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Homecoming Edition

Homecoming Royalty Announces Service Projects

By **ABIGAIL CUTLIP**
GRAPHICS AND PHOTO EDITOR

Griffin Wagoner and Semoni Weaver were crowned Mr. and Miss Marshall on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Homecoming game.

With platforms based on foster care and domestic violence awareness,

the Homecoming royalty winners said they are excited to start making changes to the Marshall community.

“What’s next is getting action started in my platform,” Weaver said. “So, meeting with the correct people and just applying my platform into Marshall and the Huntington community.”

Meanwhile, as the new Mr. Marshall, Wagoner said he would “work hard and put together [his] platform.”

“Starting October first, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we’ll be hosting a community and campus-wide item-of-need drive for the survivors in Branches Domestic Violence

Shelter here in Huntington,” he said.

He plans for the community to put together welcome home baskets to donate to the shelter.

Wagoner was sponsored by his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi and the Criminal Justice Association; meanwhile, Weaver was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

The Homecoming court was introduced by Student Body President Walker Tatum and Matt James, director of alumni relations.

Nevaeh Harmon, Miss Marshall from 2022, announced the winners

over a pre-recorded video, and Calvin Hunter, Mr. Marshall 2022, attended the game to crown Wagoner. Harmon could not attend the game because she competed in the 2023 Miss USA pageant in Nevada the day prior.

“It feels amazing,” Weaver said about her win. “I’m so glad to be able to represent so much at Marshall University and be a small representation for everything that I’m a part of.”



The homecoming royalty stands with their families, President Brad D. Smith and Calvin Hunter, Mr. Marshall 2022.

Photo by Abigail Cutlip

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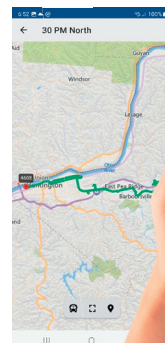
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MyMU Workshop Focuses on Design Thinking



Marshall hosts workshops with IT to improve MyMU.

Courtesy of Cody Hall

By **EVAN GREEN**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A week-long design thinking workshop was hosted by Marshall University's Information Technology Service Desk last week in partnership with Attain Partners to better understand how they can improve Marshall's online portal, MyMU.

The workshop included a number of different activities, including identifying pain points and finding ways to optimize the user experience. The volunteers met in Corbly Hall throughout the week to participate in design thinking activities that would help Attain and Marshall IT as they redesign MyMU over the coming months.

"The general idea of this project is to be able to use design thinking to implement a portal for our students, faculty and staff that's going to invigorate the community and make things better, seamless, easier-to-use,

all those buzz words," said Cody Hall, IT systems integration specialist. Hall hosted the workshop in collaboration with Jennifer Best, a change manager with Attain.

"The idea of change management and design thinking is that, with technology implementations, if we don't deliver a product that is effective and loved by our humans that we are delivering it to, then we probably have not accomplished the goal we set out to do," Best said.

Best also explained the basic principles of design thinking, which has become increasingly popular at Marshall following the development of the iCenter.

Design thinking has three main steps: deep customer empathy, going broad to go narrow and rapid prototyping. The workshop aimed to follow these steps to discover various aspects of the MyMU portal that could

improve.

"We were able to map out seven or eight pretty intense and convoluted processes that not only focus on the student process, it's like, 'Who else is involved in it?' 'What systems are we in?' 'Where are their pain points?' 'What are their ideas for future improvements?' That, in and of itself, is a gigantic accomplishment because process mapping is hard work," Best said. "We also have really uncovered what's important to us as we move forward, where we want to head in the spirit of this implementation."

According to Hall, while there is no set date for the newly renovated MyMU's release, it is expected to be fully launched by the start of orientation next year, as this gives IT an opportunity to teach incoming freshmen how to use the new program.

Homecoming Bonfire Lights up Harless Field

By **KAITLYN FLEMING**
STUDENT REPORTER

Students and staff alike described this year's pep rally and bonfire on Friday, Sept. 29, as a tradition that brings the Marshall community together.

Dr. Marcie Simms, vice president for intercultural and student affairs, said that the pep rally and bonfire serves as a "tradition that brings two groups of people together," the alumni and current students.

Meanwhile, Gabby Bellville, a sophomore and Marshall Dance Team member, said she enjoyed seeing Marshall students come together.

"It's an event that gives everyone the opportunity to become one as a student body," she said. "It just makes everything more exciting."

The pep rally and bonfire also featured the introduction of the homecoming court and their platforms. Audience members heard from Kim Stephens, the Marshall Women's Basketball coach, as well as the announcement of

the winning parade floats, with Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Sigma Phi taking first place.

While the annual pep rally and bonfire took place on the Friday of Homecoming week, it used to take place on a Thursday, Simms said.

