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History Department Podcast Covers Israel-Palestine Conflict



Palestinians watch others looking for injured in the rubble of a destroyed residential building following an Israeli airstrike on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023.

Courtesy of Fatima Shbair/AP

By **MATTHEW SCHAFFER**
STUDENT REPORTER

Two Marshall history professors teamed up 48 hours after Israel's declaration of war to give historical context surrounding the Israel-Palestine conflict for a special episode of

the department's new podcast "History Over Coffee."

Dr. Chris White joined Dr. Manamee Guha on Monday, Oct. 9, for the episode, which reviews the events that led to the recent attacks launched by Hamas through air, land and sea raids on Israel on the

50th anniversary of the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur.

White highlighted the religious, geographical and imperialistic roles that plague the conflict.

"It's useful for people to understand that what we're seeing in the media right now. It's important to see these

images, but it's also really important to take a step back and ask what do the scholars have to say about this," White said. "Both sides have examples of this kind of thing, not exactly like this, but where atrocities have been carried out. If you look back to 1948, there are Palestinian attacks on Jewish villages and Jewish attacks on Palestinian villages."

The conflict has been ongoing since Jewish persecution across Europe displaced many European Jews. As the rise of Darwinism and the events surrounding World War II broke out, millions more Jewish people were

displaced. Britain and the United States took roles in attempting to find a new home for the displaced Jewish people, which eventually led to the creation of the state of Israel.

On Tuesday, White joined Rabbi Victor Urecki at B'nai Jacob Synagogue in Charleston, West Virginia to further discuss the conflict. The episode focusing on their conversation is set to be released soon. Urecki has been extensively studying the conflict, having been to Israel numerous times over the years.

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Inaugural Women Warriors Summit Brings Stars Onstage



Keynote speaker Nicole Kidman joins Soledad O'Brien on stage.

Photo by Matthew Schaffer

By MATTHEW SCHAFFER
MANAGING EDITOR

Oscar-winning Nicole Kidman, award-winning journalist Soledad O'Brien and other star-studded speakers presented on Friday, Oct. 6, at the inaugural Women Warriors Summit in Huntington's Mountain Health Arena.

The event, which hosted nearly 750 people, aimed to empower women and build relationships by shining a spotlight on the women of Appalachia, as well as women nationwide. The event hosted guest speakers and exercises for attendees to promote gender equality.

Women Warrior Summit was founded by attorney, philanthropist and first lady of Marshall University Alys Smith. She opened the event

by recalling her own struggles with gender inequality along with the stories of her mother, who helped inspire her fight for gender equality.

"We know that when one woman fails, all women fail, but when one woman has a victory, it follows all of us," Smith said. "Whether facing challenges at work, at home or with friends, we can all find the power to say 'no' and the courage to say 'yes.'"

Soledad O'Brien introduced Emily Gregory, co-author of the book "Crucial Conversations," who spoke about communication and the differences between being persuasive versus being embraceive during difficult conversations in professional and personal settings.

"I think the most kind and empa-

thetic thing you can do is be honest with each other," Gregory said. "My goal is to make 'like a girl' strong, caring, wise, honest, generous and brave— everything that women are."

Following Gregory, O'Brien hosted a panel and took the stage to discuss challenges in professional settings. The panel featured local and national female leaders, including Brandi Jacobs Jones, Marshall's senior vice president of operations, coach and motivational speaker Jessica Kern Huff; business executive and academic administrator; Kristina Johnson, and Shellye Archembeau, Fortune 500 board director, former CEO and author.

The keynote speaker, Nicole Kidman, followed the panel and discussed the challenges she has faced

in both her personal and professional life, as well as the lessons and mentors she's had throughout her life.

"Knowing your value is difficult, and knowing you have value is difficult," Kidman said. "Another great piece of advice was given: don't go in trusting everyone. People have to prove their trustworthiness. It's better to let the actions of trustworthiness, someone prove their trustworthiness, than just implicitly trusting them."

The event ended with Smith thanking the event sponsors and speakers.

She closed by saying, "Go out into the world and be the warriors you were meant to be."

Marshall Celebrates College Radio Day

By ZACH HIGHLANDER
STAFF REPORTER

World College Radio Day, which Marshall's WMUL observed with a 24-hour marathon on Friday, Oct. 6, is now in its 13th year and has gained an international following.

"I thought it would happen just in America, but it caught on around the world. and now, over 57 countries are involved, along with 1,000 colleges and radio stations," said Dr. Rob Quicke, director of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The initial idea behind World College Radio Day was that college radio didn't get the recognition it deserved, so the day was created to give stations more exposure.

"It is a global thing, so it has expanded quite well, but the thing we always struggle with is getting as much publicity as possible because it does deserve a lot more publicity than it gets," Quicke said.

Stations around the world have come together to create content over the past few months.

"The global marathon is a joint effort to celebrate World College Radio Day," said Makaylah Wheeler, the station manager at WMUL.

Because it is a global event, the 24-hour marathon varied based on differing time zones.

Acknowledging that each college radio station is unique, Wheeler said, "This is the first year we have not had an ambassador, which worked out perfect because we didn't want to amplify one voice above the others."

