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Homecoming Royalty Named, Herd Loses Against Coastal



During halftime against Coastal Carolina, Nevaeh Harmon and Calvin Hunter were named Mr. and Ms. Marshall respectively / Photos by Shauntelle Thompson

Calvin Hunter proposed to his long-time girlfriend, Olivia Roberts, after being named Mr. Marshall / Photo by Matt James

Marshall Hosts Early Voting to Kick off 2022 Midterms

MATT SCHAFFER
STUDENT REPORTER

To facilitate early voting for the 2022 general election on campus, Marshall has established a precinct that is open from Monday to Saturday.

The precinct opened on Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the Memorial Student Center Room 2W22, and all voters registered in Cabell County are eligible to cast their ballot early.

The voting location will remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

on Saturdays until the last day for early voting, Nov. 5.

“Early voting allows voters greater flexibility with fewer lines than on Election Day,” Brittany Roberts-Spears, poll worker and Cabell County Clerk’s Office official, said.

The 2022 general election will determine races for the U.S. House of Representatives, the State Senate and the municipal government. The election will also include three ballot

measures.

“Local politics do matter,” Roberts-Spears said. “Local officials make direct changes that can help improve lives.”

Roberts-Spears also said that the poll workers will help to ensure that the voting process is as easy and accessible as possible.

West Virginia voters can check their registration status or register to vote online at govotewv.com or in person at their County Clerk’s Office.

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Annual Homecoming Parade Celebrates All Things Marshall



Marshall Homecoming Parade marching through 5th Avenue.

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson

By **MORGAN PEMBERTON**
STUDENT REPORTER

With no restrictions related to COVID-19, Marshall students, alumni and community members came together for the homecoming parade on Thursday, Oct. 27, ahead of Marshall's football game on Saturday.

"This year is more exciting because we're coming off of Covid. It is going to be more normal per se for the students," Katie Stanley, coordinator of student activities, said. "It is not going to be restricted in any way. Attendance isn't going to be restricted, no mask, anything like that. I think organizations especially are really excited to kind of jump back into

where we were before Covid, but it's all really exciting."

Since nothing was restricted, the parade gave the community members and Marshall students the opportunity to come together and participate in a float contest.

"We do awards for community members so they do a float, and we will be judging those," Michelle Biggs, assistant dean student affairs and judge for the contest, said. "Then, our student organizations also have entered, and we will be judging for student organization floats as well."

After the parade concluded, Marshall students and faculty headed to the bonfire to warm up by the fire.

International Festival Aims to Unite Students

By **MORGAN PEMBERTON**
STUDENT REPORTER

Continuing nearly six decades of trying to promote greater understanding among students from different backgrounds, the 59th International Festival will take place Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Memorial Student Center.

"The goal of the festival was to bring international and domestic students together so they could learn about different cultures and traditions," Jyotsna Patel, coordinator for the festival, said. "Initially, students cooked dishes from their countries and brought it to the festival."

She added that, since the start of the festival, it has expanded where they are now able to have local vendors and more people share their cultures, food and traditions.

They will be celebrating the 59th year, with its first back in person event after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am very excited that this event is West Virginia's oldest and longest running International Festival," Patel said. "We were able to do the festival during the pandemic and that added another aspect to the festival, but we are glad to be back in person."

Patel also said that students will be able to enjoy music, food, traditional clothing, and dances.

She added that the different organizations will have decorated tables and will put on performances to celebrate their cultures and there will be a prize given out for the best table display.

Marshall Gaming Club Requests \$1 Million



Marshall's Esports Club Association requested funds to building an esports arena via a Student Government Association Resolution.

Photo courtesy of Kev Bryant

By **BREA SMITH**
STAFF REPORTER

A resolution to provide Marshall's Esports Club Association with additional funds and work toward building an esports arena in the future was recently presented to the Student Government Association.

Currently, Marshall's esports club has over 600 members on the Discord server, according to Kev Bryant, the director of competitive affairs for ECA. Senators were surprised that fifty members of the club attended the meeting in support of the resolution passing.

The resolution asks to allocate \$1 million over the span of three to five years so the ECA can have a dedicated space to practice. The resolution also aims to offer scholarships related to the club to prospective students.

"I know that Ohio State University is something truly special - \$26 million invested into that space. I know that Marshall is not Ohio State," Bryant said. "What we need is a space that will allow for the growth of this, which is at an unprecedented scale for Marshall's history."

Bryant attended Ohio State University and was a member of their esports club.

