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HPD Fines Students in "Jaywalking Blitz"

By SARAH DAVIS

LEAD REPORTER

The Huntington Police Department began ticketing students for allegedly jaywalking around campus during the first week of the new semester.

Many students were surprised to see this type of patrol executed by the Huntington PD, sophomore Rimsha Kingson among them. Kingson had begun her walk back to her dorm when she was stopped by Huntington PD for jaywalking on Fifth Avenue, the incident happened in front of the Memorial Student Center. Kingson did not notice the Huntington PD until she had already started jaywalking.

"At that point, I already knew they were going to stop me," Kingson said.

Kingson crossed Fifth Avenue before a police officer directed her back to his car. Kingson received a \$10 jaywalking ticket, which she can pay either at the Huntington police station or by phone.

According to an email sent by the office of university communications, Marshall learned mid-Wednesday morning that the Huntington PD would begin a "targeted jaywalking blitz" around campus. This blitz began on Wednesday and will remain for "the foreseeable future." The email, which was sent to all Marshall employees and students on Wednesday evening, also stated that the implementation could result in tickets along with court appearances. The office concluded its message with a cautionary reminder to all that

"crossing streets should only be done at crosswalks."

In addition to the jaywalk ticketing, the community learned of a new pedestrian safety campaign via email by the office of university communications on the afternoon of Thursday the 25th. This new initiative, "Heads Up Herd," encourages students and staff to simply pay attention to their surroundings when crossing the street. The reminders that "Heads Up Herd" includes looking both directions twice before crossing, looking up from cell phones, using crosswalks and following all other traffic laws.

Huntington Police Chief Karl Colder says that, in addition to the speed limit changes enacted on Third and Fifth avenues this past July, the jaywalk ticketing helps create a safer environment for the community of Huntington. Chief Colder also said that the execution of the blitz helps bring awareness to pedestrian safety, essentially "saving individuals from themselves." He urges pedestrians to utilize the city-funded crosswalks to keep themselves safe and abide by state codes. Chief Colder also emphasized that the Huntington PD's main concern is the safety of all pedestrians, including university students.

Career Education Building Reopens After Renovations



Provost, Avi Mukherjee, cutting the ribbon for the renovated Career Education Building. Photo by Abby Ayes

By LUCY BELL

REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER

After undergoing its second renovation in two years, Marshall University's Career Education Center reopened its doors to students and employers.

Members of the Career Center's staff gathered in the brightly lit lobby ready to showcase all they have to offer students from digital profile building to headshots to interview prep.

In preparation for the new academic year, the Career Education Center sets its focus on readying students for the workforce with completely updated facilities and technology all within one building.

In addition to providing spaces for students to practice interview skills and resumé building, the building renovation provides extra offices for employers to come and conduct interviews with students both in person and virtually according to the Center's director,

Chris McDavid.

"The ability we have now allows space for employers to actually come here and do interviewing. So, we're not trying to struggle and find space on campus for those interviews. We also now have open classroom space for employers to come and do some group session-type things with students as well, so just having the extra space, and being able to use it for with employers as well as students," McDavid said.

The Career Center renovation allows staff to better aid students from their first semester to their last according to Jennifer Brown, assistant director for student engagement and marketing.

"The main goal is really getting students prepared to enter the workforce and so for the different events we have the etiquette dinner we have 'Suit Up,' you know, all of these things to help

get them prepared and help them be confident," Brown said. "We really encourage freshman [and] sophomores to go ahead and start coming and seeing us and begin to build your relationship with our staff and then we can get you connected to employers and start building that confidence early."

With the renovation complete, staff members look toward the upcoming months of working with students.

"We are here and available for all these different needs. You know, we meet a variety of needs with students, not just one thing, I think with students hear 'career' and they think just resumé or something, but we touch on so many different aspects and there are so many things we can help prep on," McDavid said. "Don't let our name stop you."

Meet the Newest Members of Marshall's Board of Governors

Kipp Bodnar



Photo Courtesy of Ucomm

By **TYLER SPENCE**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Kipp Bodnar, a Marshall alum and chief marketing officer for HubSpot, has been appointed to serve on the board of governors by West Virginia Governor Jim Justice.