MUPD Hosts Rape Aggression Defense Class



Officer Scott Ballou taught the self defense class on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Photo by Wade Sullivan

BY WADE SULLIVAN
STUDENT REPORTER

Being aware of one's surroundings is essential to self defense, said an MUPD sergeant

at a Rape Aggression Defense class at the Memorial Student Center on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The class, taught by sergeant Scott Ballou, aimed to help

women better protect themselves and to be more aware of their surroundings.

"Ninety percent of self-defense is self-awareness," Ballou said. "Risk awareness, risk reduction, risk recognition and risk avoidance."

He went on to say that these are the most important principles that over 2,000 women have learned from his classes since they started in 1998.

Ballou also said that some women do not even realize just how important protecting themselves is, especially since one in four college women will experience sexual assault during their

time in school.

One student at the class said that she never even thought about self-awareness being so important.

"I definitely won't be using my phone all the time," said Ni'Asia Payne, a student who learned about the class through work. "I'm gonna observe where I'm at and gauge how to react to people."

The class on Wednesday was a small part of the class Ballou teaches every semester at the Rec Center. He said that he encourages every woman that can to participate because not only does it teach self-defense, it also helps empower the women who take the class.

"When you're involved in something that makes people feel better about themselves, empowered and happy, it's a great thing to be a part of," Ballou said.

The hour-long class covered basic techniques of self-defense such as being loud and standing on one's strong side to protect themselves from potential attackers. The class also provided those in attendance to practice techniques shown, including a sweeping kick and getting away from another person grabbing them.

'Low Stations' to Raise Glucose Levels Introduced to Campus



One of the club's low stations

BY TASHA ESSELSTEIN
STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall's Diabetes Link Organization will be providing "low stations" at Drinko Library and the Rec Center beginning Monday, Oct. 9.

The low stations are designed to cater to Marshall community

members with type 1 diabetes by offering nutritious supplies that raise glucose levels.

The stations will consist of snacks like peanut butter crackers and gummies, along with glucose tablets and powders that are free and easily accessible to those on campus in need.

The Diabetes Link program is dedicated to offering resources, education and support to

individuals dealing with diabetes. Makensy Kearns, president of The Diabetes Link, said, "Type 1 diabetics can have issues trying to boost their glucose levels when working out or studying, which is why we have put the low stations at the library and the gym, and, hopefully, we can soon provide a third station."

Recognizing that more than one million Americans are affected by diabetes, Kearns highlighted the importance of addressing and combating the stigma often associated with the condition.

"It's important to us as a group to provide these resources for students on campus, but it's also just as essential for us to educate and share about diabetes to create a better understanding and supportive community for those with diabetes," Kearns said.



The Diabetic Link club

Courtesy of Makensy Kearns

Reflecting on the mission of the Diabetes Link, Kearns said, "We understand the significance of creating change within our Marshall community for type 1 diabetics and recognize the

profound impact that health conditions can have on students, faculty and staff."

Forensic Science Employees Receive Citizen Award

By **JADA MILLS**
STUDENT REPORTER

A Citizen Award has been presented to two Marshall Forensic Science Center employees for their efforts in keeping the 2023 National Boy Scout Jamboree safe.

Taylor Koepfler, a DNA technician, and Chloe Cazad, a level-one forensic evidence technician, received the West Virginia Board of Sanitation Citizen Award at the annual Public Health Conference on Sept. 27 in the Canaan Valley Conference Center.

“It was an enduring feeling to receive the award,” Koepfler said. “We spent a lot of hours at the jamboree, so it was a great feeling to know our time was recognized.”

She went on to say, “We were often up until 3 a.m. trying to make sure the results got published so that we could keep the Boy Scout community safe.”

The award recognized Koepfler and Cazad’s wastewater testing performed at campsites during the 2023 National Boy Scout Jamboree held in July.

“We were nominated for the award by a lady named Judy who is a part of the West Virginia Public Health Association,” Cazad said. “She acknowledged all the time we had put in and what the job entailed and wanted us to be recognized for that.”

Wastewater surveillance is a way to track infectious diseases in a community by testing the wastewater for

the presence of pathogens.

The testing was done through a mobile wastewater surveillance lab from WaTCH-WV, which is a collaboration with West Virginia University, Marshall University and the WV Department of Health and Human Resources that tests wastewater samples around the state to track public health.

The surveillance at the jamboree served as a security measure against an outbreak of either norovirus or COVID-19.

“In the past, there have been outbreaks of norovirus, which is a stomach-based virus that spreads quickly,” Cazad said. “We did not find norovirus this year, but we did find traces of COVID-19 being present at a campsite.”

Koepfler and Cazad’s main duties involved processing, extracting and running the wastewater samples through a PCR system.

“We were at the jamboree for a whole week and spent five to 10 hours a day doing the whole process,” Cazad said, “which was tiring and solely volunteer, but we felt it was right for us to be down there in order to keep everyone healthy and safe.”

“We collected samples of people’s wastewater at specific sites in effort to detect a virus before it became an outbreak,” Koepfler said. “Every day, we tested the samples, got results and reported the results to jamboree officials who could then isolate people as needed and take the proper measures if something

was detected.”

When they got the results back, Cazad said they were able to isolate the campsite from the rest of the jamboree to keep COVID-19 from spreading.

