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Marshall Takes Down Virginia Tech, First Time in Decades

By JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall knocked off Virginia Tech for the first time since 1940 with a score of 24-17 on Saturday, Sept. 24. A sold-out Joan C. Edwards Stadium watched this game that improved the Herd's record to 3-0 this season.

Running back Rasheen Ali led the offensive charge for the Herd. Ali accounted for two touchdowns and 174 rushing yards. His performance on Saturday pushed him to over 2,000 rushing yards in his collegiate career with the Herd.

Virginia Tech quarterback Kyron Drones put the Hokies on the board early after he found a hole in the Marshall defense, allowing him to run 31 yards into the endzone and put the Hokies up 7-0 after the extra point.

The Herd answered back in the second quarter, tying the game at 7-7 after a 12-yard pitch and catch from Cam Fancher to DeMarcus Harris.

On the Hokies' first drive of the second quarter, running back Bhayshul Tuten scampered for a gain of 49 yards. Charleston native Kerion Martin chased Tuten down

to stop him at the Marshall five-yard line; the Herd's defense held the Hokies to a field goal on that possession.

"Obviously, you want to not have those big plays but find a way to get the guy on the ground," Marshall head coach Charles Huff said, "Give us a chance to set our cleats and make them snap it one more time—good things happen."

Martin set a career-high of nine tackles in the win over Virginia Tech. "I think that was a turning point in the game, you know? They got a field goal without it instead of a

touchdown, so the last touchdown would have tied it up," Huff said. "It's those types of in-game chess matches where it doesn't seem like it was a big deal, but it was a big deal."

Defensive back Josh Moten had two crucial pass breakups on the Hokies' final drive, including a fourth down attempt to send the Hokies offense off the field.

"Our guys battled and found a way to win," Huff said. "I think our process helped us out toward the end there. We talked about discipline being really big and execution being really big. It showed up today in

crucial moments."

The Herd's 17-point second quarter pushed the game out of reach for the Hokies, despite scoring the only points of the second half.

The win over Virginia Tech is Marshall's first win at home against a Power Five team since 2015, when the Purdue Boilermakers came to town.

Huff is now 2-0 against Power Five teams in his career at Marshall after Saturday's win.



Marshall players run the ball against Virginia Tech at the game on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023.

Photos by Abigail Cutlip

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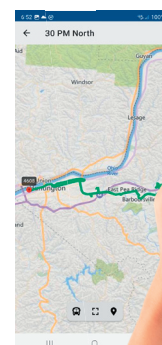
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Herd Gears Up for Homecoming

By SARAH DAVIS
NEWS EDITOR

Homecoming allows the University to acknowledge its impact on students, faculty and community members, according to Matt James, executive director of alumni relations.

“We always have this unifying spirit about us, but Homecoming gives us a reason to really celebrate that,” he said. “All schools say that they’re a family, but at Marshall, we really live that each and every day.”

The Homecoming theme for this year is “Super Marco Level Up.” The theme is a play on words from the movie “Super Mario Bros.,” according to the University’s website.

Some traditional events students can participate in include the annual Homecoming parade and the pep rally/bonfire, both on Friday, Sept. 29. The first-ever Sneaker Ball, an informal dance that encourages wearing sneakers, will debut on that same Friday night.

The Homecoming Court will also have a new focus on inclusivity, James said, referencing that the two winners will have the freedom to choose their titles.

“They will be able to call themselves Mr. and Ms. Marshall if that’s what they choose,” he said, “but if not, we are making it more inclusive by calling them Marshall royalty.”

Marshall’s Black Alumni will

also be holding its first hall of fame ceremony on Friday. It begins at 7 p.m. in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

The week’s events lead up to the football game against Old Dominion University on Saturday, Sept. 30. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m. at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

Homecoming brings a sense of community to the already established Marshall family, according to James. With the inclusion of new aspects, he described this year’s celebration as a significant one.

“Marshall really is experiencing a special time in our history right now,” he said.

For a full list of Homecoming events, visit the Marshall U app.

Homecoming Court Announced

By VICTORIA WARE
OPINIONS AND CULTURES EDITOR

The 2023 Homecoming court was announced after the Unity Walk on Monday, Sep. 25, at the Memorial Student Center.

The Homecoming royalty includes Ashley Bohm (Alpha Xi Delta), Brea Belville (the Financial Management Association and the Student Government Association), Chibby Obinnakwelu (Black United Students), Emily Shannon (Delta Zeta), Griffin Wagoner (Alpha Sigma Phi and Marshall’s Criminal Justice Association), Nathaniel Kumar

(Alpha Tau Omega), Semoni Weaver (the Residence Hall Association) and Sydney Moore (the Marching Thunder).

Student Body President Walker Tatum explained the factors that went into the Homecoming Court selection.

“We always like to remind you all—especially this year—that this is not a popularity contest,” Tatum said. “Forty percent of what went toward these candidates was their votes. Sixty percent is merit-based—so based off their resume, their interviews and their platform.”