Bodnar graduated from Marshall in 2004 with a degree in journalism and started his professional career as an intern at Charles Ryan Associates in West Virginia and has served in roles at several marketing firms. He joined HubSpot, a customer relationship management and marketing software company, in 2010 as an inbound marketing specialist and was eventually promoted to chief marketing officer. While at Marshall, he was editor of The Parthenon and a member of the university's chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PPRSA.)

"Kipp Bodnar brings significant knowledge of digital marketing and leadership-at-scale that will amplify our brand and strengthen our execution in the next chapter of our journey,"

said university president Brad D. Smith.

"I am eager to get Kipp engaged and benefit from his thought partnership for taking Marshall to the next level," Smith said.

Bodnar is a Williamstown, West Virginia native and now resides in the Boston area with his family.

"As a graduate of Marshall University, I am so honored to have the opportunity to contribute to the next generation of Marshall's evolution. I look forward to working with President Brad D. Smith on making Marshall the best it can be for its students, faculty and greater community," Bodnar said.

Bodnar is expected to be sworn in at the next board meeting scheduled for October 19. He replaces Bill Noe who stepped down from the board to serve as Marshall's chief aviation officer for the division of aviation. Bodnar's term ends June 20, 2023.

Ginny T. Lee



Photo Courtesy of Ucomm

By **CONNER WOODRUFF**
NEWS EDITOR

The former president and chief operating officer of Khan Academy will join Marshall's Board of Governors on Oct. 19.

Ginny T. Lee was announced to be joining the university's board of governors upon being appointed by West Virginia Governor Jim Justice.

Lee has been recognized for her work with the internationally used education program Khan Academy; she has also served a two-decade-long tenure at Intuit in senior operational and technical roles.

"I am so honored to have this opportunity to help Marshall University

navigate the changing higher education landscape and scale its impact," Lee said.

Members of the university's faculty have expressed their excitement to bring Lee aboard for her leadership and financial skills.

"Ginny Lee's experience in the world of digital finance and online education gives our board a different perspective," Patrick Farrell, chairman of Marshall's Board of Governors, said.

President Smith also congratulated Lee on her new position, noting that she is well deserving of a seat on the board of governors.

"Ginny's reputation

of integrity-driven transformative leadership is well documented and respected throughout the company," Smith said.

Lee is an alum of Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and a first-generation student.

"As a first-generation and underserved student myself, I am living proof of how a quality education can truly make a difference in people's lives," Lee said.

Lee serves as the second member of Marshall's Board of Governors to join this year, following former Thomson Reuters CEO James Smith, who was sworn in on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Biden Announces Student Loan Forgiveness Plan

By **CONNER WOODRUFF**
NEWS EDITOR

The Biden-Harris administration has officially announced an income-based student loan debt repayment plan along with debt cancellation and forgiveness policies.

The announcement came from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) on Aug. 24, which announced that student loan borrowers with an annual income below \$125,000 who have also received a Pell grant for their college education qualify for up to \$20,000 in debt cancellation.

Borrowers who did not receive any Pell grants in college but still make less than \$125,000 annually will qualify for up to \$10,000 in debt cancellation.

The DOE also introduced a proposed income-driven payment plan for borrowers who will still have debt to pay, essentially calling for loan payments to be no more than 5% of the borrower's discretionary income. This rule would also forgive loan balances after 10 years of payments.

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona believes that these changes act as a step in the right direction for making higher education more accessible for everybody in the U.S.

"Earning a college degree or certificate should give every person in America a leg up in securing a bright future," Cardona said. "But for too many people, student loan debt has hindered their ability to achieve their dreams."

Along with the cancellation policies, the DOE also announced that the COVID-19-caused student loan repayment pause would officially end on Dec. 31, 2022. All student loan debt repayment plans are expected to resume in January 2023.

The removal of the pause comes from the consistently improving state of the U.S. economy according to the DOE.

The department will also propose changes to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program that will make it less difficult for borrowers working in public service to receive loan forgiveness.

Along with these announcements, the Biden-Harris Administration will strive to double the maximum size of the Pell Grant.

