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SGA Prepares for Single-Party Presidential Election

By **CONNER WOODRUFF**
MANAGING EDITOR

The Tatum/Harmon party is running unopposed in the 2023 Student Government Association election, voting for which starts today.

Because the ticket - made up of Walker Tatum, current SGA vice president, and Nevaeh Harmon, who is currently serving as Miss Marshall - is running unopposed, the duo is expected to assume the

roles of president and vice president, respectively, following the election.

"I'm excited to bring our platform to fruition and bring new ideas to campus," Tatum said. "Make it a place students love to be and increase student population."

The student body president serves on Marshall University's Board of Governors, which is a council of governor-appointed citizens who work to establish University policies. The vice president presides over all

SGA meetings. Both positions also play a role in the annual Fountain Ceremony.

Running unopposed has allowed the candidates to focus more on their platform rather than the competition of a traditional election.

"It's somewhat of a less stressed situation," Tatum said.

Tatum has served as the vice president under the current administration while also having been involved in student government

for most of his time at Marshall. He also praises the current student body president, Bella Griffiths, for her role as a mentor.

"I've definitely learned a lot," Tatum said. "She's groomed me into the student body president position."

Harmon, the 2022 Miss Marshall, is expected to assume the role of vice president. Harmon has recently served as the chief of staff for the Griffiths/Tatum presidency and has spent her time at Marshall involved

with the Society of Black Scholars.

The cabinet for the party includes Nico Raffinengo as chief of staff, Alyssa Hudson as press secretary, Callia Yang as business manager, Semoni Weaver as secretary of alumni engagement, Savannah Harding as secretary of community service & outreach, Sam LeGrow as secretary of student involvement and Ayanda Nnachi as secretary of diversity & inclusion.



VP candidate Nevaeh Harmon and Presidential candidate Walker Tatum

Courtesy Walker/Tatum Campaign

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Final Green and White Day Saturday

By **ABIGAIL CUTLIP**
STUDENT REPORTER

High school juniors and seniors will be welcomed to Marshall's campus on Saturday, April 1, to attend the final Green and White Day of the Spring 2023 semester.

Prospective students will see how Marshall can be life-changing to them after visiting the campus, President Brad D. Smith said.

"Marshall University has always been a special place for me, and we think that when students pay a visit to our campus they'll see that it can be life-changing for them as well," Smith said.

The academic showcase at the Marshall Recreation Center will allow future students and their families a chance to see all of the academic programs that are offered at Marshall University.

Faculty from all of the academic programs will be in attendance to provide information to students and their families about their programs and assist them in deciding their educational goals.

Students and their families will also be offered to participate in a tour of Marshall's campus, residence halls and other facilities so that they can get an idea of college life outside the classroom. Additionally, lunch will be provided in one of the

dining halls and each program will host a college experience session.

The event is set up so prospective students and their families can decide what events they want to attend during the day.

"With it being so tailored to prospective students, the questions that they typically have and the resources that we team together to bring out during that day, I think that it shows how much we also care," Buffy Six, a special events coordinator for the university, said.

"We want everyone to learn about Marshall," Six said. Future students will also have the opportunity to have \$300 in fees waived if they commit to attending in fall 2023.

High school seniors can apply to the university for free at the event. If they commit to Marshall, their \$100 enrollment deposit will be waived and, if they plan to live on campus, their \$200 housing deposit will also be waived.

There will also be an opportunity for prospective students to win a flight in a Division of Aviation aircraft, a part of the Bill Noe Flight School, later in the day or tickets to the Marshall Thundering Herd's Green and White football scrimmage that will occur on April 22.

J-School Seeks New Hall of Famers

By **SARAH DAVIS**
STAFF REPORTER

Hall of Fame nominations extend inspiration from alumni to students and faculty, according to the school's director.

The school's Hall of Fame has inducted 71 people since its establishment in the 1970s.

Nominees must meet a specific criteria to be considered for induction. One of these requires the nominee to be active in the journalism and mass communication profession. They must have shaped the industry in a positive way through their work.

The nominees must also be committed to Marshall University and the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Their contributions must be labeled as having an "outstanding impact" on the university and school.

Chris Fabry, who serves as president of the school's alumni

advisory board, emphasized the importance of recognizing the inductees and their accomplishments.

"The SOJMC has alumni doing great work in every form of mass communication, and we want to make sure some of those are properly recognized at their alma mater," he said in a Marshall University press release. "Our graduates are proud of their alma mater, and we want them – and

the rest of the world – to know we are proud of them and the work they do."

Fabry is eagerly awaiting the upcoming nominees.

"Each spring when we ask for nominations, we always are pleasantly surprised by the accomplishments our alumni have achieved. So, we are excited to announce the acceptance of nominations for the 2023 inductions," he said.