"Moving the bonfire to Friday allowed alumni and parents to come in from out of town, which allows everyone to get together and get pumped up for the game," Simms said.

The pep rally and bonfire also aligned with the University's Parent and Family Weekend, combining all extensions of the Marshall community and allowing students, parents and alumni to bond over past and current Marshall traditions.

For people like Tiffany Hartman, assistant dean of student life, the pep rally and bonfire serves as an "endpoint," as she said, of not only the parade but the festivities of Homecoming week leading up to Saturday's football game.



Marshall Dance Team performs at the homecoming bonfire.

Photo by Kaitlyn Fleming

Hoops in Huntington Takes Over Downtown

BY BAYLEE PARSONS
COPY EDITOR

Dark skies didn't stop the Herd from storming Pullman Square Thursday evening, Sept. 28, for the second annual Hoops in Huntington event.

Sponsored by Marshall athletics, Hoops in Huntington featured the Men's and Women's Basketball teams interacting with fans and competing with one another. This year, the women's swimming & diving team also joined the basketball players for the event.

Hoops in Huntington provided fans with the opportunity to meet Marshall's athletes and to preview upcoming events during basketball season.

Meanwhile, Kamdyn Curfman,

a senior on the men's basketball team, said that it was good for the athletes themselves to see how much support they have. Acknowledging the amount of children in attendance, Curfman described the experience as a chance to "inspire another generation."

Hoops in Huntington kicked off at 6 p.m., opening with autograph tables for each team, knockout competitions for audience members and a dunk tank for the divers. Local vendors and hundreds of fans lined the streets.

Kim Caldwell, the women's basketball head coach, had never been to the event before, and the number of fans who came shocked her.

"It's amazing," she said. "I knew

it was going to be an awesome event, but we're still about an hour out, and it's packed."

Caldwell went on to say that she hopes next year's crowd will be even larger and require even more space.

At 7 p.m., the teams were introduced, and the excitement commenced. With an outdoor court spanning a block of Third Avenue, the teams went head-to-head in skills competitions and 3-point contests.

Dan D'Antoni, men's basketball head coach, said that Downtown Huntington is one of the few places that such an event can take place. He also said that it is a good opportunity to "enjoy the community and be a part of something that's outside yourself."



Marshall athletics sponsored Hoops in Huntington, which featured the athletes interacting with fans and competing with one another.

Photo by Baylee Parsons

Party on the Plaza Kicks Off Homecoming Weekend



Marco dressed as Mario for Party on the Plaza.

Photo by Jada Mills

BY JADA MILLS
STUDENT REPORTER

Party on the Plaza marked the beginning of Homecoming weekend on Friday, Sept. 29, through the combined efforts of various departments and organizations from across the University.

Hosted by the Marketing and Communications Department, the event welcomed back alumni for a Friday of fun before the Homecoming parade and game.

"This event is for the entire Marshall community," said Malory Jarrell, director of events

and brand management. "We want everyone to enjoy this time together, have some lunch, play some games, listen to the band and meet our Homecoming Royalty Court."

University Communications and the President's Office sponsored walking tacos for lunch, and the Alumni Board of Directors served the food to the community.

The Marching Thunder, Marshall Athletics, the Office of Intercultural Student Affairs and various organizations related to alumni relations, student activities and Greek life also celebrated at the event.

Jarrell explained that the Party on the Plaza, formerly known as Picnic on the Plaza, underwent restructuring this year to provide

more entertainment for guests.

"This event is the official welcome to the alumni who are in town for the game," said Matt James, the executive director of alumni relations. "This is a kick-off celebration for our campus community. We reveal who the winner of the office decorating contest is, and we get to honor the classes of 1973 and 1998 by holding their class reunion celebration tonight at 4 p.m. We haven't been able to honor those folks since the pandemic, so bringing back the tradition is really great."

"Our Marshall story is unique. Homecoming allows us to celebrate everything we are as a community and all we have done," James went on to say. "It

is an honor to be a part of this special story. When we say we are a family, it means a little bit more to us. You can't go anywhere in the world wearing Marshall gear and someone not yell, 'We Are' or 'Go Herd.'"

Semoni Weaver, a senior and Homecoming royalty candidate, said, "Athletics is a big thing here at Marshall, so having a Homecoming game is a great way to unite us as a community and welcome the alumni back to their home."

Weaver also said, "I am super excited and blessed to be a part of the Homecoming Royalty Court this year. It is a great opportunity to get our names out there, and it's been a wonderful learning experience for all of us."

Black Alumni Organization Inducts Inaugural Hall of Fame Class



Black Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees and Behalves (from left to right) : Cheryl White (on behalf of Roy Goines), Wendy Thomas (on behalf of Ed Starling), Marie Redd, Dr. Kimberly Austin, Joseph Williams, Victoria Smith, William Smith and Delegate Sean Hornbuckle.