Around 15,000 people attended the jamboree, and the COVID-19 cases reported were less than 100.

“It was super important for us to be there to maintain safety for not only the Boy Scouts, but also the leaders, military and other volunteers who were there,” Cazad said.

Cazad added that people visited the jamboree from all over the country. With them being there for wastewater testing, she said it kept an outbreak from taking place, and people could enjoy themselves while also staying healthy.

Free Health Checks Offered at Health and Wellness Fair



The event was held in the Memorial Student Center.

Photo by Wade Sullivan

By **WADE SULLIVAN**
STUDENT REPORTER

Many of the health resources offered to students provided information about their services on Tuesday, Oct. 3, to those in attendance at the Health and Wellness Fair sponsored by

Marshall Health.

This year, the fair offered free glucose and blood pressure checks as well as flu vaccines for those who needed them.

According to Michele McKnight, the Marshall Health assistant director of external affairs, the fair is an opportunity

for the Marshall community to learn about the health resources at Marshall.

“Marshall is a university that has a medical school – several other health profession schools, and they are here to serve Marshall,” McKnight said regarding the different groups providing

services at the fair. “They are here to serve Marshall, and this is a good opportunity to get some preventative screenings and take care of your health from a preventative standpoint.”

At the fair, there were tables from a large variety of Marshall Health resources, including Marshall Dermatology, Marshall Dentistry, Marshall Family Medicine and Marshall Psychiatry.

The biggest draw to the fair this year was the free flu shots provided by Marshall Family Medicine. Students Wyndor Aumann and Scout Ashworth initially went to the fair for their flu shots but stayed longer after seeing what services were available to them.

“I needed to get my flu shot,

honestly,” Ashworth said. “I honestly didn’t know this many resources were available to students.”

As an incentive to go to the fair and gather information from each group, attendees were encouraged to get a stamp from every table they visited. If a card had enough stamps, it was entered into a raffle drawing.

Anyone who wants more information regarding the services that Marshall Health provides should send an email to info@marshallhealth.org. Anyone who wants to book an appointment or wants information regarding counseling services at Marshall should visit marshall.edu/counseling for more information.

Marshall Student Advocates for Stricter Laws After Groomer Takes Advantage of Loophole

By **EVAN GREEN**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A Marshall senior, who was sexually groomed by her 31-year-old youth pastor when she was 12, recently testified to the Wyoming Judiciary Committee after the perpetrator evaded the sex offender registry by moving out of West Virginia.

Maddi Morgan, a criminal justice major at Marshall, is advocating for stricter sex offender registration laws in Wyoming after the man convicted of grooming Morgan and others moved to the state and was not required to register as a sex offender due to having less strict laws compared to West Virginia.

“Earlier this year, I found out that the offender of a crime that I was a victim of when I was a kid had since moved to Wyoming. I found out he wasn’t registered there,” Morgan said. “I talked with a lot of agencies in Wyoming: the attorney general’s office, their version of state police, which is DCI, and they all basically told me that they didn’t have a law equivalent, so they couldn’t really hold him accountable for what he did here over there.”

After discovering this, Morgan contacted members of the judiciary committee and other state representatives in Wyoming, including the governor and state senators, eventually receiving a speaking slot during a judiciary meeting.

Following Morgan’s testimony, the judiciary committee voted to move a bill forward to their November session where they will vote on it and then move it to the house floor if it passes.

The perpetrator was convicted in West Virginia of two counts of distri-

bution and display of obscene matter to a minor. He served two years, one while he was waiting for sentencing and the other after his conviction. Despite his conviction, Morgan intentionally chose not to identify the man during her testimony.

“I didn’t originally want to put him back in the public view because I don’t want him reaching out to me or trying to talk to me. He was actually in my TikTok profile views, like he had searched up my stuff,” Morgan said. “I think I have all of their accounts blocked on everything else, but it shows that even if I wasn’t talking directly about him, he still looked at my social media.”

Morgan’s testimony received some attention in the Wyoming press, but according to Morgan, none of them contacted her in their coverage of the event.

“I wish they would have reached out to me because I probably would’ve given them a name. And I know there’s been some scrutiny in those articles from people being like ‘Why didn’t you name the offender?’ but no one really asked me to,” Morgan said.

According to Morgan, stricter laws in Wyoming could help protect children in the state from grooming, which is easier than ever as technology advances.

Morgan also spoke about the experience of being a victim of these crimes and how others who have experienced similar abuse can move forward.

“Victims should not be afraid to come forward. It’s not a stigmatizing thing, even though it really used to be. There is no shame in what happened to you as a kid. Adults take advantage of kids all the time, and the only way to really move past it is to go through

it and accept it and learn what you can do going forward,” Morgan said.

Morgan’s experience as a victim of grooming has influenced her choice in career. Her desire to work in criminal justice stems from a desire to help

others experiencing grooming.

“I want to help other kids such as myself. I work at the U.S. Attorney’s Office right now, and they focus on prosecution. A lot of the cases they take are child victim crimes where it’s

dealing with pornography or something like that, so I’m really getting to experience what I want to do in my career field.”



Maddi Morgan, a Marshall senior, spoke in front of the Wyoming judiciary committee.