Events Schedule

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Window Display
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Penny Wars
- 7:00 pm Ms. Captivating Pageant

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Office Decorating Contest
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Penny Wars
- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. WMUL-FM Car Bash
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce 2023 Member Trade Show
- 6:00 p.m. Hoops in Huntington
- 6:00 p.m. Herd Pop Trivia
- 9:00 p.m. Wild ‘N Owt

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

- 11:30 a.m. Party on the Plaza
- 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Parent and Family Weekend Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
- 7:30 p.m. Pep Rally & Bonfire
- 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Homecoming S t a m F E E D presented by Jenkins Fenstermaker
- 7:00 p.m. Inaugural Black Alumni Hall of Fame
- 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Sneaker Ball

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

- 3 Hours Before Kickoff Marshall Alumni & Family Tailgate
- 3 Hours Before Kickoff Parent & Family Weekend Tailgate
- 3 Hours Before Kickoff Intercultural Affairs Family Gathering
- 3:30 p.m. Marshall vs. ODU
- 8:00 p.m. Greek S t r o l l - O f f Competition
- 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. MUBA Black Out Alumni Party



2023 Homecoming Court

Photo by Abigail Cutlip



Marshall to Host First Amendment Forum

BY SARAH DAVIS
NEWS EDITOR

Free speech will be the topic of an upcoming forum on campus Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The forum, "Navigating Free Speech at a Public University," will take place in the Francis Booth Experimental Theatre of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The event will begin at 7 p.m.

The forum will feature Ronnie London, a general counsel first amendment lawyer with The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. London obtained his Bachelor of Science in advertising from The University of Florida and his Doctorate of Law from Georgetown Law

Center.

London has 25 years of practice in first amendment law, according to the foundation's website.

"His experience includes litigating cases involving constitutional and statutory protections for online intermediaries, police action against protestors and professional photographers, licensing and permitting of filming on federal lands, regulation of "indecent" broadcasts and adult content, and restrictions on commercial speech, as well as numerous Freedom of Information Act cases," his biography on the foundation's website reads.

The event is sponsored by the Drinko Academy and the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional

Democracy.

"Issues pertaining to speech on campus have been prevalent at Marshall in recent years," said Dr. Patricia Proctor, founding director of the Simon Perry Center. "Students wonder about outside groups coming to campus and engaging in upsetting speech; they wonder why this happens and what can be done in response to these speakers. They wonder about their own rights to protest."

"The university's administration made it a priority to address those concerns, among other things, convening a task force on the issue, which made recommendations, including recommending that this First Amendment Forum be held," she said.



Ronnie London will speak at the forum on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

Courtesy of The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression

21st Annual Car Bash to Bring Organized Demolition

BY MATTHEW SCHAFFER
MANAGING EDITOR

Destruction is returning to Marshall's campus as the annual WMUL Car Bash is set to take place on Buskirk Field on Thursday, Sept. 28.

"This is our 21st annual Car Bash, and I am super excited to be putting it on," said Makaylah Wheeler, assistant professor and director of WMUL. "Everyone is available to come. Community members, students, staff and faculty – it's open to anyone and everyone."

The event will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. As with previous years, the event is being hosted by Marshall's

student radio station, WMUL, who will provide sledgehammers and safety equipment for faculty and students looking to take out their anger on a car decorated in Old Dominion's colors.

Wheeler recruited members of the freshman dorms to help prepare the car for the event by busting out windows and marking up the vehicle.

The car will be provided by Kelly's Radiator Serve, and what remains of the vehicle will be towed during the homecoming parade.

"We have a full event schedule for this week of everything the University is doing on campus, but there is nothing else like this," Wheeler said.



Last year's car was painted blue for Coastal Carolina, Marshall's 2022 homecoming game opponent.

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson

We Are... Here for You Day Promotes 24/7 Counseling Services

By **JADA MILLS**
STUDENT REPORTER

A hot lunch, hygiene products, a bag filled with non-perishable food items and several counseling resources were available for Marshall students at no charge during the fifth annual We Are... Here for You Day.

"I think it's important for the counseling center to actually be seen by the students, so we use this event as a way to make sure students know there are counseling resources available to them 24 hours a day," said Michelle Sigler, a mental health specialist for the counseling center.

The event was held outside the Memorial Student Center on Thursday, Sept 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"This is a big university; the freshmen, especially, could get lost in the shuffle, so we really want to make sure they know there are people here for them through the transition into college," Sigler said.

The counseling center has been receiving donations for this event for at least a month from different businesses throughout the

Huntington area.

"We don't want to burden students with anything else. We want this event to be for them, so we've asked local businesses to donate canned foods, hygiene items, detergent and non-perishable snacks," Sigler said.

The main goals of the event were to introduce the counseling center to students who do not know about it and to provide students with free basic necessities.

"It is a good way for students to learn about the resources available for them. Sometimes students just need a smile and a free snack," said Candace Layne, the director of the counseling center.

The counseling center has recently partnered with Metra Health, which allows students to get virtual therapy no matter what state they live in.

The platform can be accessed 24/7 and is free for students. The care is also available throughout breaks and the summer months.

Events like these are very beneficial for students. "Some students struggle with food insecurity and some do not have family support at home," Layne said. "We know first-hand that there

are students out here that need food, detergent, and hygiene products, they also may just need a smile or friendly face."

Emphasizing the importance of mental health, Layne said, "If you are not functioning well mentally then you aren't going to function well academically: that is why we tell students to prioritize their mental health and get help when they need it."

