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## 125 Years of *The Parthenon*, Est. 1898

### Men's Soccer Continues Win Streak at No. 1 Spot



Pablo Simon and Matthew Bell celebrate after winning against Georgia State University.

By **KADANN BONECUTTER**  
STUDENT REPORTER

A win against Coastal Carolina led the No. 1 Marshall Men's Soccer Team to a season high six goals at Hoops Family Field last Friday, Oct.

13. The conference matchup between the Herd (12-0, 5-0 Sun Belt) and the Chanticleers (3-5-3, 1-2-2 Sun Belt) left Marshall with a winning score of 6-1.

Within eight minutes of the game,

Courtesy of Austin O'Conner

freshman Braian Amaro scored the first goal of the contest and the first goal of his career.

In the ninth minute of the first half, Pablo Simon scored his first goal of the night, putting Marshall up 2-0 by the end of the half. Matthew Bell as-

sisted Simon in the goal.

Simon and Bell continued working as a pair in the second half. In the 53rd minute, Simon scored his second goal of the night off of an inconclusive shot by Bell. Simon went on to dish out two assists for the rest of the game.

Rai Pinto made his first goal of his career in the 65th minute. Aymane Sordo, meanwhile, received the ball from Simon and successfully performed a bicycle-kick goal. Sordo's goal got a standing ovation from

the crowd and moved the Herd to a score of 5-1.

The final goal of the game came from fifth-year player, Alexander Ad-jetey.

The Herd travels in-state to Morgantown for its next contest. Marshall's Thundering Herd and West Virginia University's Mountaineers will battle it out for a conference win. The much-awaited game against No. 7 WVU will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

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## Brad Smith Highlights 'Marshall for All' and Increased Enrollment at the Latest Board of Governors Meeting



Marshall President Brad D. Smith

Courtesy of HerdNet

By **JADA MILLS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

"We will grow students, not fees," President Brad D. Smith said as he discussed the five student priorities that anchor the "Marshall for All, Marshall Forever" road map during the Board of Governors meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

"The efforts have paid off," Smith said. "As you have heard, we reversed a 13-year decline enrollment, and the Fall 2023 numbers are on track to come in at 4.5% in total headcount growth with full-time first-year freshmen up 13.7% year over year."

A strategic choice was made this past year to reduce metro pricing to be more competitive with the in-state tuition rates of

Ohio and Kentucky colleges and universities, according to Smith.

The metro area was expanded to cover a 100-mile radius around Huntington, which drove the metro enrollment to 20% year over year, he said.

Furthermore, he discussed the 100 students who were welcomed into the "Marshall for All" program this fall, which is a partnership between the university, students, families, donors and alumni that allows students to earn their bachelor's degrees debt-free.

"We are super excited about kicking the program off and with the goal in 10 years that no student will graduate from Marshall University with any student loan debt," Smith said.

Three action items were also discussed and approved by the Board of Governors during the meeting.

A second hangar was approved for the Bill Noe Flight School in Charleston.

"As the Bill Noe Flight School is continuing to grow in enrollment, the asset and facility must grow with it," said H. Toney Stroud, the chief legal officer and general counsel.

Construction of the 30,000-square-foot hangar is necessary to house the critical program assets, he said.

The estimated construction cost will not exceed \$15 million, he said, and funding for this hangar does not involve the University's budget, as other sources of funding are being sought.

The purchase of a rotorcraft for the flight school was also approved.

"Bill Noe has initiated a significant deal with Airbus, who controls about 55% of the aircraft market," Stroud said.

The new rotorcraft will come with a 10-year service, and Airbus will paint the exterior and design the interior for no additional cost and provide training for one pilot and one maintenance mechanic for the rotorcraft, he said.

A new institute for cyber security, estimated to cost \$45 million, was approved as the third action. The anticipated construction for the building will begin in the summer of 2024.

"The institute for cyber security will support Marshall's recruitment goals and provide a well-educated, multi-disciplinary talent pool, helping to attract, retain and perpetually grow West Virginia's professional workforce," Stroud said.

## Mountain Health Network Becomes Marshall Health Network

By **BEX LAW**  
STAFF REPORTER

Marking the creation of an integrated academic health system, Mountain Health Network has been renamed Marshall Health Network.

Officially called Marshall Health Network, Inc., the system—in cooperation with the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine—"improves access to high quality care for patients of all ages," said Kevin W. Yingling, CEO of Marshall Health Network.

The network consists of Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center, Hoops Family Children's Hospital, Rivers Health, ambulatory facilities, medical offices, employed physician practices as well as Marshall Health physician practices and facilities.