Photo by Sarah Davis

By SARAH DAVIS
NEWS EDITOR

The first 10 African-American alumni inducted into the Black Alumni Hall of Fame are a testament to the mission of the organization, said the president of Marshall University's Black Alumni at the induction.

"Our goal is to be an olive branch for the current students," said LaKeisha Barron-Brown, president of MUBA. "So that way, once they graduate, we did have an avenue to pair them with alumni from future endeavors of their profession as well."

She went on to say, "We recognize that there are a lot of great people that come through the University, and we felt like what better way than to honor them for what they've

done while they were here on campus and then what they're doing out here in their respective communities."

The organization hosted its first hall of fame induction ceremony on Friday, Sept. 29, at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

The inaugural class, which stretches across multiple decades, consists of 10 inductees: Roy Goines, Ed Starling, William Redd, Marie Redd, Joseph Williams, Katherine Dooley, William Smith, Victoria Smith, Delegate Sean Hornbuckle and Dr. Kimberly Austin.

Marie Redd, inductee and former state senator, spoke about the roots of the organization and its impact. Redd was the first African-American to be elected as a West

Virginia senator. Her late husband, William Redd, was one of the founding members of Black Alumni.

"I have been here since the inception of this organization," she said. "The legacy is accepting love where you are."

She went on to honor her husband and his colleagues that started the association.

"They had bricks in their hands because they wanted something in bricks and mortar to recognize the contribution of African American students at Marshall University," she said.

Dr. Kimberly Austin was among the inductees. She was the first African-American Yeager Scholar at Marshall University.

Joseph Williams was also

inducted into the hall of fame. Williams is a former mayor of the city of Huntington and a new fire station in the community is named after him.

Delegate Sean Hornbuckle, surprised by his induction, expressed that it is an honor to be a part of the inaugural class.

"Marshall's home. Marshall's family," Hornbuckle said. "I'm speechless."

Hornbuckle went on to advise Black Alumni to never give up in their endeavors.

"At the end of the day, we're here. We're doing our best that we can to move everyone forward," he said.

Inductee Roy Goines joined the ceremony virtually from California. Goines was the first African-American Marshall football player and the first African-American to receive an academic scholarship from the University.

Like Goines, inductee Katherine Dooley joined the ceremony virtually. Dooley, in addition to her law practice, serves as a founding member of African American Philanthropy in Action, a group of non-profit organizations that work to support the African-American community.

Couple William and Victoria Smith explained their gratitude for the organization, saying that they are "blessed and highly favored."

One of the inductees, the late Ed Starling, was remembered

during the ceremony. Starling served as interim and associate athletic director following the 1970 Marshall football plane crash, replacing the deceased Charlie Kautz.

Also joining the inaugural class, Janis Winkfield was honored at the ceremony. Winkfield served on the executive committee of Black Alumni before her death in 2009.

Campus organization Black United Students, which held their Miss Captivating Pageant earlier in the week, sent representatives in Miss Captivating Cyrah Moore and president Aliyah Crozier.

"I think the ceremony is a great honor, just to see so many great people who have made an impact on this community," Moore said. "It's a great event to have—especially for Homecoming week—just seeing all of the alumni come back."

Marshall President Brad D. Smith and First Lady Alys Smith also attended the induction. Smith received an honorary award during the ceremony, which he described as a surprising one.

"I am so humbled by what they have done for this institution. What they represent and the fact that they have honored me in this way is breathtaking," Smith said. "I would have never imagined. I didn't expect it, and I'm humbled."

Month of Service Returns to Campus

By **TASHA ESSELSTEIN**
STUDENT REPORTER

October marks the fifth consecutive year of the Month of Service, in which the entire month will be devoted to charitable acts and contributions benefiting communities across West Virginia.

The Tatum/Yang administration, in collaboration with Marshall's SGA, is teaming up with the Santmyer/Dozier administration at WVU and WVU's SGA to designate October as the yearly month dedicated to community service.

Walker Tatum, Marshall University student body president, shares, "Through these initiatives we are focusing on, we will be combatting hardships that our communities face within our state."

"The areas of focus are health and hygiene, food insecurity, literacy and education and giving back to the communities that give us so much each and every day," Tatum adds.

Both West Virginia University and Marshall are asking for students, staff, alumni and community members to help their SGA give back to the community through local charities and events on campuses.

Numerous regional charities will participate in the Month of Service, including The Giving Palm, CASA for Kids, Marshall University Food Pantry, The Rack and several more. Many events are upcoming with initiatives including food, hygiene, clothing drives, community clean-up efforts and blood drives in each community. Additionally, there will be book drives aimed at collecting books for K-12 students through The Giving Palm.