The counseling center is located on the first floor of Prichard Hall. Students can get connected to the counseling center in several ways, including through their website, by email, and walk-in appointments.

Goodwill Family Services, Prevent Suicide West Virginia, the Wellness Center, Facing Hunger Food Bank and Huntington Comprehensive Treatment Center were tabling alongside the counseling center to offer students with information.

"The Huntington Comprehensive Treatment Center is right down the road from Marshall. If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, then come to the center. Refer a friend or give them a ride



Students received hygiene products and non-perishable food items at the event.

Photo by Jada Mills

to the clinic," said Myria Warner, the clinical supervisor of the peer support program. "It is okay to not be okay; please reach out and get the help you need."

The Facing Hunger Foodbank also provided students with resources. They are one of two food banks in West Virginia and have a service area of 17 counties: one in Kentucky, one in Ohio and the others in West Virginia.

"Appalachia, in general, is a food insecure area, and we service some of the most insecure areas in the country," said Tyler Fuller, the director of network and member relations for the food bank. "It's nice to be able to be here and talk

to students so they know there are resources available for them, both locally and within the area where they are from."

Rachel Culbertson was alongside Fuller providing students with information about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. "There is a lot of misconceptions around students and SNAP benefits, so Rachel is here to help students know what their options are and proceed with that process," Fuller said.

If students are interested in more information about SNAP assistance, they can contact Rachel Culbertson via her email rculbertson@facinghunger.org or Tyler Fuller via his email tfuller@facinghunger.org.

Research Grant Will Benefit Scientific Advances

By **BEX LAW**
STAFF REPORTER

A scientific research grant will fund a project related to the printing of electronics and device fabrication. The project is one of 10 to receive the grant and is named Investigation of Two-Phase Aerosol Jet Printing for Submicron Manufacturing of Printed Electronic Devices.

The grant comes from the National Science Foundation Track-4 Infrastructure Improvement and totals \$293,493. There is also a \$60,000 supplement from the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

These agencies, in collaboration with NASA, have invested \$2.7 million nationally, with a grand total of \$352,493 received by Marshall.

Through the project, full-time undergraduate and graduate students will have the opportunity to join Dr. Ross Salary, an assistant professor of mechanical and biomedical engineering in Marshall's College of Engineering and Computer Science and principal investigator in this research project.

This project hopes to reduce the scientific barriers that limit direct-write additive manufacturing.

"Direct-write manufacturing methods have been utilized for

fabrication of a broad spectrum of electronics, such as sensors, optoelectronic devices and fine-pitch electronics," Salary said. "However, despite recent technological developments and advances in formulation of novel functional materials, high-resolution fabrication of electronics has encountered serious challenges due largely to the intrinsic limitations and complexity behind the underlying physics of device fabrication."

He went on to say, "There is, therefore, a critical need to identify the link between the governing phenomena and the resolution of direct-write material deposition

toward submicron fabrication of printed electronic devices beyond today's limits."

According to Salary, this research grant will strengthen Marshall's research infrastructure and enhance STEM education and workforce development in West Virginia.

Salary also said that the grant will "make Marshall University one of the emerging pioneers of printed electronics and device fabrication research in the United States."

"Ultimately, this award will pave the way for our research to move toward transformative new directions," he said.



Dr. Ross Salary

Courtesy of
the College of
Engineering

iCenter Develops Innovation Catalyst Training

By **EMMA GALLUS**
STAFF REPORTER

A first-of-its-kind program to train Marshall faculty, students and staff in design thinking has launched from the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, also known as the iCenter.

Maddy Branham, director for the new Innovation Catalyst program, described design thinking as “a process to solve complex, human-centered problems.”

The Innovation Catalyst training offers a unique microcredential for completing the first round of the program called the Innovation Explorer Training. This first round exposes participants to the principles of design thinking and provides them with the opportunity to practice the basics of Design for Delight. Also referred to as D4D, this is the design thinking model created by Intuit, a financial software company for which University President Brad D. Smith previously served as CEO. Smith said the goal of the training is to allow every member of a team to improve and innovate.

“I am convinced it will be a game changer as we navigate and lead in the ever-changing higher education landscape,” Smith said in the University’s announcement of the program.

“Our goal is to have at least one Innovation Catalyst driving student-centered innovation in each academic and administrative unit on campus in three years’ time,” said Dr. Ben Eng, the iCenter’s executive director. “We believe that if we empower Marshall, faculty, staff and student

leaders with design thinking skills, then they’ll be able to combine it with their own unique subject matter expertise to transform their areas for students.”

The difference between D4D and other design thinking programs is how many steps the process involves. Design for Delight follows three steps: deep customer empathy, go broad to go narrow and rapid experimentation.

Branham described deep customer empathy as “walking in

the customer’s shoes to understand what they need in order to improve their lives and really getting to know the problem they’re having.”

Going broad to go narrow, Branham said, is “coming up with a bunch of different ideas and then narrowing down.” Going narrow focuses on solutions that are most likely to delight the customer, according to Intuit.

The last step is rapid experimentation, or testing solutions quickly with real

customers. The goal of rapid experimentation is to create “a scrappy prototype of an idea, then test it on customers,” Branham said.