Marshall Health Network's creation provides training for future health care providers, advances research opportunities and promotes health and wellness in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

"This moment brings new meaning to the 'Power of We,'" said Beth L. Hammers, the CEO of Marshall Health, "unifying our voice and amplifying our academic, clinical and research

missions throughout West Virginia and beyond."

"Under the Marshall Health Network banner, we look forward to optimizing resources and initiating a holistic shift in how we deliver healthcare, how we train future healthcare professionals and how we engage with our communities," Hammers said.

Marshall Health Network, Inc. is a not-for-profit academic health system. According to Cooper University Health Care, an academic health system is a group of training hospitals that have aligned and integrated with a medical school. The four hospitals within the Marshall Health Network will serve as the main locations for training medical students.

"This transformative initiative represents our unwavering commitment to advancing health care, education and research for the betterment of our community," Marshall President Brad D. Smith said. "Together, we will build a brighter, healthier future, where innovation and compassion converge to redefine healthcare excellence."

A joint community celebration will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the Marshall University Medical Center/Cabell Huntington Hospital Atrium at 4 p.m.

# Drone Footage Brings Public Reprimand

By **ALAINA LASTER**  
STAFF REPORTER

Marshall received a public reprimand from the Sun Belt Conference after drone footage from the Virginia Tech football game on Sept. 23 was posted online.

The drone footage, which captured players and fans throughout the stadium from above, received over three million views online, but it broke a SBC rule that requires drone footage to conclude one hour before kickoff and resume one hour after the game's conclusion.

"We hired a drone company out of Minnesota to do a campus tour, and so there's a bunch of different scenes," said Dave Traube, the chief marketing officer at Marshall. "But the original plan from the start—and it's more of an academic

than an athletic video, in general, I will say. So, the ultimate plan, it's just kind of a cool, different version of a campus tour. You can think of it that way."

The company, Sky Candy Studios, planned to conclude this campus tour with content from the Virginia Tech football game.

Traube said that the filmmakers thought they had everything taken care of as far as drone regulations were concerned. Unaware that they would be violating the one-hour time limit before kickoff, the drone footage was taken during the pregame.

"There's FAA regulations when you're going to fly a drone over people and stuff like that—this company meets all those regulations. They are a professional company that

does this kind of thing all the time," Traube said.

"Obviously, you're not going to have a drone during a game. I mean, it could die, it could fall out of the sky, it could land on the field while the guys are playing, so there's safety concerns there. But

I would assume the hour before is just them being overly cautious with the safety of the people who attend the game," Traube said.

The University received a public reprimand, and the matter was considered settled, Traube said.

They will not do this again and

were not required to remove the footage from any of the University's social media platforms. The final video of the campus tour, Traube said, can be expected in a couple of weeks.



Sky Candy Studios filmed the footage during the Sept. 23 home football game.

Courtesy of @marshallu on Instagram

## Music Hall of Fame Inductee to Perform on Campus



Pianist Barbara Nissman

Courtesy of West Virginia Public Broadcasting

By **SARAH DAVIS**  
NEWS EDITOR

A hall-of-fame-inducted musician will showcase her talents on

campus Thursday, Oct. 19. Barbara Nissman, pianist and West Virginia Music Hall of Fame inductee, will perform "Music to Love" at 7:30

p.m. on Thursday. The concert, which will feature pieces by Beethoven and other artists, will take place in the Smith Recital

Hall.

Nissman is a renowned musician, being referred to as one of the last great Romantic tradition pianists. She has performed in numerous orchestras around the world, including the British Broadcasting Corporation's Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the London Philharmonic and the National Symphony.

In addition to the concert, Nissman will also teach a master class in Smith Recital Hall on Friday, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m. Those in attendance will hear about the ins-and-outs of piano performances and her experiences with teaching piano.

Both of these events are free and open to the public.

The opportunities offered by Nissman are profound to the Marshall community, said Dr. Henning Vauth, a piano professor for Marshall University's School of Music.

"We are honored to host a guest musician of Barbara Nissman's caliber, who will share her world-class artistry with the community and our students at Marshall," he said in a Marshall University news release.

Nissman will also make an appearance in the Huntington Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Oct. 21. This concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Huntington Museum of Art.

# Aviation Program to Expand

By **MATTHEW SCHAFFER**  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Marshall Board of Governors approved a multi-million-dollar expansion last Wednesday, Oct. 11, to build a new hangar and purchase a helicopter for the Bill Noe Flight School in Charleston.

“The current hangar houses seven airplanes, and when the eighth aircraft arrives later this fall, the hangar will be at capacity,” said Toney Stroud, Marshall’s vice president of strategic initiatives, in the announcement. “The second hangar will allow for additional planes including helicopters.”