Entrance to Marshall's school of journalism and mass communications Photo by Shaun Thompson

University Preps for Earth Week

By **ABIGAIL CUTLIP**
STUDENT REPORTER

Earth Week 2023, with the theme "Invest in Our Planet," is in full swing and will happen from April 10 to April 14 on Marshall University's Huntington campus and will include talks, demonstrations and teach-ins from the organizers and miscellaneous groups and individuals.

The events on Wednesday, April 12, will occur regardless of the weather conditions.

Everyone is invited to attend

the event including organizations, school groups and members of the public.

Earth Week 2023 is being hosted by the Marshall University Sustainability Department.

"We are excited to host daily events," Amy Parsons-White, sustainability manager with the Marshall University Sustainability Department, said.

Additionally, Parsons-White also said that the events "will allow students, staff, faculty and community members to participate in energy

use workshops, alternative transportation events, environmental service, connecting with our community food-based systems and supporting social justice."

The Sustainability Department's purpose on campus is to promote the most efficient sustainability efforts and to coordinate and educate on issues with sustainability to campus and its community.

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U.S. Court of Appeals Holds Session on Campus

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
NEWS EDITOR

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit held a special session at Marshall on Wednesday, March 22, to hear oral arguments in front of an auditorium full of students and community members.

The event took place at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, with Judges Albert Diaz, Stephanie Thacker and Chief Judge Roger Gregory hearing three cases—two criminal and one immigration—as part of an initiative to visit universities and law schools across the country.

Thacker is a Marshall alumna. During a Q&A after the three cases were heard, she expressed her gratitude for the education she received at Marshall. Meanwhile, Gregory described her return to her alma mater as throwing a “rope of destiny” to guide current students as they make their own way after college.

The first case heard was Ullah Shaker v. Merrick Garland, a Board of Immigration appeal that summarized the events of a Pakistani citizen, Shaker, who faced persecution from the Taliban in his country which led to a relocation ruling.

The appellant’s argument stated that the BIA violated federal regulations found in previous cases, as well as its precedent, by failing to identify a specific location within Pakistan that would ensure Shaker’s safety or if such a location exists within the country.

The appellant further stated that the Department of Homeland Security is



Court of Appeals in session

Courtesy of the Herald Dispatch

responsible for showing the victim a place in which they can avoid further persecution.

The appellee argued that the ruling should stand because the DHS had met its responsibility by suggesting relocation from the victim’s remote area to an urban area outside of the Taliban’s control, specifically naming Islamabad despite the victim having been previously threatened over the phone there.

The following case was US v. Jacobs, in which the appellant argued that a district court made a structural error in the process of delivering a life sentence for Ross Jacob’s crimes of sexual abuse and pornography of children.

The appellant argued the sentencing relied on a witness who, despite having had an intimate relationship with Jacobs, could not recognize the defendant with a mask on.

The appellee argued that the court made no structural error in its sentencing and the ruling towards

Jacobs was proportional to his conduct. Additionally, the appellee argued that the information provided by the witness was corroborated by other witnesses and therefore not wholly reliant on their testimony.

The last case heard was US v. James Podbielski, which dealt with whether an officer’s suspicion was reasonable in delaying Podbeilski’s traffic stop as they waited for a drug dog to arrive. This led to Podbeilski’s charges of operating without a license and drug trafficking.

The appellant, meanwhile, argued the delay was unreasonable based on the officer’s suspicion, while the appellee argued that the officer’s suspicions were justified.

Following the hearings, the three judges fielded questions from students and community members. Students asked questions about the judges’ careers, law school experiences and advice for those pursuing a career in law before thanking the judges for the opportunity.

New Clinic Added to Marshall Health Plan

By **ABIGAIL CUTLIP**
STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall Health has now been expanded to include a practice owned by a Marshall University alumnus in Mingo County, West Virginia.

James W. Endicott, a primary care physician who graduated from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in 1983, has had his solo practice in Kermit, West Virginia, for the past 35 years.

His practice has been renamed Marshall Family Medicine Kermit, but it will remain in its current location at 108 Mingo Street in Kermit, West Virginia also its phone number will remain 304-393-4303.

“My patients will continue to receive their primary medical care from me, close to home,” Endicott said. “As part of Marshall Health, they also now have easier access to the more than 75 areas of specialty care Marshall Health provides.”

