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## Justice Announces Funds to Build Baseball Stadium



West Virginia Governor Jim Justice receives a baseball from Nick Jodway after the ceremonial first pitch.

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson

By ISABELLA ROBINSON  
STAFF REPORTER

The state will fund the remaining \$13.8 million needed to fund the construction of the new baseball stadium, University President Brad D. Smith and West Virginia Governor Jim Justice announced on Thursday, at the future site of the Marshall Baseball field.

The funds were originally allocated to the state by the American Rescue Fund signed by the Biden administration, which includes a provision that allows grants to be awarded for commerce, economic development and tourism.

“I heard you’re 13.8 million dollars short and I’ve got all the money right here,” Justice said.

Justice, a surprise guest, approached the crowd and held a giant check displaying the contribution.

“We’ve worked and worked and worked to try to find a way through all the different angles we have at the governor’s office and everything from the standpoint of economic development. It’s so long overdue it is unbelievable,” Justice said.

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### Smith Announces Matt Tidd of WVU Will Be Next CFO

#### THE PARTHENON

University President Brad D. Smith announced via email that Matt Tidd, who recently served as chief university budget Officer at West Virginia University, will be Marshall’s new chief financial officer effective Nov. 7.

The decision came after a months-long search that brought “a pool of highly qualified candidates,” according to Smith.

“He has implemented a five-year planning model and has helped guide the transition to more incentive-based budgeting approaches.”

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**CFO continued from front**

“These experiences are critical as we navigate our next chapters at Marshall University. An agile and enterprising leader, Matt will be a significant and important addition to Marshall’s Administration,” Smith said in the email announcement.

This decision comes after the university’s board of governors approved a motion to support incentive-based funding across higher education in West Virginia after a decision from legislature regarding higher education funding around the state.

“Matt was responsible for the implementation of a new budgeting system that replaced a decades-old process across the institution. He also led transformational projects

spanning various financial aspects of the university, including its regional campuses. Matt is well-versed in higher education finance and the strategic importance of real-time data, reporting and planning requirements,” Smith said.

Tidd will be replacing former CFO Mark Robinson, who retired in August. Robinson had served in the CFO position for six years after starting in 2016 after working at Marshall since 2013.

Before joining WVU in 2017, Matt worked for Mylan Pharmaceuticals, as well as Marriott International. He is a licensed certified public accountant with undergraduate and graduate degrees from WVU.

## ATΩ Raises Money for Homeless



Every year ATΩ builds a structure out of cardboard near the Memorial Student Center to raise awareness of the problem of homelessness.

Photo by Taylor Isaac

### By TAYLOR ISAAC STUDENT REPORTER

Days spent in the cold—hungry and without shelter—are the harsh reality for people affected by homelessness across Cabell County. Often these people do not know where their next meal will come from or where they will rest their head at night.

With the aftershocks of the COVID-19 pandemic still lingering, many Huntingtonians are homeless or at risk of being homeless in the very near future. To raise awareness of this issue, one of Marshall’s fraternities created an unusual display as their annual philanthropy from Sept. 26 to Sept. 30.

A large, cardboard house was constructed in the Memorial Student Center Plaza by Marshall’s Alpha Tau Omega (ATΩ) fraternity. For 24 hours, members sheltered outside to demonstrate the daily struggles of

people affected by homelessness.

Perplexed students were encouraged to stop by and ask questions about the exhibition. Evan Herd, president of Alpha Tau Omega, said the goal of “ATΩ Goes Homeless” is to get a campus-wide conversation started about the effects of homelessness.

“Not a lot of our members are from the area,” Herd said. “Hosting ‘ATΩ Goes Homeless’ helps our members get involved with the Huntington community by supporting people that we encounter almost every day.”

Fundraising also took place during the week-long event. According to ATΩ philanthropy chair Haden Barickman, the frat raised over \$950 so far for their cause.

“It feels really great to bring back one of our frat’s oldest traditions,” Barickman said. “Our philanthropy

goes back 17 years, and we are excited to have the project up and running for the first time since the pandemic started.”

All donations have gone to the Huntington City Mission, a non-profit Christian organization that aims to meet the needs of people affected by homelessness in the community.

After spending the week outdoors, Herd said that embarking on this philanthropy was a wake up call for both himself and his fraternity brothers.

“This experience has really opened my eyes,” Herd said. “We often see people who are homeless walking on the street or behind our fraternity’s house, but you never really know what they are going through until you put yourself in their shoes.”