Senator Nico Raffinengo wrote the resolution after seeing what the club's space currently is like.

"It's very scrappy and kind of just whatever that they're able to get with their own money," Raffinengo said. "Most of them bring their own tech, resources and hold money specifically to run the organization - their growth - because they're growing the university with tuition numbers."

The resolution was then discussed by the senate after that, with the first question coming from Student Government Association President Bella Griffiths, who asked where the money will come from. Raffinengo responded by saying the money would come from the miscellaneous fund or the university would allocate funds to the project.

Caleb Patrick, the president of ECA and co-founder said, "The university will be tearing down Laidley Hall and building an advanced technology

center; we've reached out to the project lead on that. And what we want to do is establish a space there for anything esports related."

Following the discussion, the resolution was changed due to budget and time constraints.

Matt James, director of alumni relations and advisor to SGA, said "We have to understand the university's deficit right now with enrollment down, so there's not a pot of money. My suggestion is maybe to remove that amount from the resolution."

After the time constraints and budget were removed from the resolution, it was passed. From this point, it will be presented to the board of governors.

After the meeting, Raffinengo said, "The resolution passed but with some changes which can be both good and bad, depending on the situation. Now that it doesn't have a set-in-stone funding cap, maybe we'll get more funding now."

Plaza Named for Activist Phil Carter



Carter honored at an unveiling ceremony by the city of Huntington.

Photo by Lucy Bell

By **LUCY BELL**
STUDENT REPORTER

After 60 years of fighting for community change in Huntington, one of the city's most influential civil rights activists has a plaza named after him.

Professor Philip W. Carter Jr. was honored at an unveiling ceremony by the city of Huntington that named the intersection of Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street the "Phil Carter Plaza" on Friday afternoon, Oct. 28. Along with Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, Carter unveiled the street sign that now displays the plaza's new name.

Having Carter's efforts officially recognized by the city allows new generations to appreciate the years of service and the change he ignited, according to one of the event's speakers Dr. Kelli Johnson.

"It's hard for young people or people who are not originally from here to understand what it was like back then," Johnson said. "Huntington wasn't a bad place

to be, but it wasn't the best place to be. Because of Professor Carter and other members of civic interest progressives, they opened the city up so that it is a place that welcomes people of color and people who are different than the majority."

By the city bestowing this honor to Carter, the city acknowledged its history as well as its commitment to share his legacy, Johnson added.

"Phil has gotten accolades in many places," she said. "But it is a big deal when the city says, 'Thank you for what you did for us and we are going to make it permanent so that people know.' I was so honored to be involved."

Along with exhibiting the new street sign, the mayor revealed plans for an archway displaying the plaza's new name to the crowd as part of the city's efforts to boost infrastructure and safety by redesigning parts of downtown Huntington.

Immersive Exhibit Challenges Stigma Surrounding Appalachian Food Deserts

By **TAYLOR ISAAC**
STUDENT REPORTER

Desolate and barren, the curved backroads of the Tri-State can leave drivers traveling miles without any sign of life. The only oasis for human interaction is a dollar store that crops up every 15 miles or so along these winding country roads.

These food deserts are the reality for many locals across Appalachia who travel up to a half-hour away just to receive groceries or a meal every day.

Raised in the center of a food desert, journalist Xena Bunton had little knowledge growing up of what that meant for her community. It wasn't until attending Marshall University that she saw the stark contrast between food accessibility in these rural areas.

"After moving from Huntington, West Virginia to Crown City, Ohio, I questioned if I was the only one who noticed it," Bunton said. "I felt the urge to talk to my neighbors to see why the area had become a food desert and how they were getting by."

Tales of food insecurity and poverty were told to Bunton by the people of these forgotten towns, and yet she also discovered a deep sense of pride and tradition rooted in the heart of Appalachia.

"The conversation about Appalachian food insecurity is deeply intertwined with the sense of pride that people feel for their hometowns," Bunton said. "People don't want to be stereotyped for asking for help, which is why there is such great stigma surrounding using resources."



Autumn Cook of Crown City, Ohio, reads a story about herself printed onto a cheese snack box.

Photo Courtesy of Alexandria Runyon

Bunton embarked on a mission to share the stories of Tri-State food deserts in a way that allowed viewers to access resources without feeling shame.

Teaming up with local creatives, she created *Generally*: an immersive exhibit that told the stories of Appalachia through sustainable journalism.

Bunton utilized recycled grocery items to showcase the photos and stories from Appalachians impacted by food deserts. The installation encouraged viewers to pick up and read the different boxes and cans as though they were actually shopping at a grocery store.