Courtesy of Maddi Morgan

No. 1 Men's Soccer Continues Hot Streak

By **JOEL SPEARS**
STUDENT REPORTER

The No. 1 Marshall Men's Soccer Team continued its season with a 2-0 win against the Georgia State Panthers on Saturday, Oct. 7. The victory extended Marshall's winning streak to 11 games and maintained their unbeaten record. The team's solid defense was once again on display, securing their seventh shutout of the season.

Head coach Chris Grassie credited his team's defensive efforts for their success, highlighting the contributions of players such as Morris Duggan, Taka Fujita and Taimu Okiyoshi.

Grassie praised their ability to move the ball and make smart defensive decisions. Additionally, fullbacks Theo Godard, Alex Bamford and Rai Pinto were com-

mended for their tracking and defensive work.

The game started with a defensive battle, but Marshall broke the deadlock in the 14th minute. Pablo Simon played a pass to Adam Aoumaich, who then set up Matthew Bell just outside the six-yard box. Bell made no mistake and slotted the ball into the back of the net, scoring his seventh goal of the season. Aoumaich and Simon were credited with their fourth assist of the season on the opening goal.

Goalkeeper Gabriel Perrotta made saves throughout the match to preserve Marshall's lead. In the 35th minute, he made a crucial stop, and, just before halftime, he pulled off an impressive save with three seconds remaining. Perrotta ensured that Marshall went into

halftime with a 1-0 advantage.

In the second half, Perrotta continued his play to deny Georgia State any chance of a comeback. In the 67th minute, Marshall extended their lead when Alexander Stjernaard played a give-and-go with Aymane Sordo, who finished with a well-placed shot for his second goal of the season. Stjernaard earned his third assist of the campaign on the play.

Perrotta's performance earned him his 6.5th shutout of the season and his 11th win. Perrotta has lowered his goals against average of 0.37 and a save percentage of .867.

No. 1 Marshall is back at Hoops Family Field on Friday, Oct. 13, against Coastal Carolina at 7:15 p.m.



Matthew Bell and teammates celebrating.

Courtesy of Austin O'Connor

Swim and Dive Wins West Virginia Games

By **KADANN BONECUTTER**
STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall Swim and Dive triumphed over West Virginia University on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7, in Morgantown.

"It was a true team effort this weekend, and every individual played a part in it. A lot of stand-out performances this weekend," coach Ian Walsh said. "I'm pleased with how our freshman navigated this tough, emotional two-day meet. The upperclassmen have been wonderful examples for that group and setting the tone of the season through training and competing."

After the two days of competitive racing and diving, Marshall left

with 1,340.5 points over WVU's 1,300.5. The Herd won four out of the eight total final events and finished with placements in the top-three 14 times.

"We have only beaten WVU twice in the history of our program," Walsh said. "It makes it extra special when we can do it at their venue. Our parents and fans were incredible today with the support they showed up in the stands."

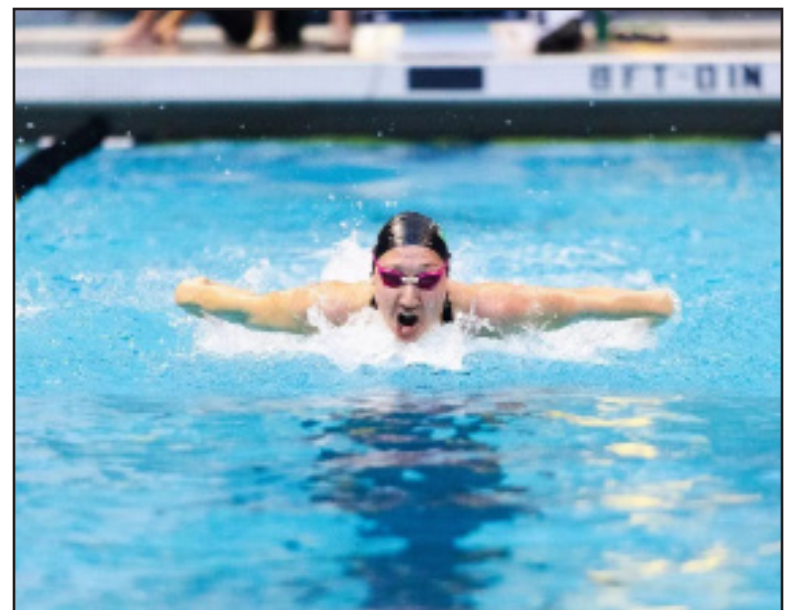
Marshall dominated both sprinting and distance events. In the 200 Yard Backstroke, Gabrielle Ivey won with a time of 2:05.97. In the 500 Yard Freestyle, Eszter Laban finished on top with a quick time of 5:07.32.

Madeline Hart won the sixth

event, the 100 Yard Butterfly with a time of 57.17. Following Hart, Klava Katayama landed in third with a time of 58.19, Ivey received fourth at 58.38 and finishing out the top five was Laban in fifth with 58.68.

The Herd's 200-Yard Freestyle relay team took home a first-place finish. The relay team consisted of Katayama, Parker Lynch, Hart and Audrey West, finishing with a time of 1:36.53. Marshall also placed third in the event by Ivey, Mia McBride, Nina Nugent and Molly Warner (1:37.81).