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## America's Got Talent Winner to Sing National Anthem



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By **LUCY BELL**  
STUDENT REPORTER

The allure of fame and fortune can often keep one in the bright lights of Hollywood, but jazz singer and West Virginia native Landau Murphy remains loyal to his hometown in Logan County even after years of stardom.

Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. rocketed into the spotlight in 2011 after winning the sixth season of America's Got Talent. His win took him all around the globe, but he still calls West Virginia home.

"You know how the quote goes, there's no place like home," Murphy said. "Even as I climbed this ladder of the musical entertainment business, I've always felt like I didn't want to take something away from the state that actually made me."

Murphy will perform the national anthem on Oct. 12 during Marshall University's football game against Louisiana.

Murphy continues to involve himself in the community in more ways than performing. In 2021, he became an ambassador of adult education for the West Virginia Department

of Education, advocating for adults who did not finish high school to go back to school and receive their diplomas.

Being present and available in his home state as well as being able to give back to others is part of the importance of remaining in the state, according to Murphy.

"I am always going to be accessible," Murphy said. "And somewhere some people can reach, and I can give them some feedback on how to pursue their dreams, how to never give up and how to continue to strive for the best."

By using his platform and providing the next generation with advice on expanding their lives outside of the state, Murphy aims to guide others to more prosperous futures.

"You know, a lot of people leave here, but they never come back to tell the youth how they did it," Murphy said. "I'm actually letting them see it with their own eyes, and, hopefully, they can capitalize on that and go further than I will."

## Drinko Library Hosts Banned Book Trivia Night

By **DESTINEY DINGESS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

People's First Amendment right of free speech is being taken away by restrictions on who can read certain books, a Marshall University student at the school's first banned book trivia night said.

"I think it's up to parents to place restrictions on what their child can and cannot read," Chloe Henderson, Marshall University student and future teacher, said. "It's not up to libraries, it's not up to schools or the government to say what

you can and cannot read. I'm for permission slips in schools when reading triggering books with harsh topics. Parents should have more control than the government in that way."

The banning of books has become more widespread these days as 1,145 titles were banned in 86 school districts across 26 states over only nine months between July 2021 and March 2022. In addition, the American Library Association counted 1,597 book challenges

and removals in 2022, according to a report from PEN America.

"Every September we do a banned books week to celebrate books that have been challenged because as a public university, we don't support censorship of any kind," Meghan Sexton-Harness, research and instructional graduate assistant at Drinko Library and host of Banned Book Trivia Night, said.

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## Cyber Defense Club Sets its Sights on the National Cyber League

By **MATT SCHAFFER**  
STUDENT REPORTER

Cracking codes and unraveling knotty puzzles is what it will take to win the day when the cyber defense club heads to a national competition later this month.

Ranked No. 20 out of 100 schools heading into the National Cyber League competition, which begins later this October, Marshall's club hopes to continue its success in disciplines such as open-source intelligence, cryptography and password cracking, according to club President.

"The club is not all about winning," Ethan Endres, president of the Marshall University cyber defense club and cyber forensics student, said.

"The end goal is to make us ready for when we graduate," Endres said. "It gives us more hands-on practice for the number of jobs that are open in cyber defense. Now more than ever, there is a demand for people who know cyber defense."

Endres went on to say, "It gives students the opportunity to apply what you learn in class and apply it to competition."

However, students do not have to be in cyber forensics or computer information and security to get involved with the club and competition. They just have to be open to learning about cyber security and the skills that come with it.

"None of us started with a high level of knowledge about this, but you learn...Everyone here is an open book," Alisha Joseph, cyber defense club member, said. "People think you need qualifications to get involved."

The club is open to all students who are interested and eager to learn about cyber security and its disciplines. The club offers alumni talks, presentations and education on a variety of cybersecurity skills.

"I joined a week or two ago; I got invited to join based on invested interest," Soren Davis, sophomore, said. "Just by showing up and showing interest you can secure a spot."

# Alpha Sigma Hosts Pie Throwing for Charity Fundraiser

By **MORGAN PEMBERTON**  
STUDENT REPORTER

Alpha Sigma Phi's "Pie a Sig" is back after Marshall returns to normal after two years.

The event's purpose was to raise money for the fraternity's main philanthropy: Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN), a network that is anti-sexual violence. RAINN also has programs to help prevent sexual violence, help survivors and ensure perpetrators are brought to justice.

"We are just doing a philanthropy event for RAINN, who is our main one. We are a part of Alpha Sig, and its 'Pie a Sig' [is] just a small event to raise money," Noah Dunmore, vice president of ritual traditions, said. "We do a lot of them throughout the year, and 'Alpha Sigma Fry' is coming up at the end of the month, which is our biggest one."