Generally also featured the work of other artists, such as Suzan Ann Morgan's "Affordable?" a hand-dyed quilt examining the five dollar stores

within 20 minutes of her home. Artist Kelsie Tyson, on the other hand, addressed the colloquialism found in her hometown with her "J'eat yet?" fuzzy wall poem. Meanwhile, local potter Meghann Ferguson curated a fortune cookie piece that shared statements many Appalachians wished outsiders knew before judging them.

Generally was hosted at the Marshall University Visual Art Center from Oct. 24 to Oct. 27 and was funded by New Media Advocacy Project's Appalachia Reframed cohort. The reception of the exhibit was uplifting and supportive, according to Bunton.

"I was especially moved when I saw a young man—probably eight or nine years old—taking photos of the art pieces," Bunton said. "It warmed my heart to see people of all ages enjoying the exhibit."

Ombuds Office Created to Arbitrate Faculty Disputes

By **DESTINEY DINGESS**
STUDENT REPORTER

An ombuds office to give faculty and staff a neutral and confidential place to let out their feelings about concerns or questions on the university's policies and procedures has returned to campus.

Focusing on conflicts that arise in the workplace and concerns or questions with the university's policies and procedures is Le'kesha Taylor, interim ombuds and housing while continuing residence life associate director, who became the university's new ombuds.

"We work to be a student-centered university meaning we work for students," Taylor said. "The students who pay our paychecks and attend our school. We work for the students, and sometimes, when thinking about that, you're constantly working for somebody else, and you forget to take care of yourself."

The ombuds office hours are on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at BW14 in the lower level of the Student Center.

Faculty and staff may think because they're working for students their problems don't matter or they are not as big of a deal, Taylor said. They think they can go to work and go home and let it all go, but that might not always be the case, and so for Marshall to recognize that their faculty and staff that serve the students that they work for also need space is amazing, and I'm happy to be that space they can come to, she continued.

"I think the ombuds office is good because it's a sounding board," Emily Roush, outreach coordinator in housing and residence life, said. "Sometimes as staff or employees, you have ideas or maybe have concerns, and you're not sure where to go or who to ask for help. Maybe you just want somebody to talk to about things without initiating an official procedure or anything like that, so I think it's helpful to have a sounding board, and I also think it's going to help create a greater sense of community amongst employees of the university."

Those interested in visiting the ombuds office can go to the website at marshall.edu/ombuds and schedule an appointment with Taylor.

Taylor also wants faculty and staff to know she is open to coming to their office or to their department to explain what the ombuds do.



Le'Kesha Taylor is serving as the interim director of the Office of the Ombuds.

iCenter Aims to Create Culture of Innovation on Campus

BY EVAN GREEN
MANAGING EDITOR

Over the last few years, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation—better known as the iCenter—has served as a major force to develop a culture of innovation and creativity on campus.

The iCenter, founded in 2018, focuses on three main programs: university innovation, the entrepreneurship pathway within West Virginia Career Technical Education and the Brad D. Smith Student Incubator.

The founder of the iCenter, Dr. Ben Eng, was inspired to create the program after Marshall hosted Innovating for Impact, a problem-solving competition that utilized a problem-solving model known as design thinking. The iCenter was formed in order to follow up on this competition and begin to develop a culture of innovation on campus.

“Design thinking is a methodology to solve human-centered problems and problems that matter in the world,” Paige Leonard, assistant director of the iCenter, said.

Design thinking—specifically the Intuit-created version of design thinking, Design for Delight—is a problem-solving model that serves as the backbone of the iCenter’s various programs. It involves speaking with customers, which the iCenter defines as whoever they are solving a problem for, to better understand the problems they are facing.

One of the main programs of the iCenter is their university innovation trainings and workshops, which are designed to teach the principles of design thinking through hands-on activities that allow participants to better connect and empathize with their customers.

Most recently, a number of these

workshops have been held for various groups of Marshall faculty and staff to help them learn the principles of design thinking and determine how they can apply those principles to their chosen discipline.

These staff trainings also included direct feedback from customers, which would primarily be students. Because of this, part of the training was dedicated to students speaking to the staff members regarding their concerns and how things could be improved for students.

Additionally, the iCenter works with other sponsors throughout the state to help create a curriculum for the entrepreneurship pathway that high school students can choose to pursue at West Virginia Technical Schools.

“At the iCenter, it’s really just me and Ben Eng. We’re the only full-time people, and so we know we want to make Marshall as innovative as possible, and we know that the two of us can’t do that by ourselves; we need a whole group,” Leonard said.