Stroud said the expansion

will likely cost no more than \$15 million; however, he also said the success of the aviation program at Marshall justifies the costs.

“Our flight programs have exceeded all expectations with the pilot program at 140% of initial estimates for our enrollment,” Stroud said.

This approval will make Marshall University the only university in the region with a helicopter training program for pilots.

In the same meeting, the Board of Governors moved forward with the approval of construction for the Institute for Cyber Security that will

begin construction on the corner of Fourth Avenue and 16th Street in Huntington, West Virginia.

These approvals aim to continue the trend of increased student retention and enrollment that began this semester

with a 4.5% growth this fall with an increase of 13.7% increase of first-time freshmen.



The N105 is one of the school's aircrafts.

Courtesy of Marshall University Aviation

# Journalism School Alumnus Speaks on Entrepreneurship

By **EMMA GALLUS**  
STAFF REPORTER

Founder of the Huntington Quarterly and Marshall alumnus Jack Houvouras spoke Monday night to students interested in entrepreneurship as a part of the Society for Advancement of Management’s LevelUp Speaker Series.

Houvouras, a 1988 graduate of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and 2021 Hall of Fame inductee, said that it was an honor to come back and speak.

“No one’s ever asked me to come back and talk,” he said.

Over the course of his speech, Houvouras discussed the hardships the Huntington Quarterly went through, the connections and experiences he had and

some of the advice he had received and wanted to share with upcoming entrepreneurs.

“If you fail, so what? You’re 22 years old.”

While at Marshall, Houvouras served in various different roles within The Parthenon, including Executive Editor, where he found his love of feature writing.

“I love writing about people,” he said.

Houvouras started the Huntington Quarterly only a year after graduating and worked “12 hour days, seven days a week” for the first couple of years. The first thing he got for the business was a \$2600 Macintosh computer, where he had to scroll across the two-page layout on the nine-inch screen.

On top of being inducted into the School of Journalism Hall of

Fame in 2021, Houvouras was awarded Business Innovator of the Year by the Herald-Dispatch in 2014. The West Virginia Small Business Association gave Houvouras the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 1994.

He said he remembers his first day in the journalism program and saw Marvin Stone and others up on the wall and thought, “I’ll never get up there, but I’m going to try.”

In his time writing, Houvouras has interviewed many people such as Paul Newman, Chuck Yeager and Brad D. Smith.

The Marshall University Foundation reached out to Houvouras and asked if he would spend the weekend with John Deaver Drinko, the first man to ever give Marshall \$1 million. Houvouras said the “guy was brilliant, but

he went to bed at two in the morning, woke up at five. Wore me out.”

Placing Drinko on the cover led to him being so happy he “ordered 500 copies for his friends in Cleveland,” Houvouras said.

Drinko told Houvouras that Marshall needed a state-of-the-

art library, which he then took to the president of Marshall at the time. Drinko then donated \$2 million and raised another \$2 million on top of that. The John Deaver Drinko Library celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.



Jack Houvouras spoke on Monday, Oct. 9.

Photo by Emma Gallus

# 'God's Not Dead' Presentation Held on Campus

By **VICTORIA WARE**  
OPINIONS AND CULTURE EDITOR

Author of "God's Not Dead" Rice Brooks and physics professor Dr. Eric Hedin explored evidence for the existence of God in a presentation on Monday, Oct. 16.

"I'm not here to say tonight that I have absolute certainty," Brooks said, explaining the purpose of the event. "We're here to basically present the evidence and ask the question tonight, 'Are you willing to follow the evidence wherever it leads?'"

The first talking point in their presentation involved the assertion that the universe had a beginning. Brooks

and Hedin provided an argument against the concept of materialism, a philosophical principle that everything that exists is matter, and, therefore, the only things that can be proven real are material.

"'Maybe a physical law like gravity can bring about something from nothing,' but what is actually at fault with that thought is that gravity is not nothing," Hedin said. "So, it's the one starting point. Gravity only exists if you only have matter or energy or space. If there's nothing, there's no gravity, so you can't have gravity be the cause because it didn't exist until the stuff already existed."

Next, Brooks addressed the concept

of "fine tuning of the universe." He explained how the physical parameters of Earth are fine-tuned and calibrated to the precise point that allows for life to be sustained. He said that life isn't an accident.

Hedin, formerly of Ball State and now with Biola University, said that if the variables and measurements that keep the world alive were to be altered even in a small way, everything would fall apart. He said that this level of detail and precision points to an intelligent mind that dialed everything with exact accuracy. In relation to the precision of the

universe's makeup, the speakers connected this level of detail to the human genome. Hedin referred to the contents of human DNA as "computer code-like information" and cited them as evidence for intelligent design.