The event, which took place beside the fountain near the Memorial Student Center, allowed students to pay three dollars to pie an Alpha Sig member in the face with a styrofoam plate full of whipped cream.

The students got to pick who they wanted to pie, so they mostly picked their friends.

If the whip cream was not messy enough, the person pie-ing the member could pay an extra dollar to add other toppings. Those toppings included caramel syrup, chocolate syrup and sprinkles.

Students who opted to just go with the whipped cream created a mess because it flung everywhere after the impact to the person's face. When the syrups and sprinkles were added, it

made the mess even more prominent.

One member was pied five times, making his hair and face sticky from the whipped cream and syrups, which left a puddle behind on the trash bag they used to contain the mess.

Another student pied two members, and used so much force, she broke the plates in half, making the mess go onto the ground and the pole behind the chair.

This event is one of their lesser-known events, the last one happening in the Fall of 2019.

"This is our 'Pie an Alpha Sig' fundraiser. We done this my freshman year, but in 2019 since COVID happened, [we] really haven't been able to do it," Chase Workman, president of Alpha Sigma Phi, said.

Workman also added that this event was successful in the past, and he wanted to do it again. He also said that Alpha Sigma Phi tries every year to raise at least twenty dollars for each philanthropy.



Photos by Tyler Spence



(Top) Student Body Vice President Walker Tatum throws a pie Alec Hess. Max Weber sits after having a pie thrown at him.

## Visiting Writers Series Hosts Writers' Harvest

By **DESTINEY DINGESS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

The reading of poems about dealing with and getting through grief began the A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series last night, Sept. 29, as an award-winning poet and new assistant professor of English read her stories about losing her mother to colon cancer.

"I had so many books that I turned to when I didn't have words for that experience," Dr. Sarah Henning said, "and so, for me, grappling not just with what comes after that, but also the moments of intense joy that can come after that—moments of intense excitement or intense sadness."

Such reflections led Henning to her newest book, "Terra Incognita," a lyrical grief memoir written after her mother's passing which she read from for the event. According to Henning, she hoped the book would help readers who are struggling with grief.

"What does that look like when you no longer have what you considered that center in your life?" Henning said. "And so, for me, I think this book is a beacon of healing and finding joy as much as it is a grief memoir."

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# King of Kings Chess Club Welcomes All

By **MATT SCHAFFER**  
STUDENT REPORTER

King of Kings Chess Club offers all students a chance to bond and challenge themselves over games of chess, regardless of skill or experience.

This chess club is the latest iteration of the previous Marshall University chess-oriented clubs, and Amond Bailey, founder and club president, hopes that it is

here to stay.

“In 2017 or 2018, I joined the chess club. The meeting locations changed frequently, and when I came back the next semester, it wasn’t here,” Bailey said.

After the previous Marshall chess club dissolved, Bailey decided to take the matter into his own hands by starting the King of Kings Chess Club so that students of all skill levels would have the same opportunity to play that he had

and so he could also share his love for chess.

“I was in ROTC and the Army and wanted to develop my leadership skills,” Bailey said. “I was able to reserve us a room. It was a challenge at first. Now it has evolved. Everyone got excited.”

Bailey wanted to ensure that the King of Kings Chess club is open to any Marshall student, whether they’re an experienced chess player or not.

“We’re all happy to teach people,” Bailey said. “We learn to play, play to learn. If the president can get beat by the club’s members, everyone is welcome.”

If students interested in learning chess aren’t taught by Bailey himself, then the other club members, such as Mac Wade, senior, are more than happy to help.

“It’s really casual and chill,” Wade said. “You can come in and

play chess. We’ll teach you. It’s been really fun.”

Wade went on to say, “The best part is just playing, finding other people who enjoy playing and of course, the free food.”

The club encourages any student looking to try chess out to visit their headline page on HerdLink, or simply stop by Room 2W16-B in the Memorial Student Center during their meetings on Mondays and Fridays at 4:30 PM.



Chess club members learn new strategies while competing against each other.



Photos by Matthew Schaffer

# Marshall Bounces Back Against Gardner Webb

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall (3-2) defeated Gardner Webb (1-4) by a final score of 28-7 Saturday evening.

Marshall came into Saturday losing its last two games against Bowling Green and Troy.

Marshall's head coach Charles Huff said he appreciated how the players performed.