She went on to say that design thinking is “not always this perfect, aligning thing.”

“You might experiment with the customer and you might realize, ‘Wow, I don’t know their problem.’ So, you go back to customer empathy. You might realize, ‘I think I know their problem, but

this isn’t the right idea.’ So, you go back to go broad to go narrow and come up with a different idea to test; or maybe you’re on the right track, but it can be improved. So, you continue to iterate the prototype and make it better.”

The Innovation Explorer training is free to Marshall faculty, students and staff and is offered in two formats: asynchronous online or in-person for teams of up to 10. Participants can complete the training in two hours.



Marshall faculty participating in a Design Thinking training hosted by the iCenter.

Courtesy of Paige Leonard

Men's Soccer Outlasts No. 3 UCF

By **JOEL SPEARS**
STUDENT REPORTER

With a record 3,075 fans in attendance for Senior Night, the No. 1 Marshall Men's Soccer Team continued their impressive season on Saturday, Sept. 23, by shutting out the No. 3 UCF Knights with a score of 1-0.

After the match, Marshall's head coach, Chris Grassie, commended UCF for their strong performance.

"Fair play to UCF, I thought they played really well tonight," he said. However, he believed that his team had missed opportunities to secure the victory earlier in the game.

"We should have put the game

away earlier. We had a couple of great chances in the second half to put the game away," Grassie said.

The decisive moment came in the 25th minute when Marshall launched an attack. Pablo Simon raced down the right wing, delivering a cross to Adam Aoumaich at the far post. Aoumaich slipped the ball past UCF's goalkeeper, securing his fourth goal of the season.

"Pablo and I know each other with that pass," Aoumaich explained. The seamless connection between Simon and Aoumaich was demonstrated by their chemistry on the field.

In the dying seconds of the

match, UCF came close to equalizing; Knights defender Zane Bubb made a tackle from behind on Gabriel Perrotta and swiftly passed the ball to AJ Seals, who had an opportunity to score. However, after a referee meeting and a thorough review, it was deemed that Bubb had committed an illegal tackle by entering the play from an out-of-bounds position, resulting in the nullification of the goal.

Perrotta, the goalkeeper for Marshall, showcased his skill by recording his fourth shutout of the season and making three saves to deny UCF any goals.



Alexander Stjernegaard sizes up his opponent.

Courtesy of HerdZone

Women's Soccer Drops Third Straight in Conference Game at Home

By **KADANN BONECUTTER**
STUDENT REPORTER

A tough loss ended the women's soccer team's weekend as it fell to South Alabama with a score of 2-0 Sunday afternoon at Hoops Family Field.

The Jaguars have remained undefeated, making the Herd their ninth win of the season (9-0-2). The Herd has dropped from their winning streak earlier in the season to 5-4-1.

"We are showing the courage to go out and play with what we have right now," head coach

Michael Swan said. "Today, they absolutely stuck to the task against a program that has been at the top of the Sun Belt for over 10 years."

With a slower paced game, the Jaguars were able to get their first goal on the board by Irene Campo in the 35th minute. In the second half of the game, Gracie Wilson put up their second, and game winning, goal at the 58th minute. Wilson was the 2021 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year.

"I couldn't be more proud of

this team and what they've done so far this season," Swan said. "We just got to get a win, get a result."

As the Herd looks forward to seeing "the lights kicking on," as Swan would describe, the next matchup is set to take place in Alabama against the Troy Trojans on Saturday, Sept. 30. The kickoff will begin at 7 p.m.

While the team is in Alabama, Marshall's assistant coach, Chloe Roberts, will be honored by being inducted into her alma mater of North Alabama's Hall of Fame.



Cameron Dye during the match

Courtesy of HerdZone

Womens Tennis Rocks 'Thunder in the Mountains'



The Herd in action at Thunder in the Mountains

Courtesy of HerdZone

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**
SPORTS EDITOR

With a combined 24 wins in two days, the women's tennis team rocked Charleston's Thunder in the Mountains tournament last weekend.

Marshall brought the thunder on the first day, winning 12 matches. The Herd tallied six singles and six doubles wins. Emma Vanderheyden and her partner Sophia Hurrion had an untarnished record of 3-0.

"Everyone was excited to get the season started," said John Mercer, Herd tennis head coach. "It's great to be close to home in Charleston, and our team really appreciates their hospitality."

The doubles teams challenged

the Herd's opponents from Radford and Cleveland State, putting up a perfect 4-0 record on day two. The pairings only gave up five games across four matches.

Vanderheyden and Rieke Gillar picked up singles victories on day two, with Vanderheyden knocking off WVU's Love-Star Alexis and Gillar beating Selma Tounsi of Cleveland State.

On the final day, Marshall faced Cleveland State in a total of seven matches and won six. Hurrion did not drop any games in her singles matchup.

"We had a solid last day," Mercer said. "We made good improvement as we went along."

Volleyball Dethrones the Monarchs

By **JOEL SPEARS**
STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall Volleyball delivered for fans with a clean sweep victory over Old Dominion at the Cam Henderson Center on Friday, Sept. 22.

The Herd's win was made possible by Bianca Giglio, whose serves gained them the crucial points needed to close out the match.