The third portion of the presentation surrounded the concepts of good and evil.

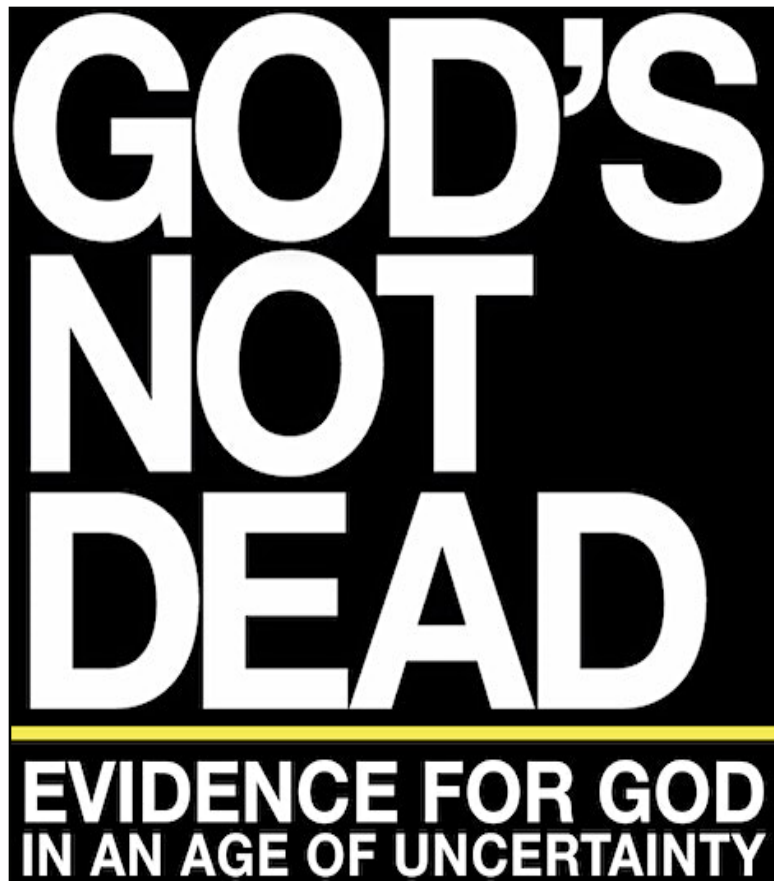
"If there is no God, then basically what we would consider morality is just an illusion," Brooks said. "It's not really there."

Brooks said that God gave humanity the freedom to make choices, and

people have the ability to choose wrong.

The final section of the presentation covered Jesus Christ and the resurrection. Brooks and Hedin examined Christ as a historical figure and said that any true historian would contend he was a real person. The speakers delved into historical accounts of Christ, such as his disciples saying they saw him after his death.

The speakers concluded their presentation by explaining the gospel and praying for the audience.



Poster for the "God's Not Dead" event



Students gathered to watch the "God's Not Dead" presentation.

Photo by Victoria Ware

## Volleyball Loses on the Road to Georgia Southern



The team huddles during the contest.

Courtesy of HerdZone

By **JOEL SPEARS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall faced a tough loss when they fell in three sets to the Georgia Southern Eagles on Friday, Oct. 13.

The Eagles showed their skill in the first set, winning 25-17, while Marshall struggled to gain the upper hand.

Throughout the second and third sets, both teams experienced multiple lead changes and tied scores.

However, Marshall could not maintain control and ultimately lost both sets: 25-17 and 25-16, respectively.

Sarah Wadsworth led the team with seven kills, while Brynn Brown contributed 19 assists and Peyton Neal had 13 digs.

Marshall found themselves on the losing end once again on Saturday, losing to the Eagles in three sets. Despite the loss, coach Ari Aganus

acknowledged the team's effort and fighting spirit.

"It was a tough weekend for us," Aganus said. "We battled but came up short to a very aggressive Georgia Southern team. At times, different pieces clicked, just not all at the same time. Pieces we worked on all week showed up. Now, we just have to really focus on consistency. This team has so much fight and belief. We will get where we know we can be."

The first set featured multiple lead changes and tied scores, but Georgia Southern managed to secure a narrow 25-22 win. The second set saw the Eagles dominating with a 25-15 victory. In the third set, Marshall fought hard but ultimately fell short, losing 25-20.

Brynn Brown took charge on the court with 17 assists, while Peyton Neal contributed with 16 digs and Kylee Stokes recorded nine kills.

## Herd Tennis Battles in Baltimore

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University Tennis Team finished strong at the Greyhounds Women's Tennis Classic in Baltimore over the weekend, Oct. 13-15.