Next up for the Herd is a dual meet against James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia on Nov. 4.



Marshall swimmer competes at meet.

Courtesy of HerdZone

Herd Falls to N.C. State on the Road

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Thundering Herd Football Team suffered its first loss of the season after falling 48-41 to the North Carolina State Wolfpack in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, Oct. 8.

“They battled and they played hard,” said head coach Charles Huff. “That’s a real ACC Power Five football team. We made way too many mistakes to beat that caliber of a team. You just can’t do it.” Marshall quarterback Cam Fancher tallied a career-high 315 passing yards, acquiring four total touchdowns, two of which were rushing scores.

The Herd opened up the scoring in the first quarter with a seven-yard scamper from Fancher, following an interception by J.J. Roberts. The Wolfpack answered back with a 17-yard pass from quarterback MJ Morris to wide receiver Kevin

Concepcion to tie the game.

Marshall’s defense would also score in the first quarter after an interception by Josh Moten that was returned 27 yards into the end-zone, placing the Herd back in the lead.

Going into halftime, the Herd held a three-point lead, outscoring the Wolfpack 24-21 in the first 30 minutes of the contest.

In the second half, the Wolfpack found their stride on offense. The third quarter brought about two explosive scoring drives: a 37-yard rush from Michael Allen and a 62-yard touchdown pass from Morris to Trent Pennix.

The Herd kept the contest close, though, with Fancher finding Jayden Harrison for a 28-yard touchdown pass. Rece Verhoff knocked down his second field goal of the game, a 26-yarder, to bring the Herd within one, trailing 35-34 going into the final 15 minutes of play.

Following a series of scoring drives from the Wolfpack, the Herd was left trailing by 14 points in the game’s final moments.

Fancher found Caleb Coombs with 1:28 left in the contest for a 16-yard touchdown to pull the game within seven points.

The Herd’s attempt at a comeback was unsuccessful, following a turnover on downs that sealed the win for the Wolfpack.

Both teams were plagued by turnovers throughout the game. The Wolfpack defense forced three turnovers, as well as several turnovers on downs. Morris threw three interceptions, one being a pick-six by Moten.

“You can’t turn the ball over five or six times and think that you’re going to have an opportunity to win any football game,” Huff said.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, Marshall will travel to Georgia State for its first Sun Belt road contest of the season.

Women’s Soccer Falters Against App State

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Herd Women’s Soccer Team suffered its fifth Sun Belt Conference loss 5-1 against the Appalachian State Mountaineers on Sunday, Oct. 8.

Freshman Katie Porter scored the first goal of her career and of the match in the second minute. Porter positioned herself in the box and launched the ball, which deflected off of an Appalachian State defender and into the net to give the Herd an early 1-0 lead.

Going into the second half, Marshall led by one despite being outshot 8-4 in the first half. The Mountaineers equalized the game in the 48th minute after a goal from Olivia Simon.

Simon went on to put up a hat-trick, scoring in the 65th and 67th minute following her first goal of the season that tied the contest.

The Herd had no answer for the Mountaineers’ offensive dominance, allowing two more goals in the 78th and 80th minute.

“It was certainly a game of two halves,” said head coach Michael Swan. “For the first 45 minutes, we were really good and could’ve, maybe should’ve, been ahead by more. Second half we just didn’t compete as a team. There’s no excuses for that type of performance in the second half, and we all know that as a group.”

Appalachian State outshot the Herd 20-7 in the contest and accumulated 14 shots on goal to Marshall’s two.

“We, as coaches, have to take ownership of that. For 45 minutes, we weren’t good enough on and off the field,” Swan said.

The Herd returns home to Hoops Family Field on Saturday, Oct. 14, to face the Georgia State Panthers.



Marshall players battle with the Wolfpack.

Courtesy of HerdZone



Coach Swan speaks with the team.

Courtesy of Austin O'Connor

Where the Supreme Court Stands on Banning Books

By **SUZANNE ECKES**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Efforts to ban books in public schools and public libraries reached an all-time high in 2022 and show few signs of abating for 2023, according to the American Library Association.

The recent movement to remove books appears to be a coordinated campaign taking place at both the state and local levels; it often targets books that address race, gender or both. Some of these efforts have resulted in laws that threaten to jail librarians.

Most Americans oppose removing

books from libraries. That may explain why Illinois recently enacted a law that outlaws banning books: If any public library in the state bans materials because of “partisan or doctrinal” disapproval, it will be ineligible for state funds.

Bans – and the banning of bans – have already ended up in the courts. For example, in a lawsuit in Florida, a First Amendment advocacy group, a publisher, parents and authors whose books have been targeted filed suit against the Escambia County School District’s removal of 10 books and restriction of 100 others in the school library. They al-

leged that school officials violated students’ First Amendment rights when they removed books that discussed, race, racism and LGBTQ+ people.

One or more of these sorts of cases could end up at the Supreme Court – but until then, the lower courts will look to existing precedent, set in a legal ruling that dates back to 1982. In that ruling, the court declared that school personnel have a lot of discretion related to the content of their libraries, but this “discretion may not be exercised in a narrowly partisan or political manner.”