In the third set, Marshall found itself trailing 24-19, making it seem as if ODU was positioned to draw out the match. However, Giglio entered the game as a substitute and turned the tide. She converted five straight set points by delivering a pair of aces and assisting Olivia Fogo and Essence Clerkley with two blocks to level the score at 24-all.

Despite ODU taking a 25-24 lead and having another set point, Giglio's momentum inspired the Herd to earn three consecutive points. The match was sealed with a final ace by Bella Thompson, resulting in a 27-25 win for the third set.

The third set closely mirrored the second set, with both teams volleying but failing to take control. Old Dominion gained a 24-21 advantage, threatening to even the match, but Giglio had other plans. She served the Herd to three consecutive points, and a pair of ODU attack errors handed Marshall a 29-27 win for the second set.

Full of praise for Giglio, coach Ari Aganus exclaimed, "She won the game for us! There's no doubt."



Bianca Giglio during the contest with ODU

Courtesy of HerdZone

Giglio was not the only standout player, though, as Marshall demonstrated a team effort throughout the evening.

Marshall's strong performance was a stark contrast to their Thursday night loss to Old Dominion. Aganus attributed the improvement to the team's confidence and resilience.

"We fought so hard last night, but we came out with confidence," Aganus said. "We came out and said, 'You know what? We're down three? That's not stopping us. We're down how many ever in the last set? It's not going to stop us."

We're going to keep doing it, limit our errors and start swinging."

In addition to Giglio's service game, Brynn Brown's consistent performance was a highlight of the evening. Brown recorded 16 kills and an attack percentage of .400, along with 18 assists.

Aganus commended her versatility and impressive abilities in scoring, blocking, and digging.

Lydia Montague also contributed 12 kills to secure the victory for Marshall. The team now shifts their focus to the upcoming matches against Georgia State on Thursday in Atlanta.

Americans Do Talk About Peace – Just Not the Same Way People Do in Other Countries

By PETER DIXON,
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LEVY

Americans don't talk much about peace. But it turns out they care about it a lot – they just don't talk about it the way people who have experienced war or civil conflict do.

When public opinion polls in the U.S. ask people about peace, it's either in the context of religion or world peace.

Instead of using the word peace, Americans are more likely to say that they care deeply about safety and security and issues like terrorism, crime, illegal drugs and immigration.

But they still care about the same things

people in places that have faced war are focused on.

We are social scientists who are part of a network of peace and conflict researchers and community-engaged scholars at several universities. We and our other colleagues have spent a lot of time talking with different communities that have experienced war, including in Colombia, Afghanistan and Bosnia and Herzegovina, about what peace looks like to them.

Peace is hard to define. In the dictionary, it's equated with tranquility or the absence of war. We see it as broader: Peace is the ability for people to live in harmony with themselves and with each other. In practice, however, that can mean many different things to different people.

We know that people who directly experience conflict and violence tend to have very broad, but also nuanced, definitions of peace.

In Colombia, for example, many communities told us they felt at peace when they had the infrastructure necessary to supply basic needs, like clean water, or when they could actively participate in regular social gatherings. In Bosnia, residents highlighted the ability to use public spaces, including rebuilt ruins from the war, as well as the presence of more day-to-day amenities like streetlights and parking.

But until a recent project in Oakland, California, we weren't thinking about our work in America as also being about peace.

Since 2021, we've been working with six community organizations in Oakland to understand how people define and experience safety and well-being in their everyday lives. As it turns out, these concepts helped us get at how Americans, who have not experienced war like the people in other regions we've worked with, might also understand peace.

Our research's focus on safety was inspired by a number of cities and towns, like Columbus, Ohio, and Austin, Texas, that have launched projects to reform how public safety is conceived of and protected following the widespread Black Lives Matter protests in 2020.

Oakland has undergone a similar

process of asking residents to help their local government rethink what safety means. And, like other cities, Oakland residents have had an intense debate over the police department and how the government should reform its approach to crime.

We spoke to over 500 residents across parts of Oakland that have been especially hard hit by crime and violence and who live in areas that have historically been both overpoliced and underserved with public resources.

We asked questions like, "What does safety or the lack of safety look like here," and "What are some signs that the community is doing well or not doing well?"

These conversations covered a lot of ground – ground that was similar to other conversations we've had about peace with people who live in conflict zones or countries with long histories of war.

Some Oakland residents spoke about how kids are desensitized to gunshots and violence or are arrested or kicked out of their homes. We heard that these kids and teenagers ultimately lose sight of how their lives – and the lives of others – have value.

High school students also reflected on the prevalence of guns, shootings and gangs in their lives. As one told us, "I want to go back" to a more innocent time, when "I didn't know nothing about any of this."

But just as we know that violence and security are only two aspects of people's understandings of peace, the same is true of safety. The police – and even crime – are just two aspects of how communities think about safety in their everyday lives. They also think about economic opportunities, public space and social connections.

We heard about how, when kids have basic life skills and job skills training, or have mentors and role models, this can give them choices that are alternatives to criminal activity and help them invest back in their communities.

We heard about block parties and town nights, which inspire people of different races and ethnicities to look out for each other and build trust with their neighbors. "By us, for us," as one resident put it.

From safety to peace

The United Nations marks the annual International Day of Peace on Sept. 21, 2023.