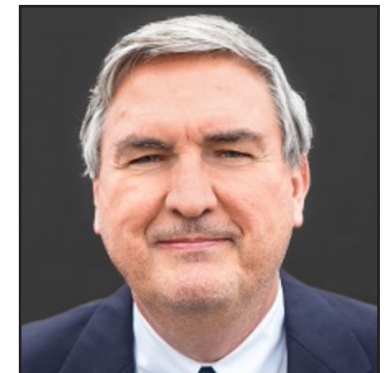
Endicott will also serve as an assistant professor in the family and community health department at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“I am passionate about caring for patients in rural communities,” Endicott said. “I look forward to helping future physicians find a passion for rural health as well through the School of Medicine.”

Endicott’s medical skills specialize in primary care for patients in infancy through adulthood. This includes sick visits, well-child visits, adult immunizations, specialist referrals

and minor procedures.

“As an alumnus, Dr. Endicott has always been a great friend of Marshall University,” said Stephen M. Petranj, professor and chair of family and community health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “We look forward to working with him in his new role as a faculty member and building on the important care he’s been providing in Mingo County for more than three decades.”



“I am passionate about caring for patients in rural communities,” Endicott said

Endicott is currently accepting new patients into his practice. Additionally, walk-ins are welcome Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Dr. Chris White

Photos by Charlie Bowen

Potential Accidents Spark Fear After Campus Carry Law Passes

By **CHANCE GUNTHER**
and **SEAN KELLY**
STUDENT REPORTERS

Accidents are the biggest concern surrounding students carrying handguns on campus because most students don't have the proper training to handle firearms safely, a former Marine and current history professor said last week.

"Accidents happen on military bases where it is a controlled environment and everyone has proper training," Dr. Chris White told a Marshall journalism class on Thursday, Mar. 23.

"Most college students don't have the proper training, and a college campus is not a controlled environment," he said.

The new "Campus Self-Defense Act," which will permit handguns to be carried on any West Virginia college campus when it goes into effect in July 2024, has only minimal institutional safeguards in place—that would not qualify to be used in the military or law enforcement, White said.

All that is required in the

new law for a student to carry a handgun on campus is a West Virginia concealed handgun license, which entails a written test, a background check and a short live fire course.

By contrast, Marine recruits must train for five weeks—840 hours—under constant surveillance before firing live rounds. To White, this illustrates what he believes the campus carry bill lacks.

While the new laws include some exemptions about where students can carry weapons, it has little on the types of precautions that were routine in his experience with the Marines, White said.

"If you look at this bill for words like 'safety,' you won't find much," he said.

The new law does refer to "safes" but only as storage facilities for on-campus firearms, and even they don't meet military standards, said White. He also noted that for Marines, weapons are kept unloaded in armories that are guarded at all times and checked constantly.

White went on to say the state's new gun law could have benefitted

from the addition of provisions for a required sign-in sheet or guards for stored handguns on campus.

Besides accidents, White said he has another concern. He said college campuses can be stressful places, and wider access to handguns could cause more problems than it solves.

"West Virginia has one of the highest suicide rates in the country," he said, "and with more guns added to our college campuses, suicides may increase as well."

While White spoke in opposition to the gun bill during a public hearing in Charleston earlier this month, he said he also sees some positives in the law.

"I believe it will spark a lot of interests and debates and get people talking about it, which is always a good thing," he said, adding that he thinks both sides in the guns debate want to protect the people on college campuses. "We just have a different way of going about it."

SGA Proposes a Clothing Pantry Upgrade for Students

By **EMMA JOHNSON**
STUDENT REPORTER

The World Boutique clothing pantry in East Hall could receive an upgrade thanks to a recent proposal within the Student Government Association.

The boutique would allow for students to donate and pick up clothing at no cost and is open to all Marshall students.

The facility "helps provide students who may be struggling to find clothing with gently used clothes donated by Marshall students, staff and the Huntington Community," Senator Elizabeth McGuffey said.

This proposal hopes to bring in more donations to help the boutique grow, so there will be options for every student, McGuffey said.

"Housing and Residence Life's Green Move-Out gives all the clothing donations to Marshall University's Thrift Store, and the World Boutique on campus does not have access to those donations," according to McGuffey.

"I chose to write this proposal because I grew up in a family where we donated our old clothes, and I wanted to continue donating when I got to campus," McGuffey said. "I saw where that we had a clothing pantry and wanted to create something that

would hopefully get them more donations."

Students and staff members who are interested in making any donations can drop off their clothes in the LGBTQ+ Center on Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"The World Boutique in East Hall helps provide students who may be struggling to find clothing with gently used clothes" - SGA Senator Elizabeth McGuffey



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Kim Stephens Named Women's Basketball Head Coach



Courtesy of HerdZone

By **LUKE HAMILTON**
STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall held a press conference on Monday, March 27, to introduce the newly hired women's basketball coach, Kim Stephens. This hire makes Stephens the eighth head coach in program history.

Coach Stephens led the Glenville State Pioneers to a Division two national championship win last year along by taking them to the quarter finals this year.