An analysis of that 1982 case, Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District v. Pico, finds useful information that can help put these book ban lawsuits in context.

The case specifically focused on the school library and was not about curriculum in the classroom. A school board on Long Island, New York, wanted certain books removed from the shelves of the junior high and high school libraries because board members believed the books to be, they said, “anti-American, anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, and just plain filthy.”



The Supreme Court in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

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CORRECTION:

In last week’s print, a story titled “Bob Dylan Comes to Huntington” falsely stated that the event was a part of the Marshall Artists Series and students could attend for free.

The banned titles originated in a list compiled by a conservative organization that deemed them objectionable.

One student, on behalf of four other students in the school district, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court. The suit claimed that removing the books from the library infringed upon the students’ First Amendment rights to freely access ideas and information.

The school board prevailed in U.S. District Court because the judge found that school boards should have discretion in those matters.

But the appeals court overturned that ruling, saying the fact that the school board’s reasoning relied in part on external evaluations of the books raised concerns about censorship.

When the case came before the Supreme Court in 1982, the justices agreed to analyze whether the school board’s decision to bar certain books from its libraries, based on the books’ content, violated the students’ rights.

The ruling was divided – five justices affirmed the appeals court’s decision in favor of the students, though not all of them agreed on exactly why.

Justice William Brennan Jr. wrote that the First Amendment does limit school officials’ authority to remove books from school libraries, because that authority infringes on students’ rights to receive ideas and information.

REVIEW: 'The Book of Will' Celebrates the Legacy of William Shakespeare

By **VICTORIA WARE**
OPINIONS & CULTURE EDITOR

The cast of "The Book of Will," led by director Jack Cirillo, took a simple story and transformed it into a magnetic triumph of Shakespearean proportions. The famed playwright's impact was brilliantly captured in this period piece that serves as a love letter to his literary contributions.

Plot: 4/5

"The Book of Will" follows a passionate group of thespians and theater lovers that work to compile William Shakespeare's plays into a singular source. We first see our protagonists sitting in a pub, grumbling and complaining about the poor portrayal of their late friend's plays. Shakespeare had died three years earlier, and his dotting colleagues lament the theatrical tarnishing being wrought by insincere performers and hollow imitators. Actors John Heminges, Henry Condell and the demonstrative Richard

Burbage regale Heminges' daughter with tales of plays gone by. Burbage was notably adept at reciting the scripts.

After the sudden and shocking death of Burbage, his friends grapple with their own mortality as well as the idea that Shakespeare's works could fade into the ether. Not wanting their friend's artistry to be further diluted, they eventually set out to assemble his plays into a book. The group faces difficulties along their journey to publication, accepting assistance from unlikely places. In the end, their work pays off and the collection of Shakespeare's work comes to fruition.

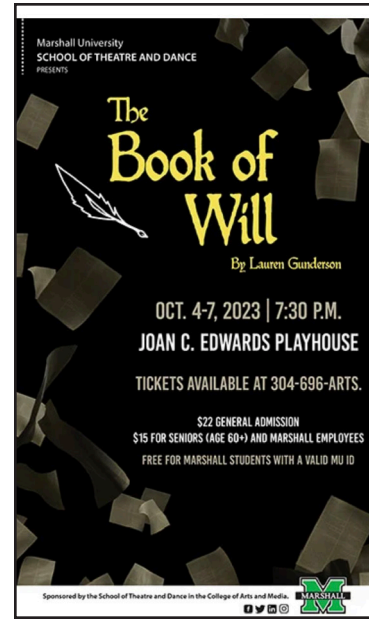
The storyline was easy to follow and gripping from the moment it began. The admiration that the cast of characters has for Shakespeare is immediately apparent and doesn't come across as forced. The passion and zealous nature of the story practically emanate from the stage. Everything

was natural and heartfelt. There were instances in which scenes went on a tad too long, but overall, the general flow of the plot was properly executed.

Performance: 4.5/5

The performances in the play were superb. Director Jack Cirillo gave a dynamic performance as Burbage, while Jimi Lee gave an inspiring performance as Condell; additionally, George Kinley delivered a particularly heartfelt and moving performance as Heminges. Nikki Riniti's portrayal of Alice Heminge, meanwhile, was also lovely. The most humorous performances, though, were Jacob Gillispie as William Jaggard and Michael Martin as Ben Johnson. Gillispie's performance was especially memorable, as he really transformed into the character. From the moment he walked onto the stage with a cane sporting a unique comedic voice, the audience was in stitches. His coarse language and smug demeanor contributed to a fascinating character. Martin, on the other hand, portrayed Ben in a charismatic way. They captured the arrogance of Ben and the complex relationship between him and Shakespeare. The character's drunken stumbling and rambunctious nature was incredibly entertaining.

The performances felt real. The actors had brilliant chemistry, and their interactions with one another had a genuine feel to them. Kinley's performance in particular has stayed with me. There was so much emotion behind every word he said. His ability to emote and use his voice to capture his internal turmoil was rather impactful.