In general, the U.S. does not widely recognize or celebrate global holidays like these, including International Women's Day or International Labor Day.

But, like peace, safety is about far more than reducing violence. It's being able to trust that police have communities' interests in mind and knowing that residents will receive fair treatment in the courts.

It's also being able to breathe clean air and access work and educational opportunities. It's about being able to openly share past trauma, feel loved and connected, and so much more.

This all has important implications for what Americans want – and what they actually get – from their local governments.

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'Book of Will' Delves Into the Works of William Shakespeare

By JADA MILLS
STUDENT REPORTER

Shakespeare, literary history and the contemporary British dialect will feature in the first production of the fall semester for the School of Theater and Dance.

"The Book of Will" production will premiere in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse from Oct. 4 until Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. The show will explore the story behind the collected work of William Shakespeare's plays and their creation.

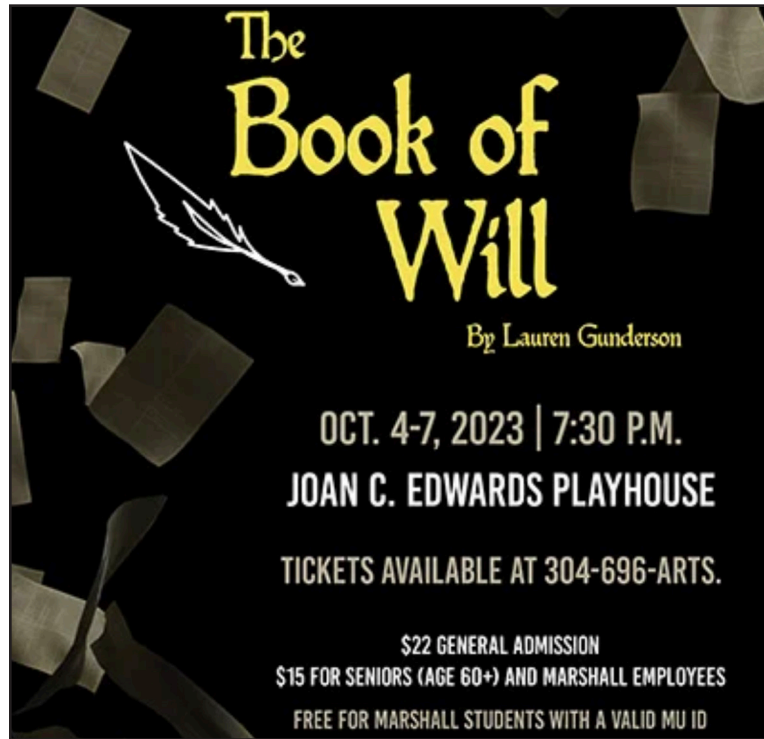
"We want the community to be introduced to the story behind all the plays that we know of and still talk about 400 years later," said Nikki Riniti, a senior theater major who will play Alice in "The Book of Will." "It is so interesting and important to know the history behind what literature is based upon."

The School of Theatre and Dance has dedicated their entire fall semester to Shakespeare's work in celebration of the 400th anniversary of his first folio.

"The first Folio is the first time that Shakespeare's work was collected and printed according to Shakespeare's own handwriting and the King's men, who were his acting troupe," said Leah Turley, the director for "The Book of Will." "Folio essentially means four pages of script go on one sheet of paper front and back."

Tickets are \$22 at the door for the public and \$15 for Marshall employees and seniors age 60 and over. Marshall students get a free ticket to the show with their student ID.

"I think the best part of Marshall



The poster for the play

Courtesy of the School of Theatre and Dance

University is the access to the arts that we have," Riniti said. "It is a privilege for students to get to see a well-produced show for free."

Students and staff began preparing for the show six weeks before official production and auditions that took place during the first week of classes.

"Getting prepared for the show is a full six-week process," Turley said. "All of the things you see on set are a part of our educational process here in the School of Theatre and Dance, not only the performance but how we get to performance."

She credited the students for doing "all the actual work," as she said, for building the set and creating the costumes. She did, however, describe learning the dialect as the

biggest challenge for the actors.

"The play is in contemporary British dialect, which can be very difficult—especially without microphones," Turley said. "We do not use microphones unless it is a musical, which can be quite a difficult task for a young actor, but it is also a part of their education."

Riniti said she is excited to see how the public will react to the performance and hopes it will encourage people to come see "The Winter's Tale" production as well.

"I want everyone to come to the show with an open mind so they can learn about all the joys of theater, even if it's not your thing," Riniti said. "Don't be hesitant just because it is Shakespeare. I promise it's not boring."

School of Art and Design Presents 'Piercing Lights, Silent Shadows'

By VICTORIA WARE
OPINIONS & CULTURE EDITOR

A new exhibit at the Visual Arts Center is relatable to the community "but not necessarily in a way that is expected when you think 'Appalachia Identity,'" the gallery director said.

Titled "Piercing Lights, Silent Shadows: Stories of Appalachian," the exhibit will premier on Oct. 2 and feature art from students Callie Thacker and Dawn Kushner.

"Their works have been made with a contemporary insight and consciousness that I hope will encourage a continued dialogue beyond the Birke Art Gallery," gallery director Courtney Chapman said in a press release about the event.

