. It hits close to home. On the anniversary, there will be a memorial event at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington. Flags for every victim have been placed in the cemetery for a Healing Field. If we don't go to memorial events, we can still take a moment to pause and remember. Say a prayer, have a moment of silence, research the implications of this day that forever changed American history—not for the better. Don't let the memory of those we've lost disappear.

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Jena's Creative Corner

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By **JENA CORDLE**
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"IF THERE'S A WELL, THERE'S A WAY"

Two teenagers, Will and Jess, had a light bulb pop up atop of their heads. They were life-long friends, who got into way more trouble than they should.

"I have an idea!" Will expressed.

Will and Jess had been wanting to tickets to the upcoming musical festival, but much to their dismay, their parents weren't exactly for it. This paticular music festival held bands that just didn't sound right to their ears, especially if the dress code was, "If you wear anything, make it black." Of course, nothing was actually scary or bad about these rock and punk bands, they were just not exactly appropriate for "the children."

"What is it?" Jess asked. Their parents had been close friends before they were born; they bonded on the finer things in life, living well maintained lives.

"We could lie, we could say there will be other friendlier bands and Bradley Kane will be there, they

love the kid," Will said confidently. Bradley Kane was their neighbor, who was very studious and athletic. Will and Jess' parents have always preached, "How's Bradley?" and "Say Hi to Bradley for us."

As nice as Bradley Kane was, he was a goody two shoes and as a teenager, it's much easier to do the opposite of what any parent says.

"I don't know Will, is that really believable though?" She asked unsure of the idea. Bradley Kane's idea of music is more classic rock than punk rock.

"He likes some rock right? He could totally be there." Jess appreciated the confidence that emitted from her friend, although it was his confidence that has gotten them into trouble time and time again.

"Okay, it's worth a shot," She stated.

"Wanna wish on it, it could almost guarantee we get our tickets." He said gesturing her towards the town's well. The well had its charm, and everyone enjoyed throwing their coins into the wishing well. Jess grabbed some change from her pocket, handing him a nickel and a penny to herself. "Lets do it." Both of them turned their backs to the well, reciting their wishes in the quietness of their minds, each

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Parthe-Pet



Nine-year-old Coco is very much a puppy at heart. She loves being held and getting her belly rubbed, but giving kisses is her favorite.

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Movie Review: 'Angel Has Fallen'

By **DILLON MCCARTY**
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As I left the theater the other night, I began to think about the connection between humanity and expectations. As a species, expectations are a massive part of our everyday lives. At every turn, we expect something. When reality fails to live up to our expectations, there are few feelings that replicate such disappointment. But when our expectations extend beyond our wildest dreams, it's one of the best feelings in the world. Such is the case with "Angel Has Fallen." After the dismal "London Has Fallen," I was insanely skeptical about this sequel. After all, as a series continues, its quality decreases, most of the time anyway. But boy, was I wrong.

Like "Olympus Has Fallen," this film follows Mike Banning, a Secret Service agent. One day, while the President attempts to fish, a horde of drones attack Mike's team. The crew gets wiped out, but Mike and the President survive the ordeal. Upon waking up, Mike realizes that he has been framed. The government places him under arrest, and in classic fashion, Mike attempts to uncover a corrupt plan.

One of the reasons "Olympus Has Fallen" worked so

well was because it employed emotional elements of human existence, like guilt and redemption. Of course, these elements are simple concepts that we have seen a million times in movies. However, I contend that in a world consisting of many complications and convolutions, these themes of simplicity are perfect for cinematic escapism. "Angel Has Fallen" takes the same route. In a wise turn of events, the film actually attempts to flesh out Mike as a human being.

Before Mike becomes a fugitive, we are given a taste of his trials and tribulations. As the leader of the Secret Service enters retirement, Mike prepares himself for a potential promotion. Normally, this would be cause for celebration, but Mike, a man with an abundance of mileage, is falling apart. Insomnia and pills are his best friends. Migraines repeat themselves. His nerves are shot. Overall, he's a shell of what he was in "Olympus Has Fallen." And yet, he attempts to sustain a strong image. He hides his unhealthy lifestyle, and as a result, communication is minimized.