Courtesy of the School of Theatre and Dance

Production: 4/5

The production accompanied the time period very well. It was rustic and simple, but the set heightened the story and use of language. A notable moment was during the scene when the book was being made. The rhythmic sound of hammering and the use of a spotlight created an electric atmosphere. The sound design and use of voice-over also added striking elements to the already engaging play at certain points. Everything came together and produced a believable period piece.

Total: 12.5/15 | The riveting plot coupled with the captivating performances created a play that was worthwhile and honoring Shakespeare.

Support Groups Available on Campus for Mental Health

By **SAM MCELWAIN**
STUDENT REPORTER

The Marshall University Wellness Center will provide young artists with the opportunity to promote their work and well-being.

The event held on Friday, Oct. 13, from 4-7 p.m. at Harless Dining Hall, showcases student art. Participating students are asked to share how that art has helped their well-being.

"As we show the art, we are asking that the students who present talk not only on the art piece, but how art has helped their own well-being and their wellness," student Kennedy Allen said.

"The event will be centered around art, but the roof of it will be how art influences our wellness," Allen said.

Wellness coordinator Kaye Godbey said that this event is a fun way to celebrate one's talent and to have fun.

"This is going to be a fun event where students can celebrate their own and other's talents," Godbey said. "Participating in the arts and performing are great and healthy ways to recharge your batteries and elevate the happy chemicals in your brain."

According to the event calendar on the Marshall University website, art such as paintings, poetry and digital art must be submitted on the website.

As for what students can expect from the event, Godbey said, "Plan to do art, laugh and clap and support others, even if you can't get up the nerve to jump on stage."



The cast of 'The Book of Will' at the end of their performance.

Courtesy of the Marshall University Theatre Instagram

Biden Administration Advocates for Stronger University Diversity Efforts

By **COLLIN BINKLEY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration is asking America's colleges to renew their efforts to make campuses more racially diverse, urging schools to boost scholarships and minority recruiting and to place “meaningful emphasis” on the adversity students face because of their race or finances.

The Education Department issued a report Thursday promoting strategies to increase diversity in the wake of a Supreme Court decision barring colleges from considering the race of applicants in the admission process. It fulfills a request from President Joe Biden to help colleges advance diversity without running afoul of the

court's decision.

In announcing the report, Education Secretary Miguel Cardona called on state and local education leaders to “break down barriers for underserved students and reimagine pathways into higher education.”

“Our future is brighter when we prepare students of all backgrounds to lead our multiracial democracy together,” Cardona said in a statement.

The guidance amounts to a suggestion with no binding authority. The federal government has little power to make demands of colleges and universities without an act of Congress or new federal rules.

It was issued the same day a House Education and the Workforce subcommittee discussed the future of

college admissions after affirmative action. Republicans warned that they will be watching for colleges that defy the court's decision.

“To those at institutions who think the Supreme Court ruling is a ‘pretty please’ ask, this committee will keep a close eye as the 2024 application process unfolds,” said Rep. Burgess Owens, R-Utah. “Racism, hidden or overt, will not be tolerated by this oversight body.”

Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., countered that affirmative action helped level the playing field in admissions, balancing policies that favor the wealthy, including legacy admissions, in which children of alumni and donors are favored in admissions.

“Without policies to

counterbalance the discriminatory factors,” he said, “the outcome of the system will remain discriminatory.”

Much of the new guidance echoes an August letter issued by the departments of Education and Justice clarifying that colleges can still legally work to admit diverse student bodies.

The report encourages colleges to do more to recruit students of color. It suggests targeted outreach in areas with high concentrations of students of color and low-income families, and it pushes colleges to admit more transfer students from community college, which admit higher numbers of Black and Latino students.

It also calls for more financial aid based on a student's need and says states and colleges need to make application forms simpler and more transparent.

Notably, the administration said it “strongly encourages” colleges to consider any adversity, including racial discrimination, that a student has overcome, reinforcing an idea embraced by some colleges but criticized by opponents as a loophole to consider race indirectly.

Biden previously pitched adversity as a “new standard” in admissions after the court's decision, and some colleges have added application essays about adversity or overcoming challenges, opening the door for students to voluntarily discuss their racial background.

The report notes that although there's no commonly accepted way to measure adversity, admissions offices can consider an applicant's neighborhood or high school to put their

achievements into context. Colleges can also examine whether a student endured discrimination, something that can be conveyed through essays, interviews and letters of recommendation, the department said.

“An applicant's personal experiences with hardship or discrimination, including racial discrimination, and their ability to overcome those experiences may speak to their perseverance and resilience,” the guidance said.

The Supreme Court appeared to leave room for that kind of maneuver. The decision said that while schools cannot directly consider an applicant's race, nothing stops colleges from considering “an applicant's discussion of how race affected the applicant's life” — as long as the discussion is tied to the student's “quality of character or unique ability.”

The Education Department is also pushing colleges to rethink legacy admissions and other practices that may hinder racial or socioeconomic diversity. It pointed to a growing body of evidence that legacy admissions “may further advantage privileged communities in a manner that is at odds with expanding educational opportunity.”

Biden and Cardona have repeatedly urged schools to end legacy admissions as a matter of fairness.