For the food drives, the primary focus will be on collecting items such

as canned fruits and vegetables, dry pasta, jelly, granola and protein bars, low-sugar cereals, grains, mac and cheese, shelf-stable milk and can openers.

For the clothing drives, items such as underwear, socks, pants, coats and jackets, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, business-casual interview attire, shoes, laundry detergent and dryer

sheets would be greatly appreciated.

Regarding the hygiene drives, the emphasis will be on collecting essential items such as toilet paper, soap, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, mouthwash, towels, feminine hygiene products, lotion, baby diapers and wipes and nail clippers.



Current Student Body Vice President
Callia Yang participating in the Month
of Service.

Courtesy of Student Government
Association

Business Hall of Fame Names New Inductees

By **BEX LAW**
STAFF REPORTER

Four members of the Marshall community have been inducted into the Business Hall of Fame and will be celebrated at a ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

All inductees into the Lewis College of Business Business Hall of Fame are either graduates of Marshall or individuals who have made a significant impact on Marshall. The Business Hall of Fame Class of 2023 includes Charles R. Hageboeck, Dr. Robert A. Hess, H.D. "Dutch" Miller and Thomas B. Wright III. Miller, the founding owner of Dutch Miller Auto Group now known as the Miller Auto Group, was inducted posthumously. He was also a founding board member of the Yeager Scholars.

Hageboeck is the president and CEO of City National Bank and City Holding Company. He also taught finance for the Lewis College of Business. Dr. Don Capener, dean of the Lewis College of Business, said Hageboeck "contributed his time and energy developing our graduates that were employed by City National Bank."

Hess is the president and co-founder of OVP HEALTH.

"Robert A. Hess, M.D., is a 1984 Marshall graduate and health care entrepreneur working in our community to address the critical issues of addiction and geriatrics," Capener said.

Wright is the executive vice president, chief human resources officer and executive director of the Leadership Center within the Berry Institute at Children's Mercy Hospital of Kansas City, Missouri.



Charles R. Hageboeck



Dutch Miller



Robert A. Hess



Thomas B. Wright III

Marshall Outlasts ODU in Homecoming Game



Tight End Cade Conley celebrates.

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**
SPORTS EDITOR

Remaining undefeated for a fourth week, Marshall knocked off Old Dominion 41-35 in the highly contested Homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

Quarterback Cam Fancher led the the Herd's offensive onslaught, who tallied nearly 380 total yards of offense; he completed 29 passes on 35 attempts, accounting for 278 air yards, and he rushed over 100 yards on 15 carries.

"I know everybody wants (Ra-shen) Ali to have 100 yards and eight touchdowns. That ain't it," said head coach Charles Huff. "You know we want to be

able to move the ball efficiently. We want to be able to run the ball as a team, however that is, and then we want to be able to put points on the board, which I thought we did a good job of today, for the most part."

Running back Ali accounted for two of the Herd's touchdowns on Saturday, marking his fourth straight week of scoring multiple touchdowns.

The Herd struggled to control the ball, though, losing two fumbles during the game.

Although Marshall trailed the Monarchs 21-3 in the second quarter, Fancher ignited Marshall's scoring with a one-yard pass to Cade Conley that found the end zone. Before halftime, Fancher passed the ball to wide

receiver Caleb Coombs for a 22-yard touchdown.

Statistically, Coombs had the best game of his career in Kelly green, finishing with eight receptions for 76 yards and his first touchdown as a member of the Thundering Herd.

The Monarchs' lead fell to only four points going into halftime, leading the Herd 21-17.

After the Herd gained 94 yards on nine plays in the third quarter, Ali capped off the advantage with a one-yard touchdown, and the team took their first lead of the game at 24-21.

In the second half, Marshall had an offensive miscue on a toss play. Old Dominion's defender Wayne Matthews scooped the ball off the turf and raced

towards the end zone. Fancher dove for the defender's legs to stop the Monarch from advancing the ball any farther.

On the Monarchs' first offensive play following Marshall's turnover, defensive lineman Elijah Alston snagged the ball from quarterback Jack Shields' pass. Alston tucked the ball and ran 85 yards, outrunning Old Dominion's offense and extending the Herd's lead to 10.

Refusing to go down without a fight, Monarch running back Kadarius Calloway found a gaping hole in Marshall's defense and broke off a 75-yard touchdown run to bring Old Dominion within one score.

Calloway proved to be a problem for Marshall's defense,



Caleb Coombs outruns the defense.

Photos by Abigail Cutlip

breaking off three touchdown runs of over 60 yards.

In the latter half of the fourth quarter, Old Dominion tried to take back the lead. The Marshall defense, however, did not cooperate with the Monarchs' plans. Alston made his presence known in the backfield, forcing Shields to release the ball and leading defensive back J.J. Roberts to intercept the pass.