Coach Toney Kemper led the team for the last six seasons. Kemper resigned shortly after the season ended and took a job at Central Arkansas after leading the Herd to an overall record of 79-90.

Stephens is a Parkersburg, West Virginia, native and claims that she always wanted to coach basketball like her father once did. Stephens also has siblings who coach in the sport as well.

"Choosing who leads our programs is one of the most important decisions you can make," President Brad Smith said before introducing Marshall's athletic director Christian Spears.

Spears described Stephens'

traits and said, "She develops a relationship with her student athletes that you know is sincere."

Spears had no doubt in his mind that Stephens was the right fit for the job when they met over dinner before the hire, "I met with the team this morning, and I think we're all just really excited to get to work and chase our first Sun Belt Championship," Stephens said after being introduced by Spears.

Stephens spoke briefly saying, "I hate to break it to you, I'm significantly better on the court than behind the podium." Coach Stephens made it clear that success in the program is about the team as a whole after asking the Herd roster to stand up during the press conference.

Marshall has some of the most talented players according to statistics in the Sun Belt Conference with Roshala Scott finishing the season at fifth in the conference for scoring and point guard Abby Beeman averaging the second most assists and placing 14th in rebounds. With the addition of coach Stephens, Marshall fans can expect a different look on the court for the remainder of her seven year contract.

Softball Sweeps Southern Miss, Increases Win Streak to 17 Games

By **LUKE HAMILTON**
STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall University Softball increased its win streak to 17 after winning all three games this past weekend against Southern Miss.

The Herd hosted the Golden Eagles at home on Saturday for a doubleheader and took the first game 4-0.

Plastic bags were flying over the field as the wind picked up on Saturday, making it even harder to predict where the ball would land.

Senior pitcher Sydney Nester held the golden eagles scoreless in the contest and Camryn Michallas hit her first home run of the season which led to three runs. The three-run homer in the sixth inning secured the victory in game one after Rielly Lucas hit a single to the infield that let Grace Chelemen bring it home.

In game two of the day, Marshall started Savannah Rice at pitcher and also allowed Bub Feringa and Bri Godfrey to take a turn at the circle in the win 17-9.

The Herd were up three to one in the third inning as Chelemen's homer led to three runs. Marshall went up 6-4.

The lead changed five times in the contest, and Marshall went down by two in the top of the fourth. The Herd answered with a Feringa home run that gave Marshall four more runs.

In the sixth inning, Marshall's leading home run hitter Autumn Owen hit a single that ended the game.

Marshall's Bri Godfrey finished the game at the circle only allowing one more point and two hits as the Herd went on to score 17.

Marshall's last game of the series on Sunday had a similar result to

game one as Marshall won again 4-0.

Nester pitched again in the Sunday game allowing four hits and striking out ten Southern Miss batters. Marshall's senior pitcher leads the Sun Belt in shutouts with seven this season.

Brooklyn Ulrich's walk helped Marshall get on the board with an easy trip home from Feringa.

Sydney Bickel, Alex Coleman and Chelemen all finished with one run apiece to give Marshall the victory.

With the three wins this past weekend, Marshall remains on top of Sun Belt Conference play and made history yesterday after winning their 18th game in a row against Northern Kentucky.

Marshall has never won more than 17 in a row in the program's 30 year history.

Men's Golf Tied for 10th At Golfweek/AGT Intercollegiate

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Marshall men's golfer Ryan Bilby ended his round at the Golfweek/AGT Intercollegiate with a pair of birdies to finish at Even, which led the Thundering Herd on day one at True Blue Golf Club in Pawleys Island, South Carolina

As a team, Marshall finished at five over following Monday's first round, which left the team tied for 10th place, but only eight shots out of first place.

"We played okay today," Marshall men's golf coach Matt Grobe

said. "We really didn't make many birdies, but we did a good job of staying away from mistakes."

Bilby ended the day with consecutive birdies to battle back after a stretch of three consecutive bogeys just two holes prior to the final surge. The consecutive red numbers helped him battle back to even-par 72, which has him in the top 20 going into the second day of action.

Just behind Bilby were Joseph Kalaskey and Clayton Thomas, who shot one over par 73's. Thomas is competing as an individual in the

tournament.

Tyler Jones and Andrew Wyss were just behind at two over with Wyss netting 16 pars on the day in a clean round.

"Ryan and Joseph had very nice rounds," Grobe said. "Tyler and Andrew played well, too. It was also nice to see a solid round out of Clayton, who was playing this tournament for the first time."

Marshall returns to action at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, and will be paired with UConn and Wichita State on day two.