Gabrielle Clairotte and Emily Schut won 2-1 over Lauryn Hall and Averiana Mitchell from Morgan State. The partners also won their singles matches; Clairotte won her singles match in two straight sets over Hall.

The pair went on to defeat Howard University's Dana Hall and Nadia Pegram 2-1 in the semi-

nals to advance them to the Green Draw finals.

Rieke Gillar and Andjela Lopicic swept their opponents from Morgan State 3-0 to reach the Green Draw fifth-place match.

"Our ladies competed hard today, especially in the afternoon," said Robin Cambier, Herd tennis associate head coach. "It's good to compete against regional opponents."

Due to inclement weather, the competitors kept off the courts on Saturday, Oct. 14, and had to wait until Sunday to conclude their remaining finals matches.

Clairotte and Schut carried their

Friday momentum into the final day to win the Green Draw. The pair dominated their opponents from Towson University, beating them 6-1. The Herd also stood out in singles as Schut won via walk-over in singles.

The Herd pairing of Gillar and Lopicic went on to dominate in the consolation finals against Loyola Marymount University, winning 6-2. The pair took down their singles opponents in straight sets to seal the win.

Marshall women's tennis will be back in action Thursday, Oct. 19, in Lynchburg, Virginia, for the ITA Atlantic Regional.



Gabrielle Clairotte celebrates during a match.

Courtesy of HerdZone



## Marshall Football Suffers Second Loss of the Season



Rasheen Ali splits defenders on his way to the end zone.

Courtesy of HerdZone

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a series of defensive and special teams miscues, the Herd lost to the Georgia State Panthers 41-24 on Saturday, Oct. 14, in Atlanta, Georgia.

One bright spot of Saturday's game for the Herd was seeing running back Rasheen Ali score three touchdowns. Quarterback Cam Fancher found Ali in a mesh of Marshall and Georgia State players on a wheel route on the final play of the third quarter for a 65-

yard touchdown reception.

With his 174 all-purpose yards and scoring efforts, Ali remains in the top five in FBS in scoring and rushing touchdowns.

"I thought he did a really good job managing the game," head coach Charles Huff said. "He got the ball to a bunch of different receivers."

Fancher threw for over 300 yards in the contest and for 18 straight completions, not missing a receiver in the second half.

The Panthers got off to a hot start on special teams, blocking a punt and recovering it in the end zone

to add a touchdown to the scoreboard. This put the Panthers up 14-7 in the first quarter.

Marshall's special teams woes reappeared in the crucial moments of the fourth quarter. Down 27-24, the Marshall defense held the Georgia State offense and forced a punt that would give the Herd the ball back and possibly an opportunity to tie or take the lead.

On the punt, though, the Herd special teams unit committed a roughing the kicker penalty which gave the Panthers an automatic first down and resumed its once-

halted drive. Georgia State scored on the drive off of a two-yard quarterback keeper from Darren Grainger to extend the Panthers lead to 34-24.

The Herd had one more opportunity on defense to try for a comeback. Marshall held the Georgia State offense to a crucial third down that the Panthers failed to convert. However, after the play, Marshall standout Owen Porter was called for a personal foul that gave the Panthers the first down and the ball in Herd territory.

The penalty led to a Marcus Car-

roll rushing touchdown to put the game well out of reach for Marshall. Carroll amassed 159 yards on the ground and averaged 5.7 yards per carry.

"We rode our way into this storm, and we've got to ride our way out of it," Huff said. "No one is feeling sorry for us. We've got to get ready to go on Thursday."

Marshall has a short rest period between games this week. The Herd takes on the undefeated James Madison Dukes on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

# Bex Abroad: My Clothes Staying Fresh and My Dome's Getting Big: Grades and School Life

By **BEX LAW**  
STAFF REPORTER

One of the most important things to remember while you're on this magical, life-changing adventure: you are actually here to study. That's why it's called "study abroad" and not "hang out at the pub abroad."

There are a lot of American university customs I love, and there are plenty I hate. Likewise, while I obviously can't speak to the customs of every British school, there are plenty of customs about British universities I love and plenty I hate. Unfortunately, I can't speak to the education systems in other countries. I would highly recommend speaking with the Study Abroad Office at Marshall and connecting with people who have studied in countries

you're interested in. If you're interested in studying in England, hello! Consider me your connection.

Starting with the academic timeline, British universities operate in three trimesters rather than two semesters. The terms run from September to December, January to March, and then undergraduates have a third trimester from April to June while postgraduates have their third trimester from April to August. The trimesters are shorter, as well; I started school on Sept. 18 and will have my last class on Dec. 8.