Marshall's defense held on for one more late drive from Old Dominion, preserving the lead and securing the win.

The Herd goes on the road for their next contest against North Carolina State in Raleigh, North Carolina on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Men's Soccer Makes History

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**
SPORTS EDITOR

Setting a program-best win streak of 10-0, the No. 1 Marshall Men's Soccer Team defeated Georgia Southern 3-1 on Sunday, Oct. 1, in Statesboro, Georgia.

The Herd's previous high was a nine-game win streak that was set in 1997.

"It's nice to get in the record books for the guys," said head coach Chris Grassie. "They deserve it. They've worked incredibly hard. It's an honor to be in the record book at Marshall, but we're not going to be happy until we get a trophy."

Georgia Southern's Jack Ireland struck first in the 33rd minute to put the Eagles up 1-0 in the late stages of the first half. Ireland's goal marked the first time the Herd has trailed through 10 matches this season.

Only four minutes later, Marshall drew a penalty inside the box, resulting in a penalty kick. Adam Aoumaich buried the penalty kick into the bottom



Aoumaich and Silva celebrate during the contest.

Courtesy of HerdZone

left corner of the goal, tying the match.

Aoumaich sent a pass two minutes later from the right flank to the far side of the goal, where Pablo Simon headed the ball behind the back of the goalie and put the Herd up 2-1.

Later, in the 79th minute, Aoumaich drew a penalty inside the box, giving Morris Duggan an opportunity to extend the Herd's lead. Duggan took the opportunity to net his first goal of the season, advancing the Herd's

lead 3-1.

"I thought we were good in spells tonight," Grassie said. "I think we could have been a little more clinical. We created a lot of chances, but fair play to Georgia Southern. I thought they defended really well and kept repelling us from their box a little bit. We just stuck at it. It wasn't a pretty performance."

The Herd returns home on Saturday, Oct. 7, to face Georgia State at 7:15 p.m.

Women's Soccer Wins

By **JOEL SPEARS**
STUDENT REPORTER

The women's soccer team took a win home over Troy in a 2-1 road victory on Saturday, Sept. 30. Despite facing an early setback, the Herd rallied to secure the win with goals from Cassidy Bell and Bailey Fisher.

The Trojans made an explosive start to the match, finding the back of the net just 36 seconds into the contest thanks to a goal from Gabrielle Chartier. However, Marshall regained its composure and kept playing.

Head coach Michael Swan's team demonstrated its fighting spirit throughout the rest of the match. It was Bell who stepped up to equalize for Marshall, finding the back of the net to level the score.

"Great win on the road tonight," coach Swan said. "You have to put in those gutsy performances on the road, and I thought we were brilliant in the second half. The level tonight that came off the bench tonight was the difference tonight. Couldn't be happier for them."

With her header in the 49th minute, Fisher added another match-winning goal to raise her tally on the season to four. Abi Hugh assisted Fisher's goal by delivering the cross.

Marshall's win marks its sixth victory of the year, effectively ending a challenging period where it faced difficulties in four consecutive matches. Marshall faces Old Dominion back at home on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Cross Country Competes at 'Live in Lou'

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall Cross Country Team competed against over 75 teams at the historic Live in Lou Classic in Louisville, on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The women's team finished as the top Sun Belt Conference competitors and 16th overall. The men finished as the second-best Sun Belt Conference representative and placed 33rd overall. Both teams competed in the premier Gold Race of the competition.

Parkersburg, West Virginia native Abby Herring finished 6th in the women's 5k with a time of 17:08, which marks her second top-10 finish at the Louisville

classic, having won the Silver Race in 2021. Senior Evan White led the men's team in the 8k race, finishing in 24:56.

"I'm very proud of the crew today," said head coach Caleb Bowen. "Today was one of those days where it's all about competing and pushing through the second half of the race. Our pack on both sides is getting stronger and closer together. We'll need to be as strong and as close as possible at the conference championship here in a month, but I feel like we are right on track with where we want to be."

The Herd will travel to College Station, Texas, to compete in the Texas A&M Arturo Barrios Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Swim and Dive Host Green & White Meet

By **KADANN BONECUTTER**
STUDENT REPORTER

Diving into the start of a new season, the women's swim and dive team hosted its Green and White Meet at the Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium on Saturday, Sept. 30.

In typical Herd fashion, the swimmers were divided into two teams:

Green and White. Team White went home with the win over Team Green, with a total of 161-128 points.

"It was a great way to kick off the season, with a little less pressure to get in the swing of things for next weekend," diver Grace Kelsheimer said.

The Herd will be traveling to

WVU to compete in the West Virginia State Games on Friday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 7. WVU's swim and dive team holds a record of 5-0 to Marshall.

"We're pleased with what we saw today," head coach Ian Walsh said. "We saw some positive things we're going to take to the West Virginia Games."