"Really appreciated the way the players grinded out today. We talked about an identity win in the locker room, and that is what it was. It was a little bit of everybody pulling the rope in the same direction," he said. "It was

the most beautiful win we ever had, and this gives us the opportunity to go back to the drawing board. There are a lot of things we need to clean up, every game has that, but I thought today was really good."

Marshall struck first just two minutes in the game when quarterback Henry Colombi found freshman running back A.J. Turner for a 24-yard score, Turner's first touchdown of the season. Six minutes later in the first quarter, Colombi was intercepted by Gardner Webb's Ty Anderson and returned for a 45-yard touchdown, which tied the

game 7-7.

Five minutes remaining in the half, Colombi found wide receiver Corey Gammage for a 10-yard touchdown, putting up Marshall 14-7.

Colombi did not play in the second half as redshirt freshman Cam Fancher took over for the Herd. Huff said it was best to leave Fancher in for what they wanted to do in the game.

"Colombi could have returned, but where we thought we were and what we would be doing, it was just best to leave Cam in. Colombi said he wanted

to come back in, and I told him it was no need for what we were doing," he said. "We thought with the way we were doing it and handing it off, just trying to grind it out to get the game moving along, that it was best just to keep him out there."

Colombi finished 13 of 20, 138 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception.

Three minutes in the third quarter, running back Khalan Laborn ran in for a 1-yard touchdown, putting Marshall up 21-7.

Later in the fourth quarter, Laborn

ran for a 78-yard touchdown, putting up Marshall 28-7.

Laborn finished the game with 35 carries for 191 yards and two touchdowns; he has eight touchdowns on the season.

Fancher finished 8 of 13 with 42 yards.

Marshall finished with 421 yards of offense compared to Gardner Webb's 143 yards.

Marshall will play Louisiana after coming off a short bye week Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN2.



Khalan Laborn celebrates with teammates Cam Fancher and Devin Miller after touchdown

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson



## Gov. Justice Says State Will Fund Remainder of Baseball Stadium Cost

By **BELLA ROBINSON**  
STAFF REPORTER

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“Congratulations to all of you,” Justice said. “You make me proud. Coach Waggoner, all of you guys, you’ve got a team now that is second to none, and God knows I am proud to be a part of it. Thank you so much.”

Following the announcement, Justice threw the ceremonial first pitch for economic development to a member of the team on the site of the new field.

“This is the site of an amazing athletics complex, and you don’t get to this point without dreaming big and having people make things happen,” Smith said. “For more than six decades, this dream has been worked on by many people. We get the privilege of standing on the shoulders of giants and no giant stands taller than Coach Jack Cook.”

## Men’s Soccer Draws Against Coastal

By **JOHNATHAN EDWARDS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

The lights shone bright last night in Conway, South Carolina, as the #3 Marshall men’s soccer team took on Coastal Carolina.

With the big-time matchup and national hype surrounding the opposing Herd, Coastal was not intimidated as they took the pitch. Of all the factors present last night, scoring was not one of them.

Marshall and Coastal came to a 0-0 draw, stemming from a defensive clinic from both teams. The difference between the two sides came with shots, as Marshall got in scoring position 16 times compared to just three from Coastal. The large gap between shots on goal did not affect the scoreless affair.

“I’m very disappointed with the result,” Marshall Head Coach Chris Grassie said post-game.

He mentioned how well Marshall played outside near the goal, “but for the other 110 yards of the pitch, we were top class.”

Two shots in the waning seconds for Marshall gave the Herd hope to steal a late victory, but excellent goalkeeping by Coastal led this match to a draw. Marshall had every opportunity to take home a win, but a lack of execution kept them from success.

Now standing at 5-1-2, Marshall returns home to face Robert Morris Tuesday, Oct. 4, with kickoff set for 7:15 p.m.

## Volleyball Splits Against Georgia State

By **JOHNATHAN EDWARDS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

A tale of two games was told in the Cam Henderson Center this weekend, as Marshall volleyball got swept by Georgia State Thursday night before sweeping GSU Friday afternoon. The Herd bounced back with gusto in the matinee game, but not before being exposed the night before.

Despite keeping all three sets close, Thursday evening’s action was not good for Marshall. The story of the season for this team, when falling short, is a lack of clutch moments.

Marshall cannot close out the tight, must-win sets as of now, creating a real problem. As for the bright side of game one, Brynn Brown recorded her eighth double-

double of the season, an incredible feat for the sophomore star. Regan Tinkle racked up 16 kills in the losing effort.

Overall, the close-set losses are easily the most demoralizing. In the three-game sweep, Marshall only lost the game by a combined six points.