There are no breaks during the semester, which—frankly—I hate. I didn't realize how much I valued having Thanksgiving break before finals. At Marshall, I dislike that we have a full-week break only to come back to school for one week before

finals. Now that I don't have it, though, I really appreciate that break to sleep in, focus on homework and studying with no other responsibilities and at least try to spend Thanksgiving with friends and family. I guess the grass really is greener on the other side.

As for the British grading system, I certainly wouldn't be as shocked by it if I had grown up with it. To be frank with you, friends, the grading system here is so wack. As it was explained to me in orientation, the system is as follows: a 40% or higher is passing; 50% or higher is a "sound grade;" a 60% or higher is good; a 70% is excellent; and anything higher than 70-79% would be considered publishable work, and the university would be speaking with you about possibilities of paying you for your work.

To my understanding, most students here average around a grade of 55% on their finals. After talking with some students at a few different schools in Cambridge and London, the common consensus as well is that your grades will get progressively worse throughout your years at university.

Grading is done by a blind panel, not

your professor. The only information the panel is given is what year the student is in, but all names and other identifying information is stripped. The panels seem to grade year ones easier than they grade year threes. University is typically only a three-year program in England, effectively combining the freshman and sophomore year. So, if in year one a student was receiving grades of 62% on average, by year three, they will be closer to 56%.

This is all made possible by the fact that there are no graded assignments during the trimester: I have assignments for classes, but they are not graded and there is no consequence during the semester if you don't turn them in. Obviously, the consequence is that you don't learn and become more and more unprepared for the final assignment. Again, I am unable to speak to every standard and custom, but I can tell you that for three of my classes, my final assignment is a portfolio and a reflection, so I would assume that is pretty common.

Courses here are extremely self-led. You have to seek out feedback on things on your own, you have to set your own deadlines, and you have to be really dedicated

and disciplined. It seems like if you express dedication, the professors will respond in kind and take you seriously; I will be able to report on this more after I finish more assignments and receive more feedback—but so far, so good.

One thing I love so much is attendance. Attendance is very serious for international students; retaining a visa depends on documentation of your attendance in class, and you can get deported if you are not going to class. However, instead of reading off everyone's name before class, attendance is taken by tapping your student ID to a card reader in every classroom. You can tap ten minutes before class and ten minutes into class. If for some reason you're late or you forget to tap in, you can speak to the professor and they can take note of your attendance in case of an attendance audit. This is so efficient and such a time-saver. It also ensures I don't lose my student ID, which I am notorious for; and that I always have it on me so I can use it for discounts in stores and pubs around town. It really is a win-win scenario.

I really enjoy how student-led the education is here. I don't think I like the lack of "busy work," though. I like having periodic check-ins on my progress through mid-semester tests and assignments. However, the agency I feel over my work here is empowering. If I am going to learn something this trimester, it is up to me to decide I will. The final assignments, while all due on the same day, are much broader than assignments in America. I can tailor each assignment to play to my strengths and interests. As I am finishing my undergraduate degree and am beginning to look at what my research might focus on in graduate school and into my PhD, it's really nice to be able to point this research towards that now.

I hope midterms went well for you all! I can't believe I actually miss that stress.

See you in 75 days, Marshall!

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### CORRECTIONS:

*In last week's paper, "REVIEW: 'The Book of Will' Celebrates the Legacy of William Shakespeare'" incorrectly named the director. The director was Leah Turley.*

*In last week's paper, "History Department Podcast Covers Israel-Palestine Conflict" confused the historical relevance of the date of the Hamas attack on Israeli soil, which happened a day and 50 years after the start of the Yom Kippur War.*

# 'The Book of Will' Faced Its Challenges



George Kinley, Eliza Aulick, Nikki Riniti, Samantha Phalen and Jimi Lee

Courtesy of Sholten Singe/ The Herald-Dispatch

By **JADA MILLS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

"The Book of Will" which wrapped up its last show night on Saturday, Oct. 7 did not go on without personal struggles for the actors.

"My skirt came down during the performance on Thursday and I had to play it off," said Nikki Riniti, who played Alice. "I was definitely tested during that time, especially my ability to fix things on the spot."

The actors also experienced struggles with the dialect of the play and focused a lot of their time on perfecting it for the audience.

"I wasn't expecting as much laughter as we typically get since the language was a little denser and harder to understand," Riniti said. "It was so rewarding that once the audience really got into it, they were with us the whole time."

Making sure we were hitting every sin-

gle consonant so that people knew what we were saying was a huge challenge, she said.