Bex Abroad: The Other Side of Studying Abroad

By **BEX LAW**
STAFF REPORTER

Reader, I think it's time for me to come clean. I have made a few mistakes in this journey abroad. It also has not been the easy transition I have told Instagram it was.

I think it's important to talk about the other side of studying abroad, because it really is a big deal. It is a huge amount of changes in a short amount of time. There is a lot of support from the Study Abroad Office before going, and there is a lot of support from your exchange university when first getting here. When you're reading this, I will have been in England for exactly one month. I am

certainly no expert, but let's talk about the ups and downs.

My first big mistake was packing. I brought two large suitcases, a backpack and a tote bag purse. Packing was stressful; when I landed in England, it was 92 degrees, so I needed to pack to transition from midsummer through midwinter. I brought too many clothes, for sure. I brought a few things that I hardly wear at home, and if you can't imagine wearing something once a week, I would recommend not packing it. However, my real packing mistakes came in the miscellaneous stuff I brought.

I packed a backpack—not the one I

used as a carry-on, which is my travel backpack, but a school backpack, a little leather bag that I love. It's the perfect size for weekend travel and has come in handy, but it took up so much space in my suitcase. Here's the thing: they sell cute backpacks in England for the same price that I paid for my American backpack.

I ended up paying \$200 at the airport because both my suitcases were overweight. I have already bought a third suitcase to travel home with because I had absolutely no room in my suitcases for souvenirs, which I have already acquired. I didn't bring a "fancy" dress, and was invited to a fancy night out at the theatre which required a cocktail dress. I didn't bring a scarf or an umbrella because I ran out of room due to my vacuum-packed stuffed animals, which they also sell here!

I know that comfort items are important, but I went overboard. I brought a lot of printed out pictures, one art poster and a mini Marshall flag. I have found that having these pictures and having a few things on the wall have brought me infinitely more comfort than having my three stuffed animals, my fairy lights and a backpack I bought from Amazon.. I wish I had been more critical when packing clothes, bringing enough clothes that I could be comfortable in any season but only bringing things I love and want to wear often, and had focused less on recreating my apartment in Huntington. I could have saved \$200, not had to buy a third suitcase for the things I gather here and had more of the necessities like umbrellas and a third pair of shoes (I only have tennis shoes and Crocs and neither work for a night out at the theatre).



Courtesy of Bex Law

My second mistake was my start date. I remember at one point knowing that Week of Welcome started Sept. 11 and that classes started Sept. 18, but in the stress and excitement, I just forgot. So, I dutifully came to England on Sept. 4, landing Sept. 5, and I was meant to go to an orientation on Sept. 7. I was jet lagged and slept through it. I woke up on Sept. 11 ready to go to school, only to see on my school calendar that I had no appointments that day.

I ended up going to see my friends in London for a week, but if I was in a country where I didn't know anyone, I would have just sat in my apartment, maybe going out once or twice to explore. I would have nothing to do but stress, miss my friends and spend money. I have learned to not only double-check dates but triple, and maybe even quadruple, check dates and times.

Read the full story online.

Bob Dylan Comes to Huntington

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
MANAGING EDITOR

Grammy-award-winning songwriter Bob Dylan will come to Huntington on Nov. 30 as a part of the Marshall Artists Series.

The Nobel prize winner will perform at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center at 8:00 p.m. with tickets going on sale through Ticketmaster at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. Marshall students will be able to attend for free as a part of the series.

This marks one of many stops in his heavy tour schedule that has spanned over half a decade with his most recent album, *Rough and Rowdy Ways* garnering critical acclaim.



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WMUL-FM Car Bash Highlights Homecoming

By SARAH DAVIS
NEWS EDITOR

Destroying a car can be quite the stress reliever, said a director for Marshall's student radio station at its 21st annual WMUL-FM Car Bash.

"It's just a very good way to release all of our stress and built-up anger that we have going towards our opponents," said Samantha Riddle, WMUL's social media director.

The station hosted the car bash on Thursday, Sept. 28, at Buskirk Field. Students paid \$1 to hit a car decorated for Old Dominion University, the University's opponent for the Homecoming game last Saturday. This year's car displayed different shades of blue on the body and neon green on the wheels.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., participants received sledgehammers, gloves and protective equipment to

put a dent in the vehicle. They also signed a waiver before picking up the safety glasses.

Students Simone Svingos and Kiana Ramberac found the experience to be an exhausting, yet a helpful one.

"I have been here for three years, and this is the first time I've come down here," Svingos said. "I am really excited that I actually did it for the first time."

"I've always seen it out, and it looked really fun," Ramberac said. "This is basically an outside rage room."

The bashed car was displayed at the Homecoming parade Friday, Sept. 29, where community members had the opportunity to check out the damages.