Thacker and Kushner received funding for their art from the Undergraduate Creative Discovery and Research Scholar Award program from the university.

Hanna Kozlowski, associate professor and faculty mentor to the two students, said the program is impactful and prepares students for their future artistic endeavors.

"The program not only provides financial support but also encourages personal artistic growth by allowing students to propose and execute a 'dream project' — something that has been brewing in their mind (and sketchbook) for some time," she said in that same press release. "The selection process is highly competitive and involves writing a detailed, well-researched proposal that is then evaluated and ranked at the college level."

The Birke Art Gallery is in the Visual Arts Center at 927 3rd Ave. A reception honoring the exhibit will take place on Oct. 12 at 5 p.m. Gallery events are free and available to all.



The front of the showcard for the exhibition "Piercing Lights, Silent Shadows"

Courtesy of Marshall University News

Virginia Becomes Next Abortion Rights Battleground

By SARAH RANKIN AND SARA BURNETT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democrat Russet Perry has knocked on thousands of doors in a swing district outside the nation's capital as she campaigns for a seat that could decide control of the Virginia state Senate in November. The issue that comes up the most — particularly among women and even from some Republicans and independents, she says — is protecting abortion rights.

The topic has motivated voters and upended traditional political wisdom in election after election since a conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court eliminated the federal right to the procedure last year. But it may be especially front of mind in Virginia, the only state in the South that has not imposed new abortion restrictions since *Roe v. Wade* fell.

Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin — whose push to ban the procedure after 15 weeks of pregnancy was blocked by the Democratic-controlled Senate — has pledged to try again if the GOP wins full control in the state.

“I see this fight and this race as being pivotal to what happens to many, many, many people, not just here, but across the entire South,” said Perry, a former prosecutor and ex-CIA officer who noted that women from throughout the region have sought abortions in Virginia since *Roe* was overturned.

For those on either side of the debate, Virginia — where all state House and Senate seats are up for election and early voting begins Friday — is among the biggest fights this year over abortion rights. The Commonwealth's odd-year elections

are often an indicator of the national mood heading into major election years and offer both parties a chance to test campaign strategies, messaging and policy ahead of 2024 contests for president, Congress and other offices.

Democrats are banking on abortion rights to be a winning issue, just as it was in the 2022 midterms and in earlier contests this year in Virginia and elsewhere. They hope it will lift candidates in a place that Democrat Joe Biden won in 2020 but where voters a year later backed Youngkin, who is still mentioned as a possible late 2024 entry for president.

The Democratic National Committee recently invested \$1.2 million into Virginia races, and Vice President Kamala Harris was in the state Thursday to kick off a college tour aimed at mobilizing young voters to fight for reproductive rights, action on climate change and other issues.

Republicans are centering their focus elsewhere in an echo of Youngkin's winning 2021 campaign — when the businessman defeated a former governor at a time when *Roe* was still law. They're talking about kitchen table issues, such as the cost of living, public safety and protecting the role of parents in directing their children's education.

Zack Roday, the coordinated campaign director at Youngkin's Spirit of Virginia PAC, said Democrats are focused on abortion because they “have nothing to run on.” He accused Democrats of misrepresenting Youngkin's proposed 15-week limit on abortions as a total ban. Most abortions take place before 15 weeks, and Youngkin's proposal includes exceptions for rape, incest and to save the life of the mother.

“They have no vision, no agenda, nothing to offer the Commonwealth,” Roday said. “It's all fear and lies.”

Leading abortion opponents also see Virginia as a place where Republicans can reframe the discussion and avoid the “ostrich strategy” of trying to evade the issue. They have pushed GOP candidates to explain their personal positions, to speak compassionately about both unborn children and the women who may seek abortions, and to push policies such as improving the foster care and adoption systems.

The country's most prominent anti-abortion group hired Kellyanne Conway, a GOP pollster who was President Donald Trump's senior counselor, to advise candidates in Virginia and elsewhere on their handling of the issue.

“It's not enough to just say, well, I'm pro-life,” said Kaitlin Makuski, political director for Susan B.

Anthony Pro-Life America. She pushed back on Democratic criticism of Youngkin and other Republicans as “extreme” on abortion, saying the 15-week ban was “common-sense legislation.”

Abortion rights advocates say they are seeing voter support grow as more states impose restrictions and the reality of life without *Roe* becomes clearer.

“There's basically a never-ending drip of horror stories from the states on abortion bans,” said Mini Timmaraju, president of Reproductive Freedom for All, citing stories about women denied care and young rape victims forced to carry pregnancies to term. She also dismissed anti-abortion activists' attempts to shift their messaging.

“That's their new thing. They want to be ‘compassionate.’ It's garbage,” she said. “It's wild to me that they think anyone will buy that

they are compassionate on this issue at all, or that they really, truly believe a 15-week ban is perceived as a compassionate compromise.”

Polling shows people's opinions on abortion in the U.S. are complex, though most want the procedure to be legal, at least in the initial stages of pregnancy. An Associated Press/NORC poll conducted in June found about two-thirds of Americans said abortion should generally be legal.

About half of Americans said abortions should be permitted at the 15-week mark, the poll found. By 24 weeks of pregnancy, about two-thirds of Americans said it should be barred.