"The audience turnout was amazing—it was so much better than I even thought it was going to be," Riniti said. "They were so responsive to everything, and they asked so many good questions at the talk-back that we had on the first night of the performance."

Not underplaying the performance was a goal the actors had while preparing for the show in order for the audience to see the importance and meaning behind Shakespeare.

"The stakes for this Shakespeare performance in particular were high since getting all the plays together was life or death for them," Riniti said. "It was so crucial to keep the energy of the play up and to keep the audience caring about the mission of getting the book together."

The School of Theatre has begun practicing for its next performance of another Shakespeare play, "The Winter's Tale."

"The Winter's Tale" will be in the black box theater, so it is going to be very intimate," Riniti said. "There will be a lot fewer seats, and the audience will basically be on stage with you, so that is going to be a very different challenge."

Having background knowledge of the play before coming will be beneficial for the audience to really understand the dialect, Riniti said.

"Shakespeare's work is so beautiful, and I hope people will appreciate it through the show," said Eliza Aulick, who will play Hermione in the play.

"The Winter's Tale" will be the last performance of the semester by The School of Theatre; it will be held Nov. 8-11 and Nov. 15-18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre.

## Pictures From 'Piercing Lights, Silent Shadows'



"Little Explorers Pot Discover" by Dawn Kushner



"More than Just Dust Bunnies" by Dawn Kushner

Photos by Wade Sullivan

# Universities Become Hub for Israel-Palestine Protests Across U.S.



By **MATTHEW SCHAFER**  
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Following the attacks on Israeli soil by Hamas on Oct. 5, college students across the United States have put on demonstrations in support of both Israel and Palestine.

This is one of the most recent instances of student outcry spurred on by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which began in 1947 after the breakup of the Ottoman Empire and the United Nations' adoption of Resolution 181 and has continued its spread into Palestinian territory since its formation. Since then, according

to the Associated Press, over 1,400 Israeli and 2,778 Palestinians have died as Israel declared war on Hamas.

Many pro-Israel student protests have condemned the actions of Hamas and demanded retribution for the victims of the terrorist organization. Meanwhile, pro-Palestinian protesters denounce the continued mistreatment of Palestinian civilians by the state of Israel.

Both sides have criticized their universities, though, but for different reasons. Pro-Israel protestors have cited a failure to condemn the attacks by Hamas, while pro-Palestine protesters have criticized failure to condemn civilian deaths in Gaza.

The conflict has led to a challenge for universities across the U.S.—that being on the protection of free speech—who have tried to remain neutral and maintain student safety as the protests continue.

“This is an incredibly difficult

free speech moment on campuses, where both have deeply passionate, entrenched, intractable views,” said Alex Morey, director of campus right advocacy group Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, in an interview with Associated Press. “We want to create an idea climate for debate and discussion.”

In the weeks following the initial attacks by Hamas on the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, various news agencies reported instances of antisemitic and Islamophobic attacks, noting significant increase in the U.S. Among these was an Illinois landlord fatally stabbing a 6-year-old boy and injuring his mother for being Muslims as a response to the war.

In 2022, the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism, which has tracked antisemitic incidents since 1979, recorded its highest number of cases with 3,700 reports



Palestinian supporters gather for a protest at Columbia University, Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, in New York. Courtesy of Yuki Iwamura/AP

last year. Some Jewish students have quoted this statistic as they fear the conflict will lead to more antisemitic violence.

“Jewish students are afraid,” said David Hidary, a 20-year-old physics major at Columbia University, in an interview with Reuters.

However, the protests have extended beyond the student body. A professor at Columbia University in New York City is now facing an online petition calling for his “immediate removal” after he posted an online article praising the attacks by Hamas. The petition, which has amassed over 30,000 signatures, condemns Joseph Massad, a professor of modern Arab politics and intellectual history, and his comments calling the attacks “awesome”, “astounding,” “incredible” and a “stunning victory.”

While some universities, such as Stanford, have clarified their commitment to neutrality, other campuses have closed their campuses, like Columbia did last Thursday; meanwhile, the Tucson chapter of the University of Arizona canceled a protest that same day, citing “safety concerns.”