In order to spread this culture of innovation across campus, the iCenter plans to designate certain individuals as innovation catalysts: people identified during design thinking trainings as strong innovators.

These innovation catalysts will work with the iCenter to apply the principles of design thinking to different parts of the university.

“We would love to have an innovation catalyst within each department on campus here so that they can be that person that helps solve challenges on Marshall’s campus and create this constant state of improvement,” Leonard said.

A student-led project also involves applying the same innovation catalyst concept to student



Assistant Director of the iCenter, Paige Leonard, stands with Jaxon Smith, one of the iCenter students inside their Corbly Hall office.

Photo by Evan Green

organizations on campus to allow them to utilize design thinking in their problem-solving.

One of the other main programs administered by the iCenter is the Brad D. Smith Student Incubator. This program was established in 2019 to give students an opportunity to solve real-world challenges in a classroom setting.

The class provides students with expertise from entrepreneurs-in-residence, real-world innovators who help guide the students as they attempt to solve their chosen problem using the principles of design thinking.

“From my work with the student incubator, I’ve learned how powerful of a tool design thinking is and how I can implement it into

every part of my studies,” Jaxon Smith, a sophomore student who has been a part of the incubator since its first semester in the spring of 2021, said. “The staff at the iCenter have helped me in becoming more connected in Huntington and building better relationships with community members. They’ve taught me about creative thinking and marketing in a number of ways.”

Smith’s project, Lots for Change, is a startup company designed to create community spaces around Huntington by converting abandoned lots in the area into green spaces. The project was co-founded with Olivia Andrew-Vaughan, another sophomore, and plans to begin its first project within

the next year.

Students receive three credit hours for taking the course, but can only enroll in the class after interviewing with Leonard and Eng to determine if they are a good fit for the program.

“Ben and I are passionate about student success. That’s like our number one focus. They’re the ones who we are all here for,” Leonard said. “If a student is interested in getting involved with the Brad D. Smith Student Incubator, just think of a problem that you’re passionate about solving and reach out to us.”

Currently, the iCenter is located on the third floor of Corbly Hall, but is set to move to the new Brad D. Smith School of Business building on Fourth Avenue once it opens.

Marshall Loses Homecoming Game Against Coastal Carolina



Charles Montgomery tackled by CCU defender.

Via HerdZone

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall fell to Coastal Carolina on homecoming, 24-13, Saturday, Oct. 29.

Coastal Carolina started hot in the first quarter as they put up three touchdowns leading to 21 unanswered points. The scores would come from a Grayson McCall two-yard run, a Bryce Carpenter three-yard run and a McCall 37-yard pass to Jacob Jenkins.

Marshall would have many opportunities to get back in the game, as the Chanticleers would not score another touchdown for the rest of the contest.

A fourth-quarter 27-yard field goal by Kade Hensley would be the only points the Chanticleers would get since their 21-point first quarter.

Marshall scored only one

touchdown in the contest, coming in the second quarter by a Khalan Laborn two-yard run.

Rece Verhoff had two field goals, a 40-yarder in the second quarter and a 39-yarder in the third quarter.

Marshall football head coach Charles Huff said his team didn't do enough to get the win.

"Really appreciate all the fans, I get it; I know homecoming and the festivities were great, but we didn't play well enough to win today, I still love these guys, and I still love this town. We came in today, and the atmosphere was great," he said. "We got to be better, and we will be."

Next, Marshall will go on the road against Old Dominion Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer Upsets Appalachian State in Opening Round of Tournament

By **JOHNATHAN EDWARDS**
STUDENT REPORTER

The 10th-seeded Marshall women's soccer team pulled off an improbable win in the opening round of the Sun Belt Conference tournament on Sunday, Oct. 30, beating Appalachian State 2-1.

Halloween spirit was in the air in Foley, Alabama, when Marshall took the pitch against the Mountaineers. A defensive stranglehold presented by both teams in the first half left the match scoreless until the final minute. App State found the back of the net right before half, getting past Herd goalkeeper Alexis Wolgemuth.

Despite coming up just short on

multiple scoring opportunities in the first half, Marshall's Makai Laguines broke the door open with a ripping goal to bring the contest back to a 1-1 tie in the 59th minute.