Baseball Gives up a Combined 33 Runs in Two Games, Drops Series to ODU



Junior Owen Ayers

Courtesy of HerdZone

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall baseball dropped a three-game series to Old Dominion over the weekend.

In game one on Friday, Marshall won 6-1 on Patrick Copen's 11 strikeouts.

"A great team effort tonight that was obviously led by Copen's outing on the mound," Head Coach Greg Beals said after earning his milestone victory of 600 wins. "Cope had command

of his fastball, challenged and out-executed a good ODU offense. We also had offensive contributions up and down the line-up. Great way to start a road series. We need to match that competitive intensity tomorrow."

Marshall got on the board in the first inning with an Owen Ayers double that scored Kyle Schaefer.

ODU tied it up in the second inning. Chris Dengler was hit by a pitch with bases loaded, scoring Kenny Levari.

Marshall then scored five unanswered

runs from the third inning to the fifth, making it 6-1, with that being the final score.

In game two on Saturday, Marshall lost 21-5.

Marshall scored in the sixth inning, and the Herd was down 7-0 at the point. Schaefer singled, scoring Christian Lucio; Ayers singled, scoring Schaefer and Luke Edwards; Elijah Vogelsong reached base on an error that scored Ayers.

ODU then answered with 14 runs

through the sixth and seventh innings.

Marshall scored its last run in the eighth with a solo home run by Ayers.

"This game is humbling," Beals said after the loss. "Yesterday was all Herd, and today was not. The series is tied, and tomorrow we have the opportunity to win a big road series, and that is our focus."

In game three on Sunday, Marshall lost 12-2.

"Tough loss today – we did not play well collectively," Beals said. "Too

many free bases on defense and too many missed opportunities on offense. In order to beat good teams, we need to play cleaner and take advantage of every opportunity on offense."

Marshall scored its only two runs in the eighth inning after an Ayers single that scored Edwards and a Gio Ferraro single that scored Ayers.

HerdCon Event Brings Campus Together

By SARAH DAVIS
STAFF REPORTER

The presence of pop culture flooded Marshall's campus on Saturday, March 25, with the annual HerdCon convention. HerdCon, an event that launched in 2019, annually provides the community with opportunities and activities to channel one's interests with fandom and pop culture.

The mission of Marshall's pop culture convention is to make a point of educational diversity, according to an organizer of the

event.

"It's to let people know that Marshall is engaged in more than just teaching people how to do this and that and this and that, but also expanding our cultures," said Heather Lauer, librarian and organizer of HerdCon.

Lauer enjoys many aspects of HerdCon, but especially the impact it has on the community.

"It is amazing. Getting involved with the students, seeing their faces light up from the concepts of the cosplay [and] seeing

vendors," she said.

Lauer also expressed her gratitude to her coworkers that aided in this year's convention, describing them as an "amazing team."

This year's HerdCon featured an array of food trucks, vendors, panels and games. Special guests Justin and Dr. Sydney McElroy hosted a live episode of their podcast, Sawbones, to those in attendance.

One vendor described the HerdCon community as a family.

"We see these people at all kinds of cons around," said Nikki Bird, artist and HerdCon vendor. "The con family is wonderful, and I am so impressed by how they have this."

Bird, along with her daughter, has showcased her creations at numerous conventions, including HerdCon, for many years. Much like her business, she has seen HerdCon thrive from its debut.

"The way it has grown - and the community coming in supporting it - it's amazing, and

we've had a lot of fun," she said.

In addition to the showcases, HerdCon put on a cosplay contest and live music concert. The contest held five categories, ranging from just-for-fun to advanced cosplayers.

One notable feature of HerdCon is its free admission to the public. This is made possible by various sponsors, the most prominent being Marshall University's Office of the President and the West Virginia Library Commission Center for the Book.



Students and members of the Huntington community gathered to celebrate the annual HerdCon convention.



Photos by Shauntelle Thompson

Should the US Ban TikTok? Can it?

By **DOUG JACOBSON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on March 23, 2023, amid a chorus of calls from members of Congress for the federal government to ban the Chinese-owned video social media app and reports that the Biden administration is pushing for the company's sale.

The federal government, along with many state and foreign governments and some companies, has banned TikTok on work-provided phones. This type of ban can be effective for protecting data related to government work.

But a full ban of the app is another matter, which raises a number of

questions: What data privacy risk does TikTok pose? What could the Chinese government do with data collected by the app? Is its content recommendation algorithm dangerous? And is it even possible to ban an app?

As a cybersecurity researcher, I've noted that every few years a new mobile app that becomes popular raises issues of security, privacy and data access.

Apps collect data for several reasons. Sometimes the data is used to improve the app for users. However, most apps collect data that the companies use in part to fund their operations. This revenue typically comes from targeting users with ads based on the data they collect. The questions this use of data raises are: Does the app need all this

data? What does it do with the data? And how does it protect the data from others?