As Mike Banning, Gerard Butler turns in an exceptional performance. With his tough persona and exhausted vibes, Butler creates a hero with a human complex, a far cry from the inferior cinematic figures that consist of superhuman

components. Unfortunately, as Mike fights his opponents, the film conveniently throws his personal problems by the wayside, but due to Butler's performance, this disappearing act isn't as big of a flaw as it could be.

The screenwriters (Robert Mark Kamen, Matt Cook and Ric Roman Waugh) must be commended for their efforts.

Unlike many popcorn flicks, "Angel Has Fallen" focuses on deep forms of human adversity. In particular, the flick showcases the dire aftereffects of being a soldier. We see two other veterans, Wade Jennings (Danny Huston) and Clay Banning (Nick Nolte). Like Mike, these men are representations of how soldiers deal with a violent existence. Wade, an old friend of Mike's, wants to prolong his soldier lifestyle, and if he has to tear down the walls of democracy, he will do so without a shade of hesitation. Clay (Mike's father), a Vietnam veteran, abandoned his family years ago. When we meet him, it's clear that hopelessness, familial misgivings and an anti-authoritarian attitude has consumed his life.

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tossing their wishes in the quietness of their minds, each tossing their coins into the well. They loved music and making memories together; hopefully a silly well could actually guarantee they get their tickets.

There was music all around, and dancing festival goers surrounded them. They had made it to the festival! To them, it was like a miracle that their uptight parents agreed to let them go. They didn't dwell on why or how, or what would happen if they figure the lie out. They just wanted to enjoy the moment. Until..

"Get off the stage!" The two looked up onto the stage that a local band was playing on, except that wasn't what they saw. It was Brady Kane with spiked hair and a band tee, jumping off the stage, crowd surfing. Jess turned to Will in shock.

"Yeah.. we might want to take a second look at that well."

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service aces. Lostumo led the Herd with 19 assists and four aces. Coulter recorded 10 more assist in addition to Lostumo's. Sophomore Autumn Elswick added three aces. Weber recorded 10 digs, two assists and an ace.

"We all did really well together," DeBell said. "We all played together, our coaching staff was in it with us and it was a complete giant family effort. It made everything easier and so fun."

In the final game of the invitational against NKU, DeBell was on top for the Herd yet again with 14 kills. She added seven digs and three total blocks. Schank contributed seven kills and nine digs. Lostumo finished with 16 assists and Coulter tallied 13. Weber led the team with 11 digs and had five assists.

"The momentum that we had in all three sets stayed consistent," DeBell said. That helped our defense, our setters on where to place the ball, and our offense. Everything was so in tune and we all flowed really well together."

Blocking was key for the Herd, recording 13 blocks to NKU's three. Dostal had three solo blocks and assisted on five others. Leon had one solo block and assisted on four more. Sophomore Mion Weldon assisted in five blocks and DeBell contributed on three.

"I want to block everyone," Dostal said. "I feel like blocking someone hypes the entire team up. It is like ohh you shut her down."

The Herd does not have a home game until conference play starts at the end of September.

"This is the first time that this group has gone 3-0 in a tournament together," DeBell said. "I think that we will be able to take last tournament and carry it on to the next tournament and into the next."

The Herd hits the road again Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-14 to St. Louis for the Billiken Invitational, facing UT-Martin, Saint Louis and Troy.

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Marshall student ready to embark on local music tour

By **MICHAEL MORGAN**
THE PARTHENON

With over a million streams of his newest album, a local musician's impact on the Huntington community has become an inspiration to others.

"I've always had a different connection with music, almost an obsession if you will," Trace Adkins, a current Marshall University student, said. He said his career has grown exponentially in the last year.

Adkins said he chose to pursue a career in music after watching one of his cousins record vocals at a local studio. He said seeing someone close to him pursuing a career in music inspired Adkins to pursue his own dreams.

"My taste in music is diverse because I love all kinds of music, from John Mayer to J. Cole," Adkins said.

Adkins also said that seeing what some of his favorite artists faced early in their careers showed him that he could overcome the difficulties that he has faced himself.