The team lost by two in all three sets. Luckily, it seemed as if the Marshall team of Thursday night didn’t come to play Friday, with the roles reversed and a much better effort in a sweep of the Panthers by the Herd.

Team backbone Macy McElhaney focused more on defense today, opening opportunities for the rest of the squad. This method proved

successful as it often does when Marshall decides to spread the workload among more of the roster. Head Coach Ari Aganus said that McElhaney fit the role exceptionally well, saying, “She [McElhaney] was outstanding defensively today.”

Seeing the good and bad traits of this 2022 squad, consistency needs to be a focus moving forward. When Marshall is hot, the team is tough to beat. Getting it there is the actual task at hand.

Moving forward, the Herd is back in action down south this Thursday and Friday, facing Troy in a two-game affair. Both games will start at 7 p.m.

## Bolly’s Bets Looks at CFB Week Six and NFL Week Five

By **ZACH BOLLINGER**  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

### OPINION

Marshall and WVU both have bye weeks this Saturday, so let’s dig into some other games you can look forward to this weekend.

#### Washington versus Arizona State

Washington opens the week as 14-point favorites over Pac-12 rival Arizona State. Arizona State has played three other ranked opponents-Oklahoma State, Utah and USC- prior to this week’s matchup. Arizona State lost those games by 17 points, 21 points and 22 points. This Washington offense has an ability to score

on any given drive- their lowest scoring game was 32 points in a loss against UCLA. I think Washington covers the 14-point spread against a weak Arizona State team.

#### Tennessee versus LSU

A classic case of two ranked SEC teams clashing in Baton Rouge this weekend as the No. 8 Tennessee Vols travel to LSU to take on the No. 25 Tigers. The opening line has Tennessee as 2.5-point favorites. I think this is going to be one of the top games of the weekend when it is all said and

done, but I think it will be lower scoring than expected. The over/under is set at 63.5 total points. When two top SEC schools collide, we often see the defenses prevail more often than not throughout the game.

I think Tennessee’s defense can keep LSU under 24, and I think the hostile LSU crowd will help hold back Tennessee’s offense enough to get this game under 63.5.

*The rest of this story can be found on [marshallparthenon.com](http://marshallparthenon.com).*

# The Vegan and Vegetarian Options on Campus are Lackluster



By **CONNER WOODRUFF**  
NEWS EDITOR

The food situation on campus isn't as accessible as it could be.

Despite there being a variety of food options on the Huntington campus, there aren't a great deal of menu items at any of Marshall's restaurants that offer explicitly vegan items. Nowhere in either The Market or the Memorial Student Center serves any kind of fake meat or popular vegan items.

The peanut butter and jelly sandwiches found in the markets

around campus are fine; they also serve a "phantom vegetable sushi roll" that I happen to see only at the beginning of each semester. Even Starbucks' "Impossible Breakfast Sandwich" comes prepackaged with cheese on it, which serves as cross contamination that takes it off the table as a vegan option.

All students living in campus facilities have several meal swipes which can be used to access Harless Dining Hall and can be used for select deals at other campus restaurants; none of

these deals are listed as vegan or vegetarian specials. Harless has a decent selection, though the vegan options seem like an afterthought considering the selection comes exclusively from the salad bar.

That said, the restaurants surrounding campus have decent selections; Chipotle and the new Smoothie King have explicitly vegan menu items that allow students to forgo the sometimes complicated process of ensuring that the food served doesn't include milk, eggs, cheese, etc.

However, these restaurants obviously aren't included in any of Marshall's meal plans. Given the varying financial situations of students and the several different reasons behind following any particular diet, the salad bar at Harless shouldn't be the only decent option for the average student.

This can make the student experience on campus inconvenient. The entire situation is especially interesting considering President Brad Smith is a vegan himself.

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Marshall's Main Dining Area, Harless Dining Hall

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## Visiting Writers continued

Grief can look different for everyone. Henning said that for her, grief looked like normalcy. She said she wore it well on the outside. She could go file a death certificate and go to a lawyer and liquidate savings and pay her bills, but she was completely numb on the inside.

When that numbness wore off, she didn't know how to feel about something that devastating, she said.

"So, for me, I always turned to words to teach me about how to deal with grief, and that's why I started reading all these memoirs," Henning said. "I knew that I wanted to, in my genre, contribute to that set of words that may save people."

Henning wants to use "Terra Incognita" to teach people that it's okay to tell their truth and to be powerful in their vulnerability, she said.

"I have a hard story, but instead of being

ashamed of it, I'm going to tell it because telling your story can help somebody else," Henning said.

The A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers' Series at Marshall University is a program that connects authors like Henning to their readers and students through different genres of books.