So what makes TikTok different from the likes of Pokemon-GO, Facebook or even your phone itself? TikTok's privacy policy, which few people read, is a good place to start. Overall, the company is not particularly transparent about its practices. The document is too long to list here all the data it collects, which should be a warning.

There are a few items of interest in TikTok's privacy policy besides the information you give them when you create an account – name, age, username, password, language, email, phone number, social media account information and profile image – that are concerning.

This information includes location data, data from your clipboard, contact information, website tracking, plus all data you post and messages you send through the app. The company claims that current versions of the app do not collect GPS information from U.S. users. There has been speculation that TikTok is collecting other information, but that is hard to prove.

If most apps collect data, why is the U.S. government worried about TikTok? First, they worry about the Chinese government accessing data from its 150 million users in the U.S. There is also a concern about the algorithms used by TikTok to show content.

If the data does end up in the hands of the Chinese government, the question is how could it use the data to its benefit. The government could share it with other companies in China to help them profit, which is no different than U.S. companies sharing marketing data. The Chinese



TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew testifying during a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Courtesy of AP/Jacquelyn Martin

government is known for playing the long game, and data is power, so if it is collecting data, it could take years to learn how it benefits China.

One potential threat is the Chinese government using the data to spy on people, particularly people who have access to valuable information. The Justice Department is investigating TikTok's parent company, ByteDance, for using the app to monitor U.S. journalists. The Chinese government has an extensive history of hacking U.S. government agencies and corporations, and much of that hacking has been facilitated by social engineering – the practice of using data about people to trick them into revealing more information.

The second issue that the U.S. government has raised is algorithm bias or algorithm manipulation. TikTok and most social media apps have algorithms designed to learn a user's interests and then try to adjust the content so the user will continue to use the app. TikTok has not shared its

algorithm, so it's not clear how the app chooses a user's content.

The algorithm could be biased in a way that influences a population to believe certain things. There are numerous allegations that TikTok's algorithm is biased and can reinforce negative thoughts among younger users, and be used to affect public opinion.

It could be that the algorithm's manipulative behavior is unintentional, but there is concern that the Chinese government has been using or could use the algorithm to influence people. If the federal government comes to the conclusion that TikTok should be banned, is it even possible to ban it for all of its 150 million existing users?

Any such ban would likely start with blocking the distribution of the app through Apple's and Google's app stores. This might keep many users off the platform, but there are other ways to download and install apps for people who are determined to use them.

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Capstone Student Artwork Displays

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**
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Senior art students will display their capstone projects that use a variety of different types of media from March 27 through April 20 at the Visual Arts Center.

Four different groups of students will display their works at the Charles W. and Norma C. Gallery each week leading up to Spring Commencement. During that time, staff will conduct votes on the best pieces which will be featured at the Birke Art Gallery the week of graduation.

Graphic design, photography, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking and many more media types will be exhibited.

“Throughout the class time, they are taught how to produce something that will emulate life as an artist more than their previous work as a student,” said Daniel Kaufmann, associate professor of art and design.

“This happens, really, their last year or last semester of their time here, so they’ve had all the experience of all their classes, and they have to make a body of work; they have to make multiple pieces around a single idea,” Kaufmann said.

“And I think that more closely relates to the art world. That gets them to really think about their work more deeply,” Kaufmann said. “There’s a fair amount of research that goes into it to have a better understanding of their ideas, or how their ideas relate to history, culture etc. So, I think it’s just a deeper kind of experience for them.”

During the opening of the exhibition, students will give a brief talk discussing their work and those that helped them along the way. Students also designed postcards to promote the show and wrote their capstone statement and artist statement.

‘Rocketman’ Film Screening With Live Orchestra



Poster for the event

Courtesy of the Marshall Artists Series

By **VICTORIA WARE**
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“Rocketman”—the biographical fantasy film that details the life and ascension to fame of singer Sir Elton John—is being presented with an accompanying live orchestra at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center on Friday.

The film released in 2019 and received critical and audience acclaim, landing it an Academy Award for Best Original Song. The film’s subject, Elton John, is one of the best-selling artists of all time—

selling over 300 million records worldwide. He is a Grammy, Tony and Academy Award winner and has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

During “Rocketman Live in Concert,” while the film is being projected on the screen, a 60-piece orchestra will perform the soundtrack live to picture. The performance is the final event of the 86th season of the Marshall Artists Series. It starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free for Marshall students with their student IDs.

Appalachian Film Festival Returns After 10 Year Hiatus

By **BEX LAW**
STUDENT REPORTER

Film festivals are a lot of work to plan and execute, but Foundry Theater is excited to take on the challenge of bringing the Appalachian Film Festival back to Huntington.