Panhellenic Council Hosts "Paws for a Cause" Dog Show



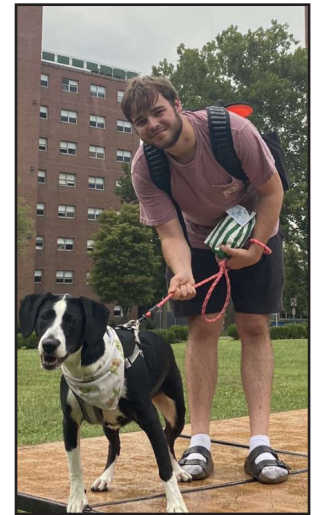
Ziti and Walker Tatum,
Grand Prize Winners



Clover and Reagan Lights,
Cutest Canine



Jacks and Kennedy Samson,
Hairiest Hound Winners



Athena and Zack Detty,
Most Talented Winners
Photos by Taylor Isaac

By **TAYLOR ISAAC**
REPORTER

Furry friends strutted across the stage at Panhellenic Council's (PHC) "Paws for a Cause Dog Show" Friday night, Aug. 26.

The event was held by PHC in collaboration with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life as one of the groups' first to kick off the Fall 2022 semester.

"Panhellenic is over all four sororities at Marshall and our main goal is to give back to our local community," Natalie McCann, PHC's vice president of philanthropy, said.

Students were encouraged to celebrate National Dog Day in style

by bringing their dogs to Harless Field for a pet social and competition at 6 p.m. that Friday. The contest was sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus of Barboursville, West Virginia.

After donating either \$5 or a bag of dog food, competitors had their dogs exhibited and judged by executives for the event. All proceeds went to Advocates Saving Adoptable Pets (ASAP), a local organization that provides animals with the vet care, food and supplies they need until they can find their forever families.

The judges panel consisted of ASAP Representative Cathy

Greiner—director of fraternity and sorority life—as well as Corey Cunningham and MU Paws Representative Samantha Aretz.

Although rainfall threatened to ruin the dogs' day out, the show started as scheduled, though with less attendees than desired. Despite these challenges, PHC raised a total of \$65 and six bags in dog food donations.

"Even though it rained we all had a great time supporting ASAP as well as National Dog Day! We hope to make this a tradition for Panhellenic because who doesn't love showing off their pup?" said McCann.

Some of the awards consisted of hairiest hound (won by Jacks and Kennedy Sansom of Delta Zeta), most talented (won by Athena and Zach Detty of Kappa Sigma) and cutest canine (won by Clover and Reagan Lights of Alpha Xi Delta).

The grand prize of the dog show went to Ziti and her owner Walker Tatum, student body vice president, who received a trophy and a \$100 gift card to Pet Supplies Plus.

"Congratulations to our winner Ziti and thank you to everyone who came out tonight! We loved getting to see everyone's pups," PHC said in a post made after the event.

Best-Selling Author Writes Biography on Successful Marshall Alum



Photo Courtesy of Jane Wolfe



Photo Courtesy of the Associated Press

By **TYLER SPENCE**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Jane Wolfe, a best-selling biographer from Columbus, Ohio dove into the career of one of Marshall's school of journalism and mass communications most successful graduates.

Burl Osborn, a native of eastern Kentucky and a member of Marshall University's class of 1960, rose from a small coal town to being one of the top executives at the Associated Press and worked as the editor and publisher of the Dallas Morning News. He got his start with the Daily Independent in Ashland and worked as an AP correspondent in

southern West Virginia.

At age 12, Osborn was diagnosed with kidney disease. Doctors told him he would not live past his teenage years. Wolfe believes it was that mindset that made Osborne the dedicated worker he was.

"He bought a Corvette, I think when he was either 17 or 18 when he couldn't even afford a car at all. And of course, he did that because he thought I could die any day," Wolfe said.

Osborne was committed to the work of being a great journalist and would push himself as hard as he could for as long as possible. He was quickly promoted through the ranks of the Associated Press,

and against the advice of his peers took a job with the Dallas Morning News.

When Osborn took over at the Dallas Morning News, the paper was in a war for supremacy with the Dallas Times Herald, a war in which Wolfe was personally involved as she worked as a reporter on the Morning News' city desk.

"He came in and made a lot of changes," Wolfe said.

Her biography "Burl" is the definitive story of the transformative leader Osborne was.

Osborne lived into his seventies after a live kidney replacement, still an unproven and high-risk operation at the time, which was far

longer than what doctors expected.

Despite his success in journalism, Wolfe believes his Appalachian roots are what kept him grounded.