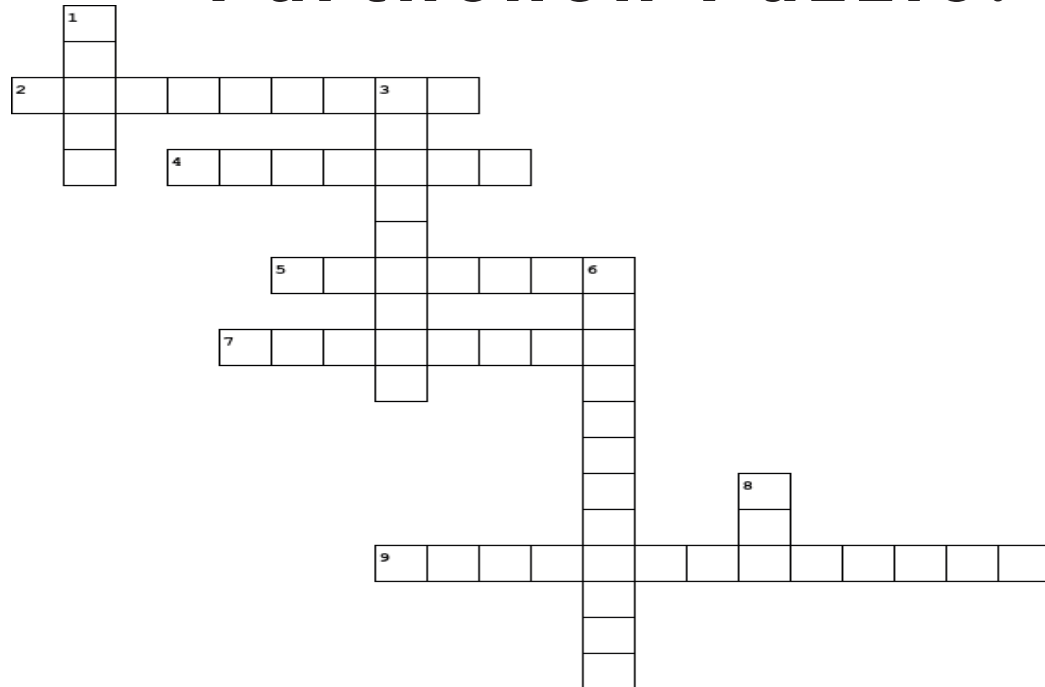
Cardona recently told The Associated Press he would consider using “whatever levers” he can to discourage legacy admissions, although it's unclear what action he will take.



Education Secretary Miguel Cardona speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in his office at the Department of Education, Sept. 20, 2023, in Washington.

Courtesy of Mark Schiefelbein/AP

Parthenon Puzzle: Crossword #3



Clues

Down:

1. Supreme Court stood on the banning of these everyday items

3. This podcast will be taping live at Marshall next week

6. Oscar-winning actress and keynote speaker of Women Warriors Summit

8. Acronym for self defense classes taught this week.

Across:

2. Jewish holiday that was celebrated on October 6th.

4. Marshall football lost thier first game on the road to this team

5. Award given to forensic science employees

7. Employees of this particular science wont awards this week

9. Celebrated Oct. 9 on campuses worldwide.

All crossword answers are found within the stories we cover
Answers on Page 12

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University Hosts Live Podcast Recording

By **MATTHEW SCHAFFER**
MANAGING EDITOR

Award-winning podcaster Trey Kay will hit Marshall’s campus on Thursday, Oct. 19, to discuss increasing distrust in science for an episode of his podcast, “Us & Them.”

The discussion, titled “Diminished Trust: How Do We Restore

Faith in Science?,” will take place in the Drinko Library Atrium at 4 p.m. Kay will be joined by: Dr. Jonathan Zimmerman, University of Pennsylvania education historian and author of “Whose America? Culture Wars in the Public Schools;” Dr. Habiba Chirchir, Marshall’s biological anthropologist; and Dr. Adam Franks, associate residency director for the Joan C. Edwards

School of Medicine.

“Us & Them” explores cultural issues that face, and often divide, society, according to West Virginia Public Broadcasting’s description. The podcast is a joint project co-produced by Trey Kay Production and WVPB.

Kay is a Charleston native who has won several awards for his podcast and his radio documentaries,

which include 2013’s “The Great Textbook War,” which earned Kay a Peabody Award, a Murrow Award and a duPont-Columbia Award. He previously produced for The New Yorker Radio Hour, Studio 360, Inside Appalachia and PBS Frontline.

“Trust is in short supply in America these days,” Kay said in the press release for the event. “Across the board and across the political spectrum people seem to lack trust in our government... in many of

our agencies and organizations – even in each other. That’s why our ‘Us & Them’ team is staging these conversations to encourage citizens to consider how long our society can sustain this erosion of trust.”

The event is free and open to the public; however, it is advised to register ahead online. The event will be co-sponsored by the John Deaver Drinko Academy, West Virginia Public Broadcasting and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

An Us & Them Production

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How do we restore faith in science?
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The registration poster for the upcoming podcast recording lists all of the speakers and event details.



Trey Kay is the host of “Us and Them”, and works for West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

Courtesy of UComm

Crossword Answer Key:

7. Forensic
9. WorldRadioDay

Across:
2. YomKippur
4. NCState

6. NicoleKidman
8. RAD

Down:
1. Books
3. UsandThem

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