The Appalachian Film Festival began in 2003 and was an annual event for 10 years that sold out the Keith Albee Theater several times.

The Appalachian Film Festival will return this year on Aug. 18 through Aug. 20 at the Foundry Theater. The organizers are Emily Conzett and Rachel Allinder, both of whom also created the Foundry Theater, a live performance venue within Huntington City Hall.

“When Rachel and I started Foundry, that was one of the things we really wanted to do,” Conzett said. “To restart the Appalachian Film Festival.”

Back in 2003, film festivals were being sent physical DVD copies of submissions, but now, technology has changed and become streamlined, which, according to Conzett, makes the film festival process a lot easier.

In 2022, West Virginia also reinstated the film tax credit, allowing filmmakers working in the state to recoup up to 27% of the expenses, so long as the project cost at least \$50,000 to make, and portrays West Virginia in a positive light.

The West Virginia Film Office was also restarted in 2022 by Dave Lavender. The West Virginia Film Office helps filmmakers find locations, crew members, assist in securing permittings and helps filmmakers access fiscal incentives.

“There are so many amazing West Virginia filmmakers; it’s crazy,” Conzett said. “Giving them a local spotlight is really important to us.”

The Appalachian Film Festival is accepting submissions until June 16 through the website filmfreeway.com/appfilmfest. The categories are student films, music videos, short films (under 40 minutes) and feature length films (over 40 minutes).

Student films are free to submit

but will only be judged against other student films.

The Appalachian Film Festival is accepting volunteers to be on the pre screening committee. “Literally anyone can be a pre-screener,” Conzett said.

The pre screening committee watches the submitted films and provides feedback on their enjoyment of the film. There is no experience in the film industry required.

“You just have to like watching movies,” Conzett said. To join the pre screening committee, email Conzett at emily@founrytheater.org.

3 Children, 3 Adults Killed at Christian School in Nashville

By **JONATHAN MATTISE** and
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A female shooter wielding two “assault-style” rifles and a pistol killed three students and three adults at a private Christian school in Nashville on Monday in the latest in a series of mass shootings in a country growing increasingly unnerved by bloodshed in schools.

Police said they believe the 28-year-old female shooter was a former student at The Covenant School, a Presbyterian school founded in 2001. Police shot and killed her. Investigators were searching her Nashville-area home.

The attack at The Covenant School — which has about 200 students from preschool through sixth grade, as well as roughly 50 staff members — comes as communities around the nation are reeling from a spate of school violence, including the massacre at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, last year; a first grader who shot his teacher in Virginia; and a shooting last week in Denver that wounded two administrators.

“I was literally moved to tears to see this and the kids as they were being ushered out of the building,” Metropolitan Nashville Police Chief John Drake said at an afternoon news conference.

The identities of the deceased and the suspect have not been released. The shooter’s motive was also not immediately clear.

President Joe Biden, speaking at an

unrelated event at the White House on Monday, called the shooting a “family’s worst nightmare” and implored Congress again to pass a ban on certain semi-automatic weapons.

“It’s ripping at the soul of this nation, ripping at the very soul of this nation,” Biden said.

The suspect’s identity as a woman surprised experts on mass shootings. Female shooters make up only about 5% to 8% of all mass shooters, said Adam Lankford, a criminal justice professor at the University of Alabama who has closely studied the psychology and behavior of mass shooters.

Researchers believe there are three main explanations for why men commit more shootings than women, according to Jonathan Metzl, a professor of sociology and psychiatry at Vanderbilt University who has studied mass shootings for more than a decade.

Metzl listed those explanations as: Men have more testosterone, are socialized to be engaged in violence and own more guns than women.

“There is some story we don’t know here,” Metzl said of the suspected female shooter in Nashville. “From school shootings historically, very often we think that people have some historical connection or emotional connection to the school. There’s an untold story here.”

Monday’s tragedy unfolded over roughly 14 minutes. Police received the initial call about an active shooter at 10:13 a.m.

Officers began clearing the first story of the school when they heard

gunshots coming from the second level, police spokesperson Don Aaron said during a news briefing.

Two officers from a five-member team opened fire in response, fatally shooting the suspect at 10:27 a.m., Aaron said. He said there were no police officers present or assigned to the school at the time of the shooting because it is a church-run school.

The Covenant School’s victims were pronounced dead at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. One officer had a hand wound from cut glass.

Rachel Dibble, who was at the church as families reunited in the nearby church, described the scene as everyone being in “complete shock.”

“People were involuntarily trembling,” said Dibble, whose children attend a different private school in Nashville. “The children ... started their morning in their cute little uniforms they probably had some Froot Loops and now their whole lives changed today.”