"He never really forgot where he came from... He would go to this really expensive and beautiful restaurant called the Mansion on Turtle Creek and the chef there was from Ashland... he and the chef used to laugh that they had made it in life but still liked to talk about Ashland," Wolfe said.

Burl Osborn was inducted into the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications Hall of Fame in the inaugural class of 1985 and passed away in 2012.

Jane Wolfe is the author of two

previous best-selling biographies, "The Murchisons: The Rise and Fall of a Texas Dynasty" (St. Martin's Press) and "Blood Rich: When Oil Billions, High Fashion, and Royal Intimacies Are Not Enough" (Little, Brown & Co.). She is also a freelance writer for several publications, including the New York Times and Town & Country magazine.

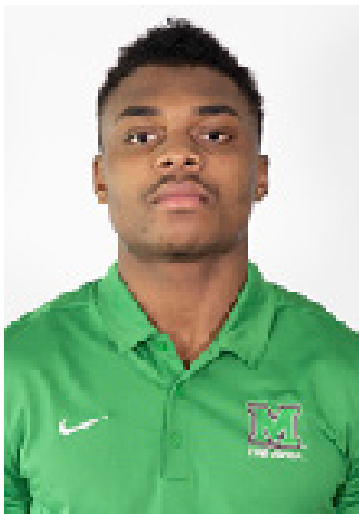
Star Running Back Rasheen Ali to Miss Start of Season

By CHAYCE MATHENY
SPORTS EDITOR

All-American sophomore running back Rasheen Ali will be away from the team for an extended time, according to head football coach Charles Huff.

"Rasheen will be away from the team for some time, and as soon as he is mentally, physically, and emotionally ready to return, he will be back. Our team and staff are doing a great job of supporting him and we are looking forward to getting him back soon. We do not have an anticipated return date at this time. When we do, we will let everyone know. Out of privacy and respect for Rasheen and his family, we will not comment further on this topic until he is back with us."

Ali is on the Maxwell Award watch for the 2022 season and lead FBS with 23 touchdowns with 1,401 rushing yards last season.



Men's Soccer Falls at Butler

THE PARTHENON

The No. 14 Marshall University men's soccer team (1-1-0) fell 1-0 to the Butler Bulldogs (2-0-0) on Monday night in Indianapolis, Indiana. The match was called in the 84th minute due to lightning in the area.

The Herd outshot the Bulldogs 21-9, including 7-1 in shots on goal.

"I thought we played really well tonight," Herd men's soccer head coach Chris Grassie said after the match. "On a different day, we could've scored four or five goals. Butler's keeper played an amazing game. We still have a few things to iron out on the defensive side of the ball, but all in all, other than the result, I'm very pleased with the performance. It was very tough conditions with lightning stoppage after lightning

stoppage. Again, our lads dealt with that really maturely and played very well. We're very much looking forward to Friday to get right back to it."

Redshirt senior forward Milo Yosef and freshman forward Matthew Bell had the first two shots on goal in the 25th and 35th minutes. However, both attempts were saved by Bulldog goalkeeper Gabriel Gjergji.

Butler took a 1-0 lead in the 40th minute on a goal by Palmer Ault, the team's lone shot on goal.

Freshman forward Adam Aoumaich had a shot on goal two minutes later, but the Bulldog keeper made the save as the Herd trailed 1-0 at halftime.

Yosef and Bell combined for a pair of shots that were saved in the 51st and 53rd minutes, respectively.

Graduate student midfielder Vinicius Fernandes fired a shot at Gjergji that was stopped at the 60:45 mark. Aoumaich had the final attempt on target of the match in the 82nd minute, but Gjergji made his seventh save of the contest before the match was halted due to lightning in the 84th minute.

UP NEXT

Marshall is back on the pitch Friday at Hoops Family Field when it hosts the No. 7 Pitt Panthers who just drafted No. 6 WVU by a score of 3-0 in Pittsburg.



OPINION: Bolly's Bets Looks at College Football Week One

By **ZACH BOLLINGER**
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Welcome Back to Bolly's Bets. Last week we got our College Football teaser with a few week 0 games, but now, the wait is finally over. Let's get into week 1.