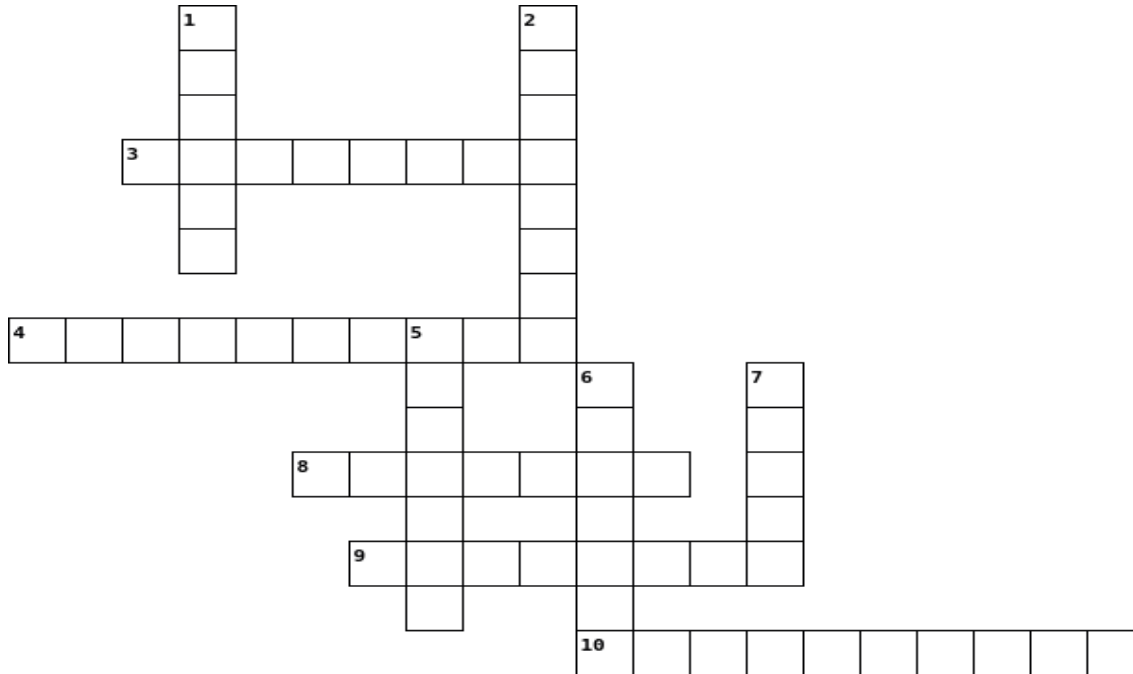
On the campaign trail in 2021, Youngkin generally sought to avoid discussing abortion in detail and was secretly recorded acknowledging that “as a campaign topic” the issue wouldn't help him win the needed support of independent voters.



Virginia state Senate candidate Russet Perry joins campaign volunteers during a campaign stop in the Cascades area of Sterling, Virginia, Sept. 16, 2023.

Courtesy of Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP

Parthenon Puzzle: Crossword #2



Clues

Down:

1. Floats down the road
2. This sport plays this Saturday
5. New home of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
6. WMUL's smashing annual event
7. _____ walk

Across:

3. Innovation _____
4. A play exploring Shakespeare's work
8. Heating up Friday night
9. Show your school spirit at 7:30 Friday
10. Week-long celebration ending with a football game

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Unity Walk Kicks Off Homecoming

By **REAGAN CLAGG**
STUDENT REPORTER

The Unity Walk on Monday featured Delegate Sean Hornbuckle, a son of Marshall, who delivered a keynote speech about the impact Marshall’s graduates will have on West Virginia’s future. In his keynote speech at the event, he said that the Unity Walk shows that Marshall students

“will be able to pour into the Tri-State region more than ever,” even after graduation.

The Unity Walk is the first official event of Homecoming week at Marshall. According to Dr. Marcie Simms, the event’s organizer and vice president for intercultural and student affairs, the Unity Walk has grown every year—not just from students but also the campus community as a

whole.

“Homecoming, to me, means friends, family, fun and food, and we have all of that at the Unity Walk,” she said.

Hornbuckle emphasized this idea of unity in his speech, particularly in today’s society, quoting Stephen Covey as saying, “Strength lies in differences, not in similarities.” He also referenced his position in the state legislature, telling the crowd that “it is about

time we do something transformative together.”

Hornbuckle went on to cite his time as Student Government Association President as an inspiration for his role as keynote speaker, saying that experience allowed him to genuinely be part of many different groups.

The Unity Walk concluded with the announcement of not only the winner of the Unity Walk’s banner contest,

fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi, but also the announcement of this year’s homecoming court.

The rest of this year’s homecoming events—including a parade, pep rally and the football game—can be found at <https://www.marshall.edu/homecoming/events/>.



Alpha Sigma Phi won the banner competition during the walk.



Del. Sean Hornbuckle spoke at the start of the Unity Walk event.

Photos by Abigail Cutlip

Crossword Answer Key:
(Flip for Answers)

8. Bonfire
9. Pep Rally

Across:
3. Catalyst
4. Book of Will

5. Center
6. Car Bash
7. Unity

Down:
1. Parade
2. Football

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