Along with the struggles of being a college student, Adkins said his career is self-funded and that working a part-time job and pursuing music has introduced him to hard work.

The extensive hours of homework and keeping up with his education are the



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRACE ADKINS

Trace Adkins, also known as 7RU7H, will begin his tour 11 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Marigold in Huntington, West Virginia.

biggest struggles that Adkins said he faces in his career.

When he's not performing, Adkins works at Marshall's Autism Services where he said he tries to give back in any way he can.

He said balancing all of these responsibilities is "absolutely doable if you love it."

In the beginning of his career, Adkins said another issue he faced was gaining

support from people who did not always take him seriously.

"I feel that people began to see my progress and slowly came around to be my biggest supporters," Adkins said.

The artist's following has grown from close friends to receiving over a million plays on streaming services for his newest album, "Oblivion," with listeners

ranging from Huntington to across the world in Europe.

Adkins goes by the name 7RU7H, pronounced like "truth."

Considering he has the same name as another famous musician, Adkins said that creating his own presence and reputation is important to him.

"This is all incredible. I have invested so much time and money into this and to see it come to life is truly a blessing to me," Adkins said. "I am here to inspire others, not looking for money or fame, but in order to help people, I had to build a following first."

Looking to the future, Adkins said his ultimate goal is to go on a tour and actually meet all his fans face-to-face, showing them that it is possible to obtain a dream through dedication and focus.

Adkins music can be downloaded from iTunes, Apple Music and other popular music platforms. Fans are able to view behind-the-scenes videos and previews to music videos that he posts on social media.

His local tour begins at 11 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Marigold on 4th Avenue in Huntington where he said he plans to meet fans and audience members after the show.

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Local music festival set to introduce ecofriendly changes

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Many ecofriendly changes are expected at this year's Funktafest, from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

The outdoor event, which features many local music acts, will feature new opportunities to reduce waste and "enhance the experience at this year's Funktafest," Perry Casto, the event organizer said.

Amy Parsons-White, Director of the Sustainability Department, said she believes that an outdoor event such as this provides an opportunity to reduce waste at the festival and educate attendees about how resources can be applied in everyday situations.

"We're going to have recycling stations, workshops on backyard composting and our bikeshare bikes so the community can see what that's all about," Parsons-White said.

There will also be a petition for those in attendance to sign that would make the bikeshare program go city-wide.

With this being the fourth year that Funktafest is happening, there has been a push to not only improve the experience but also get Marshall students more involved with events taking place on campus and in the Huntington

community. Casto, a Marshall graduate, said Marshall students should be aware of initiatives taking place around them.

"There's a lot of talented people in this area and this will give them a chance to showcase their talent in a larger venue."

-Perry Casto

"From my own experience and from being an observer in the community, I always thought there was a disconnect between Marshall students and the rest of the city of Huntington," Casto said. I took this as a challenge. There's a lot of talented people in this area and this will give them a chance to showcase their talent in a larger venue. Establishing official partnerships with departments such as Student Activities and Sustainability can hopefully encourage people to volunteer and get involved."

With a variety of events coming up, there is expected to

be something for everyone to do.

"I'm excited to see all the workshops taking place during Pop Up Funktafest," Parsons-White said. "There're things like funky yoga, activities for children and different workshops taking place every 30 minutes, and those who come to our Pop Up Funktafest can sign up to be a volunteer for four hours. Those who volunteer can get perks such as free admission in the 12-hour Funktafest festival as well as free admission in the afterparty taking place at the V Club."

Those who are interested in being a part of the volunteering staff may contact bemarshallgreen@marshall.edu for more details.

The Pop Up Funktafest, which is the precursor to the larger-scale Funktafest, takes place on the Memorial Student Center Plaza, Sept. 18 and will give those in the Marshall community an opportunity to attend Funktafest and the afterparty at The V Club for free.

Although Pop Up Funktafest is a smaller festival in comparison to Funktafest, there are multiple events and activities scheduled. Those who attend Funktafest on Sept. 21 can expect to see bands such as Pyradigm, Caveman, The MFB and more perform.

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