West Virginia vs Pittsburgh

The Backyard Brawl returns after 11 years in a Thursday night matchup between WVU and Pitt. The line for the game currently sits at Pitt -7.5. Both teams will enter this game in a similar position- new quarterback coming from a big school looking to show their worth. Pitt is coming off an ACC championship from a year ago and has their sights set on a repeat. West Virginia is hoping to rebound from a year without bowl eligibility and will need to hope it's defense can pick up where it did last year, despite losing top tacklers from last year. I think this game is going to be close to the spread- decided by 7-10 points, but in this one I'm going to lean towards the defending ACC champs covering at home. Sorry, WVU diehards, I'm taking Pitt -7.5.

Cincinnati vs Arkansas

I am not going to sit here and stand on my soap box about how there is

a wide gap between Cincinnati and SEC opponents, because last year I think Cincinnati beats this Arkansas team... however, we're playing this year. Cincinnati is playing this game without Desmond Ridder, Sauce Gardner, Coby Bryant, and Alec Pierce. It's extremely hard to replace three players that went in the first 2 rounds as it is, but being a smaller school makes this an even tougher task. Arkansas is coming in without Treyton Burks, the 18th pick a year ago, but they still have a dominant running game that ranked 7th in the nation last year and only looks to get better. I don't think Arkansas blows Cincinnati out of the water but I think they cover. Cincinnati simply lost too many players, and with this game happening week 1 I like Arkansas -6... Maybe I love it.

Ohio State vs Notre Dame

I hate everything about this spread. Ohio State is favored by 17.5 half points in a matchup between the number two and five team in the nation respectfully. That's a lot of points. Ohio State's offense has the potential to drop 50 points on you in the blink of an eye. CJ Stroud looks

to start his Heisman campaign on the right foot while Jaxon Smith-Njigba will look to show he's the best receiver in the nation. I'm taking Ohio State -17.5. the potential is just too much not to.

Marshall vs Norfolk State

There are no current lines available for Marshall vs Norfolk State.

Zach Bollinger is the co-host of the Fratletes podcast.

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Colombi Named Week One Starter

THE PARTHENON

Marshall has been named a starting quarterback for the 2022 season.

Coach Charles Huff named Henry Colombi the starter for week one after a "close" competition with Cam Fancher. "Henry Colombi will be our starter, really close battle, and Cam Fancher has greatly improved. Going to go with experience," Coach Charles Huff said during a preseason press conference.

"He has done everything we've asked him to do, and more, as far as extra film work, learning the system, getting with the guys in the summer, and doing the things that the quarterback of the team does."

Colombi, a three-star transfer, threw for 1,291 yards with five touchdowns and five interceptions last year for Texas Tech.



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Op-Ed: Marshall Greek Life is for Everyone

By **LAUREN WRIGHT**

Lauren Wright is a senior studying Political Science and English and is a member of an NPC sorority, as well as a member of John Marshall Emerging Leaders. She serves as the panhellenic vice president of recruitment and vice president of the Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society.

You may have seen us tabling on campus recently and thought to yourself, “What is panhellenic?”

The Panhellenic Conference is the governing body of 26 NPC sororities, Marshall being home to four - Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Fraternity and sorority life at Marshall is a great way to make friends and social connections on campus, as well as help women become more involved in extracurriculars. Another benefit to being a part of the panhellenic community is that it holds you accountable to be the best student you can be.

Most women think of a sorority and cannot seem to correlate that type of stereotype to themselves. However, one of the best parts of our panhellenic council is that they

have gone above and beyond to promote inclusiveness and diversity to make it known that Greek Life is for everyone.

Fraternity and sorority life at Marshall is for every kind of student - and provide more than what many expect when they think of Greek Life.

The four NPC chapters at Marshall University come together to complete community service events, help sisters grow as individuals and leaders, and promote a welcoming environment for all women of the Panhellenic community.

Those who may be interested in joining a sorority can attend any of these events to learn about fraternity and sorority life themselves. Before signing up please join us in these upcoming events.

Wednesday, Aug. 31 - Panhellenic

and MUPD self-defense class at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the student center.

Thursday, Sept. 8 - Sorority 102 at 6 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the student center.

Formal Recruitment Week - September 14- 18.

These events will introduce you to more young women interested in recruitment, as well as introduce you to Marshall’s panhellenic executive board. We would love to meet you and show you how Greek Life transforms your college experience in the best way possible.

Find your home away from home and go Greek!