Dr. Shamendar Talwar, a social psychologist from the United Kingdom who is working on an unrelated mental health project in Nashville, raced to the church as soon as he heard news of the shooting to offer help. He said he was one of several chaplains, psychologists, life coaches and clergy inside supporting the families.

“All you can show is that the human spirit that basically that we are all hear together ... and hold their hand more than anything else,” he said.



Students walked to safety Monday, holding hands as they left their school surrounded by police cars, to a nearby church to be reunited with their parents.

Courtesy of AP Photo/Jonathan Mattise

Jozen Reodica heard the police sirens and fire trucks blaring from outside her office building nearby. As her building was placed under lockdown, she took out her phone and recorded the chaos.

“I thought I would just see this on TV,” she said. “And right now, it’s real.”

The Covenant School was founded as a ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church, according to the school’s website. The school is located in the affluent Green Hills neighborhood just south of downtown Nashville, situated close to the city’s top universities and home to the famed Bluebird Café — a beloved spot for musicians and songwriters.

Top legislative leaders announced Monday that the GOP-dominant Statehouse would meet briefly later in the evening and delay taking up any legislation.

“In a tragic morning, Nashville joined the dreaded, long list of communities to experience a school shooting,” Mayor John Cooper wrote on Twitter.

Nashville has seen its share of mass violence in recent years, including a Christmas Day 2020 attack where a recreational vehicle was intentionally detonated in the heart of Music City’s historic downtown, killing the bomber, injuring three others and forcing more than 60 businesses to close.

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Now that the bill was signed into law by Gov. Jim Justice earlier this month, the goal is “creating a culture of gun safety,” White said.

Whether through a campus safety research group or through a class such as the one he taught after the 2018 Parkland school shooting in Florida, White said students and staff need to educate themselves and others about firearms.

“This is an opportunity,” he said, “for us to evaluate our preconceived notions about guns and learn more about what it means to have guns in a public space.”

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They believe that there are opportunities on campus for energy efficiency, waste reduction and recycling a thriving local economy, an active healthy community and a sustainable innovation.

The Sustainability Club works closely with the department.

“Last year’s Earth Week was great; I had a blast,” AJ Lawrence, a member of the Sustainability Club, said. “April 12 is the celebration on the plaza, and I know I’m excited to join the festivities.”

“Last year the club gave out plants,” Lawrence said. “It’s definitely the week for all the plant lovers to come out.”

Registration to table, speak or host a workshop on Wednesday, April 12 will close on March 30.

If anyone has questions about the event, they are invited to contact Parsons-White at parson133@marshall.edu

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- AJ Lawrence

Fall 2023 Registration Schedule Released

By **SCOTT PRICE**
COPY EDITOR

Registration for the Fall 2023 semester will be available to current students in the coming weeks. Registration will take place depending on class status, and it begins at 7:00 a.m. Priority registration begins March 30.

Senior registration opens on April 3.

Junior registration will last April 4-5.

Sophomores will be able to register April 6, 7 and 10.

Freshman registration is April 11-14.

Fall 2023 ADVANCE REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Currently enrolled Graduate students may register beginning April 3.

SENIORS 90+ hours completed as of 1/9/2023	JUNIORS 60-89 hours completed as of 1/9/2023	SOPHOMORES 30-59 hours completed as of 1/9/2023	FRESHMEN 0-29 hours completed as of 1/9/2023
Monday, April 3	Tuesday, April 4 Wednesday, April 5	Thursday, April 6 Friday, April 7 Monday, April 10	Tuesday, April 11 Wednesday, April 12 Thursday, April 13 Friday, April 14

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12:00 Noon, 5:30 pm

Confessions

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

Marshall Greek Life Hosts Annual Greek Sing Event

By **ABIGAIL CUTLIP**
STUDENT REPORTER

Greek Week started on March 26 with the annual Greek Sing event.

Nine different Greek organizations performed at the event. This included Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Delta Zeta, Alpha Sigma Phi and

Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Delta Sigma Theta opened the event with a step show performance by two of their members: Kayla Thomas and Takira Williams.

Other performances were themed Nascar (Alpha Xi Delta), Elvis (Sigma Sigma Sigma), '90s with Alpha Chi, Wolf of Tau Street (Alpha Tau Omega), Queens of the Industry (Kappa Sigma),

Delta Zeta Strikes Again, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Alpha Sigma Phi) and Sigma Phi Alien.

Corey Cunningham, the coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life, said that all the chapters performed in "some great shows."

The winner of Greek Sing will be announced at Field Day on Saturday, April 1, at the end of the Greek Week competition.



Numerous Greek Life organizations competed at City Hall during their annual Greek Sing event.



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