The series invites a handful of writers to read on campus every year, according to Dr. Rachael Peckham, professor of English and coordinator of the Stringer Visiting Writers Series.

Some of the writers are local and some are visiting to connect with students and local readers.

According to her, the visiting writers' series tries to strike a good balance between the genres taught at Marshall, which primarily include fiction, poetry and creative nonfiction.

## Banned Books continued

"We support these books that have been banned, and some of them are very funnily banned."

More well known, the banning of a book Harness has heard of is the children's book "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?"

"It was banned because the author shares the same name as a Marxist author. The author did nothing; he just happens to have the same name," Harness said.

Banned books are what people are most familiar with, while challenged books are less familiar.

"Challenged books are books that have been reported or complained about," Harness said. "They are not necessarily taken away or out of the curriculum. Banned books are books that have generally gone through a library

board or have gone through a state board and have been removed from shelves. A book can be challenged without getting banned, but we still celebrate those books as well."

She went on to say, "'To Kill a Mockingbird' was banned for having racial undertones and supporting racial segregation, but if anyone's ever read the book, it is about racial segregation. But, in the way, it is saying it's bad."

"A lot of this is unfounded," Harness said. "I would say all banned books are unfounded, but their reasoning is rough. There's a difference in saying elementary students should not read '1984' versus we shouldn't have that all together."

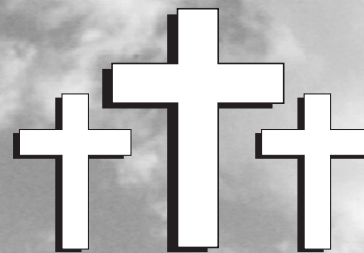
Meanwhile, Henderson said, "Having a banned book week is important because a lot of people might not

understand what banned books mean and why censorship can, in the end, be detrimental to us."

"I don't think any book should be banned because I think that when we start banning books, not only are we censoring, but we are taking away information," Harness said. "If we don't read banned or challenged books, we don't know what to look for. We don't know the red flags. We aren't learning about different experiences."

She continued by saying, "I think that being more educated is never going to hurt, and that's what books are there for. Whether they are storybooks or textbooks, whatever they may be, they are there to teach us something. I just don't think that should be hankered with. We should be reading books, not banning them."

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Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday  
Confession by appointment

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Sunday 8 am, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

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Confession: Tuesdays 4-5pm  
Saturdays 4:15-4:45pm  
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Office Hours Mon-Fri. 9am-2pm

**Rev. Fr. Thomas**

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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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## International Art Exhibition Hosts Marshall University Professors' Collaborative Work



Professor Ian Hagarty



Professor Daniel Kaufmann Photos courtesy of Marshall University

By **LUCY BELL**  
STUDENT REPORTER

When it comes to artistic mediums, painting and photography seem to reside at opposite ends of the spectrum, but two artists decided to meld the two areas in preparation for one of Europe's largest art exhibitions.

Marshall University professors Ian Hagarty and Daniel Kaufmann received an invitation to display their work at the European Cultural Centre's international art exhibition "Personal Structures" in Italy this past April. This exhibition coincided with the Venice Biennale, one of the most important art exhibitions in the world, according to Hagarty and Kaufmann.

The pair began work on the

project in 2020 and set out to find a way to blend their respective fields together as well as integrate West Virginia history into their work.

"We wanted to create a piece that commemorated this really important part in West Virginia history and in regards to having the New River Gorge receiving National Park status," Kaufmann said.

Due to the high visibility that their project would likely receive, having the state as the centerpiece allowed them to promote and display features of the state on a larger scale.

"We sort of saw the 'Personal Structures' show as this kind of major international community of artists to be a really unique

opportunity to bring light to West Virginia in a way," Hagarty said. "We also wanted the piece that we were making for that show to be something that neither he nor I have ever done before."

The process required much trial and error to discover what possibilities were feasible; fortunately, they were able to go through a trial run before making any permanent decisions.

"Before the Venice exhibition, we had an exhibition at the Huntington Museum of Art, our kind of faculty show," Kaufmann said. "And then that was actually used as an experiment of sorts to figure out what we might want to do for the Venice show."

After months of collaborating, it was decided that a woven

tapestry was the best medium to display Hagarty's paintings and Kaufmann's photographs.

"We didn't want it to represent our view necessarily," Hagarty said. "We were trying to represent what we were learning about the park but through our artistic practice and sensibilities. Hidden in that art piece is all of that. I mean literally thousands of photographs and paintings and manipulations that are all combined together and literally woven together into that piece."