Her teammate, Morgan White, had kept her foot on the proverbial pedal for the entirety of the first half but did not capitalize. This goal changed that, bringing the tilt back to an even score. Fast forward to overtime, with the conference rivals still looking to break the tie and move to the tournament's second round. It was all Kat Gonzales from there, with her leading the way to what felt like a surefire game-winning

goal. Surely enough, Gonzales scored for the Herd in the 91st minute and sealed the deal for the underdog Herd.

Such a solid team performance in the face of adversity put a smile on Marshall women's soccer head coach Michael Swan, with Swan exclaiming, "What a way to win it with the goal Kat [Gonzales] scored, wow!"

This big win pushes Marshall into the tournament quarterfinals, setting up a date with South Alabama on Wednesday.

Marshall Men's Basketball Defeats University of Charleston in an Exhibition

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall men's basketball defeated the University of Charleston 92-66 in an exhibition match Friday, Oct. 30, at the Cam Henderson Center.

Redshirt senior Andrew Taylor led the team with 29 points, six assists and six rebounds. He shot 11-for-23 and went five-for-eight from the three-point mark.

Fifth-year senior Taevion Kinsey had 20 points, five rebounds and five assists on the night.

Junior Obinna Anochili-Killen, freshman Micah Handlogten and freshman Jacob Conner all recorded double-doubles.

Marshall men's basketball head coach Dan D'antoni said his team had a

lackluster start.

"It was a bad start; we were lazy. We didn't get up into them defensively," he said. "It was a good win, but we have to be better."

Marshall plays UPIKE in another exhibition on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall Blanks Wright State on the Road



Milo Yosef hugs teammate.



Photo by Shauntelle Thompson Alexander Adjetey running downfield.

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 6 ranked Marshall University men's soccer team shut out Wright State on the road by a 1-0 score Wednesday, Oct. 26.

It didn't take long for the Herd to get on the board, as Joao Souza scored in the 16th minute with assists from Matthew Bell and Adam Aoumaich, putting Marshall up early.

Later in the second half, Wright

state had only one shot on goal, which Oliver Semmler stopped in the 55th minute. This would make his fourth shutout of the season.

Wright State only had two shots on goal during the contest, while Marshall ended with five shots on goal.

Herd men's soccer head coach Chris Grassie said his squad should've

closed out the game earlier.

"Tonight was a match we should've put away sooner," he told HerdZone. "Credit to our guys; I think we created 2.0xG [2.0 expected goals] in the first five minutes, but there is the challenge for us to be more ruthless and more dangerous in those situations. Collectively, I thought we defended quite well, and as a team,

we circulated the ball well. We've played quite a few low block, counter attacking teams this season, and I thought our guys dealt with them well when they got physical and chippy. That turf is really dangerous to play on. It's 11 years old and rock hard. There's barely any turf strands left on it, so every bouncing ball creates opportunities for them, and

I thought our defenders did a good job overall dealing with that. All in all, happy to get out of there with the win."

Marshall moves to 9-2-3 on the season.

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, Marshall will host JMU at 7 p.m. at Hoops Family Field.

Newly Reinstated Men's Track and Field Announced

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's indoor and outdoor track and field has been reinstated by the board of governors.

Athletic Director Christian Spears said the board of governors approved it on Oct. 19.

"We successfully asked the board of governors to consider allowing us to add men's indoor and outdoor track back as a sponsored sport at Marshall, which would allow us to compete in the Sun Belt track and field championships, he said. "We've had a men's cross

country program for a number of years, but unfortunately, they haven't been able to compete in an indoor or outdoor championship as a part of their affiliation, because the conference we were previously in had a scholarship requirement."

Spears gave specifics on why the cross country team couldn't compete.

"We're at five full scholarships in cross country, but in order to compete in the track and field program, you need to be at 12.6, and because of that, we never

had the opportunity to ask to compete in Conference-USA in an indoor and outdoor track and field championship," he said.

The Sun Belt requirement is based on the number of participants available to participate in a championship sport; Marshall is at 14.

Marshall plans on finding 20 to 40 track and field student-athletes to help launch their track and field program in the Sun Belt.

Spears expressed his happiness about

Marshall being able to recruit locally.

"It's an opportunity for us to recruit the best and brightest young people from West Virginia. We will be the only Division I program in the state of West Virginia to have men's track and field as a sponsored sport that competes in a conference championship," he said. "Just ecstatic for our program, and honestly and more importantly, I do think it augments the experience that our women's track and field will have."

Cross-country head coach Caleb

Bowen said he's excited about the recent news.

"It's just amazing; this is something we've been waiting on," he said. "We have a really talented men's group right now, who - to be honest - are probably better track athletes than cross-country athletes."