Students participating in the WMUL-FM Car Bash

Photo by Abigail Cutlip

Cyrah Moore Named Miss Captivating



Shayla Hammond, Tamara Cheeks, Tia Wooding, Zy'Aira Keene, Cyrah Moore and Gabby McNab

Photo by Wade Sullivan

By WADE SULLIVAN
STUDENT REPORTER

After competing over a timespan of about three hours, Cyrah Moore won the crown of the Miss Captivating Pageant on Wednesday night, Sept. 27.

She competed in five categories against Shayla Hammond, Tamara Cheeks, Tia Wooding, Zy'Aira Keene and Gabby McNab.

As the winner of the Miss Captivating Pageant, Moore, a Marshall senior and member of Black United Students, received a \$500 check from Black United Students and were crowned alongside Marshall Royalty at the Marshall vs. ODU

game on Saturday, Sept. 30.

She described winning the pageant as an honor and said that competing this year has brought her out of her shell.

"I did not even think that I could get up on stage and do the things that I did today," Moore said, "but it definitely made me a much more confident person."

Shaunte Polk, the Black United Students faculty advisor, called the Miss Captivating Pageant the brainchild of the former Black United Students president, Tanika Williams. The pageant is a revamp of what used to be Miss Black Pearl, which passed down its main

theme of "promoting scholarship beyond beauty," Polk said.

"Sometimes, we as women don't feel confident getting up in those outfits or even in front of an audience," she said.

Moore, however, praised her competitors for their beauty.

"Everybody looked so beautiful," she said. "It's definitely a big platform to have and to hold. So, I'll definitely keep it at its pedestal and make sure that I obtain the worth of this crown."

Ohio's K-12 Education Overhaul Will Take Effect Despite Court Order

By **SAMANTHA HENDRICKSON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least part of a Republican-backed overhaul of the Ohio's K-12 education system will take effect as planned, despite a court order Monday delaying the changes after a lawsuit said they violate the constitution.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce will replace the Ohio Department of Education, GOP Gov. Mike DeWine said in a news conference, assuring that operations like school funding, approval of voucher applications and other "essential functions of government" will continue.

The governor's announcement came minutes after Franklin County Court Magistrate Jennifer Hunt ordered the extension of a previous temporary restraining order on the overhaul until a judge can sign off on whether to put it on hold indefinitely.

"It's important that support be given to our teachers. It's important for our school children in the state of Ohio," DeWine said. "As governor, I'm not going to allow this situation to exist where we don't know where we're going because of this court ruling."

Under the latest state budget that enshrined the overhaul into law, the current ODE ceases to exist at midnight Tuesday. That same law, DeWine argues, mandates the existence of the DEW immediately after the old department is void, with or without him doing anything about it.

But to comply with the court order,

DeWine said, his office and the rest of the executive branch will not take "any affirmative action" on major decisions still pending, such as appointing a new director of the DEW and transferring department powers to that person. In the meantime, DEW will be led by the current interim state superintendent of public instruction, Chris Woolard.

"We believe based on what our lawyers tell us that the new department can in fact function," DeWine said.

Skye Perryman, president and CEO of Democracy Forward, a national legal services nonprofit that is representing the board members and parents who filed the lawsuit, said they will "continue to defend democracy and public education in Ohio" and reminded the governor that if he doesn't comply with the order, he could be in contempt of court.

Under the overhaul, oversight of Ohio's education department would shift from the Ohio State Board of Education and the superintendent it elects to a director appointed by the governor. Many of the board's other powers, including decisions on academic standards and school curricula, would be transferred to the new director.

The lawsuit brought against DeWine and the state challenges its constitutionality on multiple grounds.

First, the suit contends, the overhaul strips a constitutionally created and citizen-elected board of most of its duties and gives undue power to the governor. Second, it violates

Ohio's "single subject rule" by shoving a massive measure into the state budget so close to the budget deadline out of fear it would not pass as its own bill. And finally, the budget didn't receive the constitutionally mandated number of readings after the education measure was added.

The lawsuit was initially brought

by seven state board members, and they were joined Monday by new plaintiffs: the Toledo Board of Education and three parents of public school children. Two of the parents are current state BOE members.

The education overhaul has been controversial since it was first introduced in the Legislature in 2022.

Supporters say it will bring order to what they see as a disorganized system bogged down by political infighting that, as a result, hasn't addressed issues facing Ohio's schoolchildren.