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Marshall Artists Series Previews Upcoming Season



Mikey Day



Alex English

By **VICTORIA WARE**

FEATURES AND CULTURE EDITOR

Various performances and events will feature in the Marshall Artists Series' 86th season, beginning Oct. 23 at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center.

"We have a comedy show with comedians and writers from SNL: Mikey Day and Alex English," Angela Jones, director of marketing for the Marshall Artists Series, said.

This season of the Artists Series will also feature Grammy award-winning musical artists. Tedeschi Trucks Band—a multiple Grammy award-winning rock band, will perform. Meanwhile, the music

radio show "Mountain Stage" will be hosted by Grammy award-winning artist and West Virginia native Kathy Mattea.

For the first time in quite a while, a contemporary dance show will feature as part of the Artists Series' lineup.

"We have a dance show from 'Hubbard Street Dance Chicago,'" Jones said. "It's been a really long time since we've had a contemporary dance company here, so I think that's going to be great."

Film screenings and festivals will present several times throughout the season.

"We have the movie

'Rocketman,' which will be presented with an orchestra performing the score on stage while the movie is playing," Jones said. "We have a blues show and a film screening from West Virginia's own Lady D. She's a blues singer."

"We have the International Film Festival," Jones said. "We also have the Banff Mountain Film Festival, which we've had for a few years. We also have a new film festival that's called Regional Reels, which is local filmmakers and local interests."

There will also be a performance of the Broadway show "R.E.S.P.E.C.T," a

musical that explores the life of legendary singer Aretha Franklin.

The Artists Series will present holiday shows for both Christmas and Halloween.

"We have a holiday show with a saxophonist, Dave Koz, and his jazz icon friends," Jones said. "We also have a sort of storyteller evening that's kind of around Halloween, so it's called 'Ghost Stories and Spookier Things,' with storyteller Adam Booth."

Jones said that the Marshall Artists Series looks forward to having an entire season after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're excited to have a full lineup, that's for sure," Jones said. "Right now, we're just following the guidelines that are set here at the university and set in the state. If anything changes obviously, we will have to adapt. But for us, there's a little semblance of normalcy for sure."

Drought Changes Landscape in Southwest China

By **MARK SCHIEFELBEIN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHONGQING, China (AP)—River bottoms partially exposed by drought create a rare sight that becomes an urban beach at dusk to escape the withering heat. Farmlands baked by the sun leave rice stalks yellowed, the famed hot pepper plants all but bereft of fruit, the reservoirs reduced to a puddle of water and cracked earth.

The very landscape of Chongqing, a megacity that also takes in surrounding farmland and steep and picturesque mountains, has been transformed by

an unusually long and intense heat wave and an accompanying drought.

Chinese meteorologists are calling it the nation's strongest heat wave since record keeping began in 1961, based on its intensity, geographic area and duration. Now into its third month, it has surpassed the previous record of 61 days in 2013. Temperatures are topping 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) in cities and villages across southern China. Chongqing in the southwest has been hit particularly hard.

At Longquan village in the rolling hills south of urban Chongqing, a

farmer walks across cracked mud at the bottom of a community reservoir that was once full of water. The reservoir's retaining wall sprang a leak a few months ago, and with the heat and drought, only a puddle a few meters (yards) across remains.

To the north, Li Siming walks through his fields yellowing rice plants in Mu'er town as the sound of jets landing at a nearby airport echoed off the hillsides. With the supply limited, the communal water that would normally go to his rice crops was diverted to fruit orchards instead.

"We pray to the god, but the god

wouldn't rain. We ask the local government, but the government wouldn't give us water," Li said.

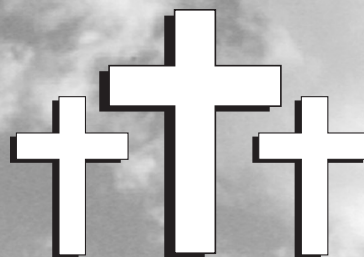
He is using expensive tap water to irrigate his fields. He estimates his harvest from 3 hectares (7 acres) of land will be 400 kilograms (880 pounds) of rice — less than a third of his usual one. Farmers have moved forward the harvest by half a month so the crops won't dry up, but before the grains are fully developed.

A strong high-pressure ridge parked over western Russia is behind the heat waves in both China and Europe this summer. The extreme heat is likely

connected to human-caused climate change — though scientists have yet to do the calculations and computer simulations to say that for certain.