Why Inflation Will Likely Stay Sky-High Regardless of Which Party Wins

By **WILLIAM CHITTENDEN**
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Soaring inflation is the top issue for a lot of voters heading into the midterms, with most saying Republicans would do a better job of handling the problem.

Indeed, Republican candidates are taking full advantage of voter concern about inflation by hammering Democrats on the issue and pushing their own ideas to fight inflation, such as cutting both government spending and taxes.

As a finance and economics expert, I have studied inflation, what causes it and what can bring it down. That's why I doubt a Republican Congress would have much, if any, effect on inflation. Inflation, or a sustained rise in consumer prices, is created in two main ways.

The first is by way of an increase in demand for products and services. For example, at the beginning of the pandemic, demand for webcams soared, as lots of employees were required to work

remotely. As a result, the prices of webcams increased significantly.

Or take leisure travel, which has increased significantly as COVID-19 infections have come down. People are flying more, which has led to higher ticket prices.

When these types of demand-driven price increases occur across a large number of products and services, the result is rising inflation.

Inflation can also result from higher production costs.

For instance, gas prices are on the rise because it has become a lot more expensive to produce it. The war in Ukraine sent oil prices soaring at the beginning of 2022. They've come down, but a recent supply cut by OPEC+ oil-producing nations caused another spike. As oil prices increase, the higher costs are passed on to refiners, which leads to higher prices at the pump.

The increase in the price of eggs is another example of this type of inflation. Bird flu caused the deaths of about 10% of egg-laying hens beginning in January 2022. In addition, farmers faced higher fuel and fertilizer costs. These factors have caused the average price of eggs to soar to an all-time high.

An economy's central bank – not Congress or the president – is typically the first line of defense when it comes to battling inflation. Central banks set monetary policy, and their primary way of

combating inflation is by raising interest rates.

In the U.S., the Federal Reserve focuses on the so-called federal funds rate, which is the base rate that banks use in setting their own deposit and loan rates. The Fed has raised this benchmark five times in 2022, from about 0% in March to 3% – and is expected to lift rates another 0.75 percentage point on Nov. 2, 2022.

The main goal of the rate hikes is to increase borrowing costs and thus drive down demand – the first driver of inflation that I noted above. The idea is that higher interest rates lead people and businesses to borrow less. The less people and businesses borrow, the less they will spend.

The impact of higher interest rates is already being felt in the housing market, for example. Current 30-year mortgage rates are over 7% on average, more than double the rates of a year ago and the highest since 2002. This is resulting in fewer home sales and falling prices.

The problem is that this approach has absolutely no effect on the other main generator of inflation, rising production costs.

The Fed's higher rates will not stop the war in Ukraine or prompt hens to lay more eggs. Therefore, energy and egg prices won't drop as a result. This is also true for all products and services whose production costs are increasing because of supply chain issues.

These issues have affected the prices of everything from bicycles to bathroom tissue. Higher interest rates will not affect the demand for and thus the prices for bikes, toilet paper or any other goods feeling supply chain strains.

Congress and the White House do have some tools they can use in the inflation fight. One problem is they're not very popular and so hard to pass. Another is that, like the Fed's rate hikes, they address only one kind of inflation.

The main thing the government can do is take money out of the pockets of consumers and businesses, either by raising taxes or cutting spending – or both. A reduction in money in the economy leads to lower demand for goods and services, both as the government spends less and individuals and businesses give more or get less from the government.

But as with higher rates, it won't do anything to fix the global economy's ongoing supply chain problems or lower production costs. Changes in taxes or government spending will not reduce food prices or the cost of heating your home this winter.

So even while a Republican Congress might want to do more about inflation, whatever it does will affect only one of the drivers. In other words, expect inflation to stay high regardless of which political party is in the majority of the House and Senate.

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Wellness Center Hosts Annual Flu Shot Clinic

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The Wellness Center and nursing students teamed together Thursday afternoon in the pursuit of giving 290 flu shots to faculty, staff and students at the Memorial Student Center plaza.

Marshall held its annual flu shot clinic outside of the student center Thursday, Oct. 27, to make the flu shot more accessible to students so that they don't miss class because they are sick.

The Wellness Center and nursing students were given 290 shots from the Cabell County Health Department. Kaye Godbey, the coordinator for wellness programs, said they administered 283 shots over the course of five hours.

If it took too long or they couldn't reach their goal, she said the rest of the shots would go to the student center where the COVID-19 shots are given, and any student or faculty member that couldn't make it that day could go there.