Both professors plan to use this as a jumping-off point to explore implementing a new type of curriculum within the School of Art and Design.

## Color Me Well Enters Fourth Week

By **ZACH HIGHLANDER**  
STUDENT REPORTER

A drawing of armor that protects the participants from stress is this week's activity for "Color Me Well". The group participants can identify their coping skills and things that help them reduce stress.

Each week built upon the next. In the first week the group discussed where they felt stress in the body; the next week they looked at how much of their week was taken up by stress. Then, last week, they looked at what their stressors were.

Now, this week, they will look at coping skills. Students can expect to engage in an art-based activity that works for any skill level and then have the opportunity to discuss how stress and anxiety impacts their life. The benefit of group counseling is that it helps normalize what people go through and helps them to gain support and learn from each other.

The "Color Me Well" event is an art therapy group with the intention of helping students de-stress and enjoy the activities of art therapy. It is hosted in East Hall room 115 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

It is a five-week program in which the students who participate start with an art-based activity and then follow that by a group discussion. The event has a wide variety of creative methods to experiment with from paints, pencils, markers and more ways to be creative and make art. No prior experience of art therapy is needed.

# Unpaid Internships Face New Scrutiny as Barriers to Careers

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The value of an internship is unmistakable. It teaches marketable skills, it builds professional networks, and it helps students test-drive careers.

But the benefits are not available to all: Close to half of all internships are unpaid, putting them out of reach for students who need wages to keep up with their bills, even if the work has nothing to do with their intended careers.

Unpaid internships are facing new scrutiny from colleges, state lawmakers — and even the White House, which announced its interns this fall will be paid for the first time to help remove “barriers to equal opportunity” for low-income students.

And students are leading the effort — saying they can’t afford to meet internship requirements, and shouldn’t be expected to work unpaid to make it in a given field.

Denice Brambila, 26, last spring completed an unpaid internship that was required by her social work master’s program at San Diego State University.

To support herself, she worked 12 hours a week at a paid job at an elementary school office. That was on top of the 16 hours a week she spent at her internship, all while trying to keep up with her studies.

“It was pretty hard, especially on those days when I felt really drained and stressed out,” Brambila said.

The people who can take unpaid internships have financial safety nets, and that means they tend to benefit students who are wealthier and white, perpetuating wealth gaps. Three out of four unpaid interns in 2020-21 were white, according to a

study by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

“Let’s just face it, it’s very difficult to take an unpaid internship, unpaid work experience, when you’re from a lower-income background. That’s why we’re pushing for more paid internships, less reliance on unpaid internships, and in the hopes that it helps diversify the workforce and these industries,” said Joshua Kahn, associate director of research and public policy at NACE.

Unpaid internships can be found across industries. More than two-thirds of internships in state governments and at nonprofit organizations were unpaid, according to the 2021 study by NACE. At universities, professional programs in fields like social work, teaching, and journalism are among those that commonly require field work that is often unpaid.

In some fields unpaid internships are likened to apprenticeships because they are considered essential training for careers.

“We really don’t believe students can learn how to work with people, unless they have some practice working with people,” said Darla Spence Coffey, president and CEO of the Council on Social Work Education, the accrediting body for social work programs.

The council calls for undergraduates to spend 400 hours on internships, and 900 hours for master’s students. The goal, Coffey said, is for students to “learn how to toggle back and forth between what the theory says and how to apply it.”

But many of the underfunded nonprofits and clinics where students work cannot afford to pay them. “Students would love for the accrediting body to say you must pay your students, but that is something we just can’t do,” Coffey said.

Shannon Swanson, 23, has seen firsthand the disparities in who can afford to take unpaid work.

As an unpaid intern in the California State Capitol, she worked up to 40 hours a week, well beyond the 15 hours expected of most interns. She wanted the experience and could work longer hours because she had paid campus jobs with flexible hours and financial help from her parents.

Some of her peers had to take paid, full-time jobs to get by and couldn’t devote more than 15 hours to their Capitol internships.

After she graduated from Sacramento State University, Swanson was hired as a legislative aide in the same office where she interned. She went on to get a job in higher education policy. As much as the experience helped her career, she bristles at the attitude she heard from staff that newcomers should slog through unpaid internships like they once did.

“We really need to retire this attitude of ‘It was hard for me so it’s going to be hard for you,’” she said.

A legislative measure under consideration in California includes a \$5 million fund for stipends to help 650 low-income students and recent college graduates take unpaid work in the state Legislature and other state departments.