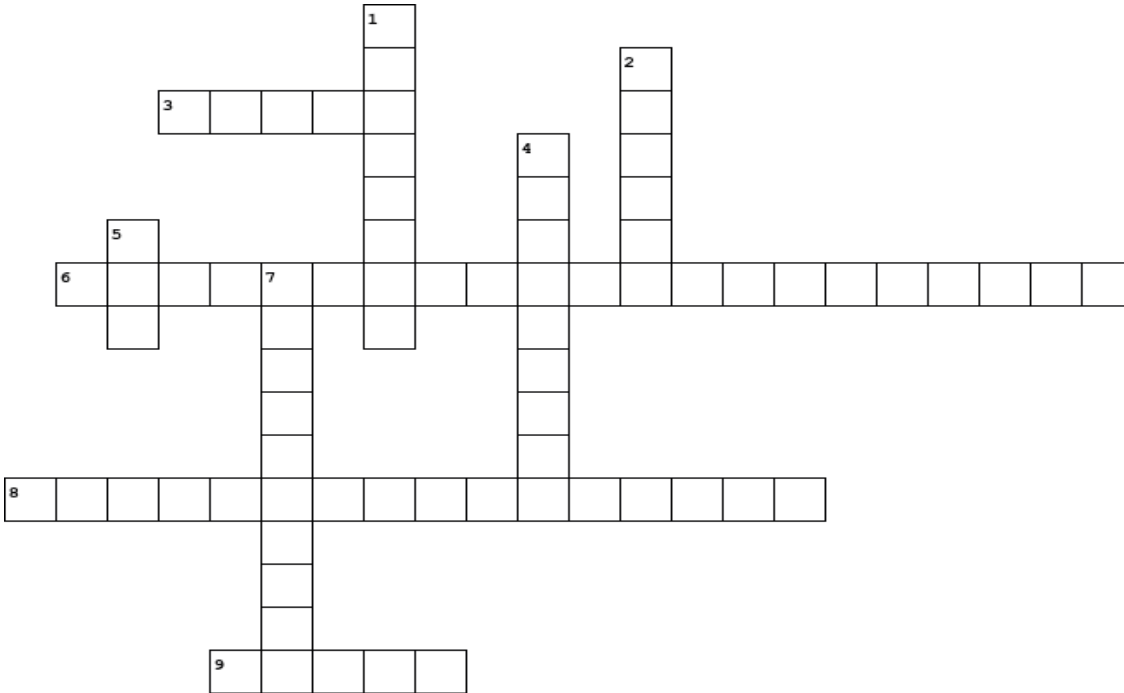
On an international level, Israel's call for the evacuation of civilians and continued air raids in the Gaza Strip have raised concerns over humanitarian aid. The area currently has little access to electricity and consequently no method of water sanitation as well as limited resources for hospitals to provide care for the approximate two million people living in the area.

**The spotlight page highlights stories from college campuses across the U.S.**



Pro-Israel demonstrators sing a song during a protest at Columbia University, Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, in New York. Courtesy of Yuki Iwamura/AP

# Parthenon Puzzle: Crossword #4



### Clues

#### Down:

1. Marshall plays James Madison in this sport Thursday, Oct. 19
2. The state created through U.N. Resolution 181
3. Barbara Nissman is a West Virginia Music Hall of Fame inuctee who plays this instrument
4. Primarily Muslim state that is not recognized by all U.N. members
5. Acronym for Society for Advancement of Management
6. Announced to replace Mountain Health Network
7. Marshall will be the first flight program in the region to have this type of aircraft
8. They approced expansions to the flight school
9. Remote-controlled aircraft

#### Across:

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

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# Med School Launches Rural Residency

By SARAH DAVIS  
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After opening its doors in 2021, a new medical residency program is now in full swing.

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's rural residency program, in collaboration with the Marshall Community Health Consortium and Logan Regional Medical Center, welcomed its first three residents in the summer of 2023.

The residency suite, located at Logan Regional Medical Center, was officially applauded by the community with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The new program will allow residents to reach rural communities for their general surgical needs. It was made possible by the school's surgical faculty and funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration, according to Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, the vice dean of Graduate Medical Education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

"I am extremely proud of our out-

standing general surgery faculty who have embraced the opportunity to provide high quality surgery training in a rural medical center," she said in a Marshall University news release. "The program would not have been possible without HRSA support and the hard work of countless individuals."

Following an accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education in 2022, the program is the United States' first separately accredited rural residency training track program.

This program is expected to leave an impact on rural West Virginia communities, according to Dr. David Go-

zal, the vice president of health affairs and dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

"To truly be a rural health care leader, we must identify scalable solutions with a lasting impact," Gozal said in a Marshall University news release. "Rural residency programs are one such solution where we're already

seeing immediate results. We look forward realizing the full impact this training program will have in southern West Virginia and beyond in the coming years."



Med school faculty cut the ribbon to launch their new rural residency program.

Courtesy of Marshall University  
News

## Crossword Answer Key: (Flip for Answers)

- Down:**  
1. Football  
2. Israel  
3. SAM  
4. Palestine  
5. SAM  
6. Catalyst  
7. Helicopter
- Across:**  
3. Catalyst  
4. Marshall Health Network  
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