As the weather gets colder, people are more susceptible to getting sick. Godbey says it can really affect students that choose not to get the flu shot.

"If you think about the cost to a student for getting sick," Godbey said, "if any student were to get the flu, that could put them out for a week, which means that they could lose as many

as three classes, lose sleep and lose all kinds of productive time which could set them back from their success."

The Wellness Center is holding a Health and Wellness Fair in the Don Morris Room on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. where they will be administering flu shots, but they aren't free. To attend this event, you must contact the Human Resources department.

With a long line of students and faculty that stretched to the memorial fountain waiting to get a flu shot, Godbey was sure that they would reach their goal of preparing the campus for the long winter ahead.



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Marshall Community Fuels the Fire of School Spirit After Homecoming Parade



Students gathered on Harless Field to celebrate Homecoming week on Thursday, Oct. 27.



Marshall's cheer team and majorettes performed during the bonfire.

Photos by Shauntelle Thompson

By **SARAH DAVIS**
STAFF REPORTER

Alumni, faculty, students and community members gathered for a pep rally and bonfire at Harless Field to kick off homecoming weekend on Thursday night following the traditional parade through town.

With food trucks from Southside Sliders and Frio's, those who attended had the opportunity to accompany their parade candy with comfort foods.

For community members like Millie Johnson, these events supply a memorable experience. Johnson is a former employee of Marshall's bookstore, and happenings like these allow her to reminisce on her "30 wonderful years" on campus.

Meanwhile, Marshall's 2022 homecoming court had the chance to introduce themselves and speak about their platforms. The audience also heard a word of encouragement from the girls' basketball team, watched a performance by the Marching Thunder, and saw the naming of "best parade floats" from Student Body Vice-President Walker Tatum, along with many other announcements.

The pep rally and bonfire event boost the morale of many of Marshall's students, like freshman David Kapp. Kapp said he is eager for Saturday's homecoming game against Coastal Carolina.

"I'm very excited. I have high hopes," Kapp said.



"In Their Shoes" Deepens Empathy for Domestic Violence Victims

By **LUCY BELL**
STUDENT REPORTER

Exercises in empathy let domestic violence advocates step into a survivor's situation and experience the unexpected trials that victims face, according to a Branches Domestic Violence Shelter director.

The "In Their Shoes" event, hosted last week by Branches Domestic Violence Shelter and Marshall University's Violence Prevention and Response Program, gave others a chance to learn about the lives of domestic violence victims through a simulation in which participants walked through a scenario of an actual victim.

"We call this an exercise in empathy because it really is so powerful and perspective-changing," Sara Blevins, the Branches director of development, said. "We tend to have an idea of what we think domestic violence is and keep it in that very structured box. But actually, as all these scenarios demonstrate, you can experience domestic violence in a variety of ways."

Participants received a scenario and moved through stations that demonstrated different options

or institutions victims may have to use, such as welfare or legal services. This simulation emphasized the economic toll on victims and the struggle to keep their children physically safe.

Domestic violence is often referred to as gender-based violence as it disproportionately happens to women, with women between the ages of 18 and 32 at the highest risk, according to Blevins.

University students are not exempt from these statistics, however, making the involvement of programs like the Violence Prevention Office and events like "In Their Shoes" vital to students caught up in violent situations, Program Coordinator Alyssa Hager said.

"I always just want to remind students that they have resources," Hager said. "We can help students navigate through all kinds of situations whether it be sexual violence, interpersonal violence or domestic violence. I think the most important thing is that students know we are a resource for survivors on campus, and they are not alone."

WMUL's Car Bash Hosts Smashing Homecoming Celebration



Students and faculty hitting a car with sledgehammers in celebration of homecoming week.



Photos by Matt Schaffer and Shauntelle Thompson

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
STUDENT REPORTER

Destruction drew a crowd at Buskirk Field as students lined up for their chance to destroy a car for WMUL's 20th annual Car Bash on Thursday, Oct. 27.

The event, hosted by Marshall's student radio station, allowed students and faculty armed with sledgehammers and protective equipment the opportunity to decimate a vehicle while celebrating homecoming week.

"It is just pure fun and a big stress relief," Caden Johnson, Thundering Herd football player and freshman, said. "You don't really get the chance to hit stuff, so I had to try."

Participants in the Car Bash paid \$1 and signed a safety waiver

in exchange for two minutes of smashing the mirrors, trunk and windows of a junkyard car that was donated by Kelly's Radiator Service.