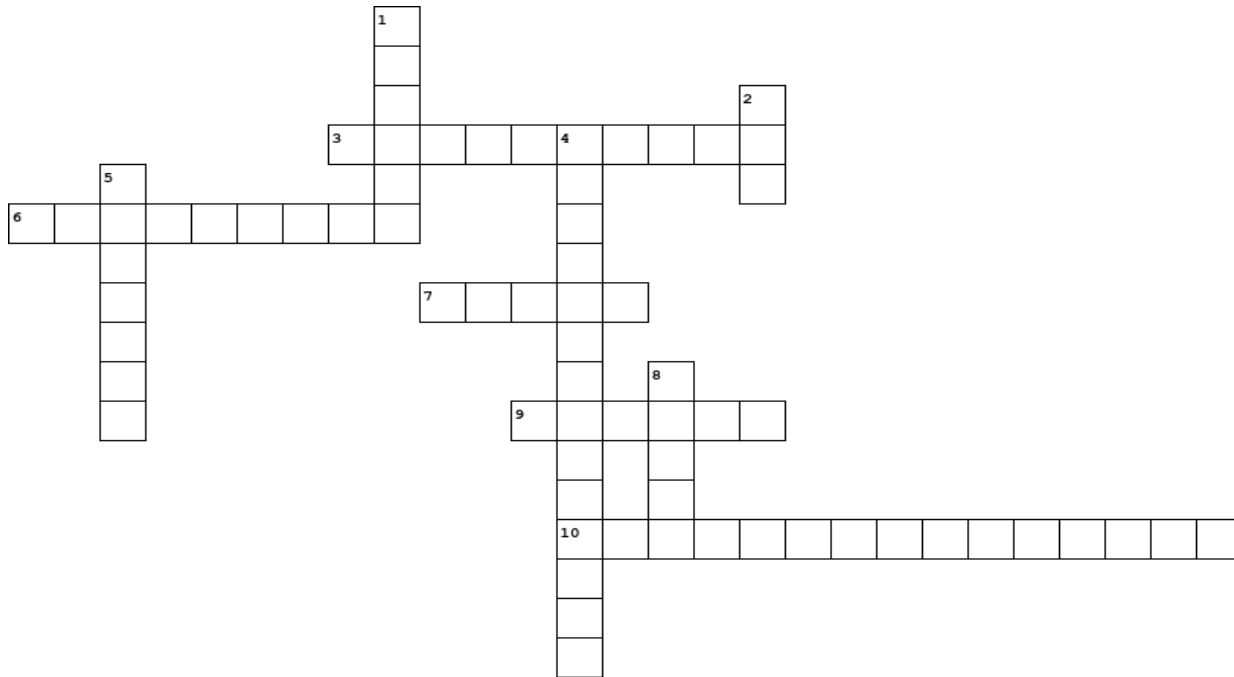
Teachers' groups, including the Ohio Federation of Teachers, say the changes will bring less order.



Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine speaks during a news conference, Feb. 21, 2023, in East Palestine, Ohio.

Courtesy of the AP/Matt Freed

Parthenon Puzzle: Crossword #3



Clues

Down:

1. Decorated vehicles during a parade
 2. Writes from overseas
 4. Provides freedom of speech, religion, press
 5. Mr. Marshall
 8. Nickname for basketball
- ### Across:
3. Business school announced these inductees
 6. Held to improve MyMU
 7. ____ on the Plaza
 9. Mrs. Marshall
 10. Cyrah Moore was named

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Homecoming Parade Photos

By **BROOKE ROOD**
STUDENT REPORTER

Floats inspired by classic video games marched down Fifth Avenue as a part of the Homecoming parade on Friday, Sept 29, following the parade’s theme of Retro Video Games.

Fraternities Alpha Sigma Phi and Alpha Xi Delta won first place

for their float based on the “Super Mario Bros.” Sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma and fraternity Kappa Sigma won second for their float inspired by “Sonic the Hedgehog.” In third, sorority Alpha Chi Omega and fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon presented a float built around the “Guitar Hero” theme.

These floats followed after the Marching Thunder opened the parade with “September” by Earth, Wind, and Fire.

“It felt fun. It’s always fun,” said Savannah Smith, a member of Marshall’s color guard. “Our theme is Metallica, but tomorrow we also have alumni that are going

to be spinning with us, so we’re going to be playing some other songs as well.”

Homecoming royalty candidates also marched in the parade.

“I just expect to make memories, no matter what happens,” candidate Ashley Bohm said. Sponsored by her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta,

Bohm’s platform was called “Mind Of All Kinds.” Through it, she aimed to increase mentorship for neurodiversity on campus.

The parade ended in time for the pep rally and bonfire, all in preparation for the Homecoming football game against Old Dominion University on Saturday, Sept. 30.



Marshall’s cheer squad walked during the Homecoming parade.



Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon walked with their Guitar Hero themed float.

Photos by Sarah Davis

Crossword Answer Key:

8. Party
9. Semoni
10. MissCapdvatung

Across:
3. HallOfFame
4. Workshops

5. FirstAmendment
6. Griffin
7. Hoops

Down:
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