Along the Yangtze, which also runs through downtown Chongqing, families and children play in the shallow water near the base of an exposed bridge support column. Muddy streaks along the column more than 8 meters (25 feet) above their heads mark previous river levels. As darkness falls, a woman, illuminated by her smartphone, sits on a rocky outcropping that would normally be submerged in the middle of the river.

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Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 Noon, 5:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 8:25 am
Saturday 3:30 pm-4:25 pm
or by appointment

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Students and Community Come Together for Herd Rally



Marshall student athletes celebrated at Herd Rally event



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By BELLA ROBINSON
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The campus and Huntington communities united to support Marshall athletics and the Marching Thunder during a special edition of Ninth Street Live in downtown Huntington on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Members and coaches of each team had the opportunity to speak about their season, meet and greet fans and enjoy the comradery that the night offered.

"It definitely feels great to be in Huntington and it definitely feels like home," Cole Pennington, freshman quarterback for the

Thundering Herd, said. "You can just feel the support from the fans and just from everybody in Huntington and I have loved being here the last few months so far. I am just so excited for this season."

The intimate event allowed players to talk with fans about their lives off the field, court or pool as well. Many athletes spoke of their academic achievements, career aspirations and extracurricular involvement.

"We are very active in the community. We do a lot of volunteering, we try to help a lot in the Marshall community specifically, and sometimes we venture out," Madison Fitzpatrick, forward and winger for the

Marshall women's soccer team, said. "We went to the elementary school in the morning and thanked the kids because they dressed up for Marshall day. We just try to connect with the community in any way that we can."

Coach Huff took the stage to excite the crowd for the upcoming season, and introduce a fan-favorite and Herd football legacy Cole Pennington, who led the team in a chant of "We Are... Marshall."

"I'm really excited for the players," Huff said. "They've been putting in a lot of work and going into a new conference, getting new exposure and new competition. They've put in a lot of work this off-season

and over the summer."

Huff continued, "I am excited for them to go out and enjoy what they do and see the fans there and how much this community supports them. The family feeling that we have here at Marshall is truly second to none, so I am excited for our players to experience that."

Women's soccer was undefeated during Herd Rally, and the players encouraged students and fans to come to games this season to celebrate their success.

Regina Fiabema, central back for the Marshall women's soccer team, said her favorite part of this season so far has been their undefeated streak.

"It has given us a lot of confidence, and it has helped us a lot so far even though the season just started," Fiabema said.

The Marching Thunder provided music throughout the night, and kept the mood bright and peppy as they danced and performed their new music along with crowd favorites, such as "Sons of Marshall."

"The Marching Thunder this season, man, we are lighting it up. We've got freshmen who are very dedicated to their craft and this university. I am super excited to see what we can bring this season," Nate Hunting, senior drum major for the Marching Thunder, said.

An Interview With President Brad D. Smith

By TYLER SPENCE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

T. “To start I wanted to talk about the budget a little bit, I learned that we are trying some new things out with the budget giving a bit more control to each department where the money will be counted and allocated with credit hours coming in for the credit hours in each department. I’m curious about how you are thinking about the departments that are more naturally going to have more students come through, with the English classes that everyone has to take. And also smaller departments; with majors going down how they are going to stay competitive if that means a budget reduction for them?”

B. “Yeah, let me talk about it at a high level, because it’s still a work in progress. Some of those answers are being designed by the deans, the chairs. But at the highest level, as you know, during the listening tour, one of the big things that I heard is we don’t have the appropriate resources. And a lot of these decisions get made centrally. We had a thing called a freeze committee where everyone ended up having to send a submission to be able to backfill a hire if a faculty member left and it was just slowing things down. So the first thing we did was a very tactical decision. We gave the hiring decisions back to the deans, and we eliminated the freeze committee. Now we still have a strategic sort of resource allocation committee for things like staff and faculty; we said we got to break that logjam. And then we looked outside and said, ‘there’s a different model that we want to embrace.’ It’s called responsibility-centered management (RCM), and responsibility-centered management is based upon outside best practices. And then working with the deans, we’re going to come up with a formula that says, here’s how much you have in terms of dollars. Now, we don’t care if you choose to use that on 10 staff and two faculty or 10 faculty and two staff, you do what you need to do to grow. And that’s going to be the model, we want to empower you. So you aren’t slowed down.”