Prior to the event, members of WMUL with the help of some freshmen students painted the car in the colors of Marshall's homecoming opponent, Coastal Carolina.

"The event is a great way to rev people up for homecoming," Makaylah Wheeler, executive news director of WMUL, said. "It is a great way for everyone to relieve stress, and it's great exercise."

The event took place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., after which the car was loaded up on a tow truck and

driven through the homecoming parade that took place from downtown to Harless Dining Hall on Thursday night.

An event of this magnitude took a lot of cooperation and time to organize to ensure the safety of all those involved, according to Wheeler.

All proceeds from the event went back to WMUL to plan and host future events.

Marshall University played Coastal Carolina for the homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 29, with homecoming events hosted on campus throughout the week up until kick-off.

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Affirmative Action in Jeopardy After Justices Raise Doubts

By **MARK SHERMAN** and
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The survival of affirmative action in higher education appeared to be in serious trouble Monday at a conservative-dominated Supreme Court after hours of debate over vexing questions of race.

The most diverse court in the nation's history — among the nine justices are four women, two Black people and a Latina — is weighing challenges to admissions programs at the University of North Carolina and Harvard that use race among many factors in seeking a diverse student body.

The court's six conservative justices all expressed doubts about the practice, which has been upheld under Supreme Court decisions reaching back to 1978. The court's three liberals defended the programs, which are similar to those used by many other private and public universities.

Getting rid of race-conscious college admissions would have a “destabilizing” effect that would cause the ranks of Black and Latino students to plummet at the nation's most selective schools, Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, representing the Biden administration, said.

Following the overturning of the half-century abortion precedent of *Roe v. Wade* in June, the cases offer a big new test of whether the court, with its 6-3 conservative edge, will sharply steer the law to the right on another contentious cultural issue that conservatives have had in their sights for years.

The questions the justices offered further laid bare the stark ideological divisions on the court in an era of

intense political polarization in the country.

Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's second Black justice, who has a long record of opposition to affirmative action programs and other conservative positions, noted he didn't go to racially diverse schools, at one point saying, “I've heard the word ‘diversity’ quite a few times, and I don't have a clue what it means.” He also challenged defenders of affirmative action to “tell me what the educational benefits are.”

Justice Amy Coney Barrett, another conservative, pointed to one of the court's previous affirmative action cases and said it anticipated a halt to its use in declaring that any classification based on race was “dangerous” and had to have an end point.

She was among several conservatives who pushed lawyers representing the schools and the Biden administration to venture a guess when that day would come.

“Your position is that race matters because it's necessary for diversity, which is necessary for the sort of education you want. It's not going to stop mattering at some particular point,” said Chief Justice John Roberts, who has long been skeptical of considerations of race.

Justice Samuel Alito likened affirmative action to a footrace in which a minority applicant gets to “start five yards closer to the finish line.” But liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the court's first Hispanic member, rejected that comparison saying what universities are doing is looking at students as a whole.

Likewise, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the court's newest justice and its first Black woman, also said race was being used among 40 different factors at the University of



People rally outside the Supreme Court as the court begins to hear oral arguments in two cases that could decide the future of affirmative action in college admissions, Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, in Washington.

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Scott Applewhite

North Carolina as part of a broad review of applicants.

“They're looking at the full person with all of these characteristics,” she said.

Justice Elena Kagan, who was the first female dean at Harvard Law School earlier in her career, called universities the “pipelines to leadership in our society” and suggested that without affirmative action minority enrollment will drop. “I thought part of what it meant to be an American and to believe in American pluralism is that actually our institutions, you know, are reflective of who we are as a people in all our variety,” she said.

The Supreme Court has twice

upheld race-conscious college admissions programs in the past 19 years, including just six years ago. But that was before the three appointees of former President Donald Trump joined. Jackson was chosen this year by President Joe Biden.

Lower courts have upheld the programs at both UNC and Harvard, rejecting claims that the schools discriminated against white and Asian-American applicants. The cases are brought by conservative activist Edward Blum, who also was behind an earlier affirmative action challenge against the University of Texas as well as the case that led the court in 2013 to end the use of a key

provision of the landmark Voting Rights Act.

Blum formed Students for Fair Admissions, which filed the lawsuits against both schools in 2014.

The group argues that the Constitution forbids the use of race in college admissions and calls for overturning earlier Supreme Court decisions that said otherwise.

Colleges and universities can use other, race-neutral ways to assemble a diverse student body, including by focusing on socioeconomic status and eliminating the preference for children of alumni and major donors, Students for Fair Admissions argues.