“It’s important we focus on those who need it most and have been historically excluded,” says state Assemblywoman Tasha Boerner Horvath, a Democrat, who plans to introduce the bill early next year.

Some businesses are exploring new ways to make internships accessible. One company, Parker Dewey, has partnered with college career centers to connect students with “micro-internships” — short-term, paid projects that can appeal to students from different backgrounds who may



Marina Aina, a 21-year-old student majoring in American Studies at Pomona College, poses for photos on the school’s campus. Photo courtesy of AP Photos

need more flexible hours.

Colleges also have taken steps to make internships more accessible to their students.

At Pomona College in California, students can apply for stipends for internships that offer little or no pay to help them explore possible careers.

Marina Aina, a Pomona student majoring in American Studies, has had paid internships in politics and leadership development in the past. Last summer, she was able to intern with a nonprofit organization that works with Tongan Americans — an opportunity she saw as a chance to help give back to people like her.

Without the stipend, she could

not see herself taking an unpaid opportunity over a summer job.

“If I felt that it wasn’t compensated then I wouldn’t go for it because I wouldn’t have the funds to cover it,” said Aina, 21. “I wouldn’t want to ask my parents, who are helping me pay for college, to pay for something I’m doing over the summer.”

The internships also gave her insight into a potential career.

“It was nice to see a grassroots organization predominantly run by a woman that is serving the community and they’re successful,” Aina says. “I personally wanted to see what that looks like because I could see myself in it.”

# University Hosts President's Media Quoits Challenge



President Brad Smith and General Counsel Toney Stroud compete at the Media Day Quoits Challenge



Photos by Shauntelle Thompson

By **TAYLOR ISAAC**  
STUDENT REPORTER

Quoits — an autumn tradition on the campus — is more than just a quirky horseshoes-like game said to be a favorite of the university namesake, Chief Justice John Marshall.

“This challenge is a wonderful way for us to remind ourselves that through this game we can build relationships, maintain stability, overcome disagreements and just have some fun,” President Brad D. Smith said.

Calling it “a great day for Marshall,” Smith kicked off the annual President’s Media Quoits Challenge on Buskirk Field early Friday morning as part of Constitution Week.

The single-elimination tournament, drawing teams from around the city, was hosted by

Drinko Academy at Marshall University and featured local media personalities from the house delegates, University faculty, news reporters and more.

So how does the game work? Similar to horseshoes, players toss their quoits to the opposing pit in the ground. The closer that a player’s quoit is to the hob—or the metal bar that sticks up from the ground—the more points will be awarded to their team. The first team that possesses 21 or more points and has at least a two-point lead wins.

No discussion of politics, religion or business is permitted during the game either. According to Walker Tatum, vice president of student government, it is to preserve the friendship and comradery that the game of Quoits cultivates.

“I love that when it comes to Quoits, the sport is focused

more on supporting one another,” Tatum said. “It’s not so much about winning, but about being there for one another and rooting each other on.”

This mantra is reflected in the University’s creed, which was touched on by SGA President Bella Griffiths. In a pre-game speech, she reminds students, faculty and community members alike of their civic responsibility to one another.

“As children of Marshall, we are tasked with following the creed and being active participants in our campus community,” Griffiths said. “Whether we are learning, teaching, voting, volunteering or participating in shared governance, our goal is to simply be good people.”

Winning the tournament was the United Way of River Cities team —composed of Bill Rosenberger, director of resource

development, and Ross Gotham, Harmony House’s maintenance director—making this their second championship win in three years.

As the games concluded, Griffiths lamented on her time thus far in college and the recent investiture of President Smith. According to her, the near future looks bright for Marshall University.

“We are constantly trying to focus on our traditions and getting the new president involved in what makes Marshall University, Marshall,” Griffiths said. “To know that he and our general council are really good at this game feels like a sign that we are in good hands.”

Participants were also encouraged to continue their civic duty after the event by taking the pledge to read the U.S. Constitution. Executive Director Dr. Montserrat Miller stated that Drinko Academy

strives to encourage higher citizen participation in the democratic system of government each year.

“We have got north of 500 people now who have pledged to read the constitution, to reflect upon its meaning, to fulfill the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and to discuss the content of the constitution with their family, friends or classmates,” Miller said. “We are all in this together. Democracy depends on all of our participation.”

Since 2016, Drinko Academy has fostered a 12.8% increase in student voter participation. Though the President’s Media Quoits Challenge has officially closed the Fall campaign for constitutional awareness, the organization will continue to provide a rich and inclusive variety of programs to foster a culture of civic responsibility and literacy.