T. “I know you care about the arts. And you know, the programs outside of STEM, even though that has been kind of where the directions where a lot of university enrollment has gone. I’m curious if you think that is a sort of natural reflection of the current state of the economy, whether that’s like take journalism, for example, you know, significantly fewer journalism majors than there were 10 years ago. Is that just a natural reaction to the economy of newspapers going out of style? Do you see that trending back up? How do we recruit in these kinds of programs?”

B. “I think it’s a two-part answer. First and foremost, and we’ve chatted about this before, I’ll use liberal arts - I don’t think liberal arts has a relevancy challenge. It has a branding challenge. The relevancy is we still need amazing students who have great communication, collaboration, critical thinking, teamwork, all those things that you learn in great liberal arts. We need great journalists, and there may be a certain medium of journalism that has declined, but citizen journalists have exploded with social media. But then we’ve learned the backlash of that there is no editing, no real understanding of facts versus affirmations. So I think that challenges all of us in these programs to say, ‘how do we teach the next generation to use modern tools?’ And whatever that profession is evolving to look more like how do we make sure we have the best of the best. So that I think is a key, and so an example is I was sitting with one of our faculty members the last two days, and she was talking about how much what she teaches is similar to design thinking. And she said, ‘maybe we should think about that program and have a certification.’ And I think that’s a great example of how we think about modern digital humanities.”

T. “I know we chatted a little bit over email about this and you mentioned Arizona State being one of the schools that really inspired you. I know of their story of being not that well perceived academically, and now up to like the R1 [research]



Tyler Spence, executive editor, sits down to speak with Marshall University president Brad D. Smith
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institution that they are and you know, pretty well renowned for their programs. So I’m interested if you see our story in them, and I’m curious what you think the difference is between like a good university and a great university, and maybe where we might be on that sort of arbitrary scale?”

B. “Yeah, I think Arizona State University is a wonderful example of who we can and should not try to be, but follow a similar change management journey. Their reputation was very different from ours, and it’s well documented. I’m not disparaging them, but before Michael Crow (ASU’s president) came to Arizona State University in the early 2000’s, they had a reputation as a party school. And it was not a positive reputation. And he came in and said, there are two things he wanted to aspire to. He wanted to be the most accessible, affordable school for everyone, and he wanted to be known not for who they let in, but who they did not turn down. So he shunned this, we only accept 3% [to] 2%, they have to have a GPA of x and y, and shunned it, and he opened it up to a lot of overlooked and underserved communities and people who were first and family to go to college. And then at the same time, he set the bar

to say, I want to be an elite research university that gets more grants and more funding than MIT, Harvard, Yale or Stanford. And everyone tried to tell him, choose one or the other, you can’t do both. You can’t open the doors to everybody, when many of them may come not college ready, and then hold the bar high and have the most distinctive, and he proved them wrong... And he has one of the most accessible and affordable universities in the world, keeping tuition down. And that’s what I love about us is I think we can be that gateway university that helps someone come from whatever modest background they have, and we can be elite at the same time.”

T. “All right. I think the question that everyone wants me to ask is - what does the D stand for?”

B. “You know, it’s wonderful. Let me tell you why I use it. I’m gonna give you a joke. And then I’ll get to it. I began using it because the president of Microsoft is also Brad Smith and I was getting his calls and he was getting my calls. And I eventually teased them and said, I’m going to use the D. So I’m not someone who thinks that I have reached a point where I have to have my initial, it’s actually because I stopped getting these calls. But then

everyone said why don’t you use your full name and I used to tease because I didn’t like my name and honestly still don’t like my name, that it stands for ‘don’t ask me dammit.’ And that was my joke - but the truth is that stands for Duane and my mom has a story that she was watching a Frankie Avalon surfing movie when she was younger and pregnant with me. And there was a character in there that she thought he’s gonna be a born blonde, and he’s going to be a surfer. And that’s, you know, she came up with the naming concept based upon that. And we were in a way, my older brother is Brent Douglas. I was going to be Brad Duane. And then my younger brother was going to be Brian Devon, he was born with a clubfoot, which was surgically corrected. And at that moment, my dad said, I want this kid to know that he will always be loved. And so he gave him his name Larry Smith Jr... my brothers are amazing.”

**Full Interview
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