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Virginia Tech takes down the Herd

By NATE HARRAH STUDENT REPORTER

After trailing by just three points at halftime, Marshall Football took the loss against the Virginia Tech Hokies with a score of 31-14 on Saturday, Sept. 7, at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Virginia, falling to 1-1 on the season.

"Hats off to Virginia Tech; it's a good football team," head coach Charles Huff said after the game. "They played well. When you play a good team and you stop them on defense, you have got to move the ball on offense. I'm proud of the way our guys fought, and there's some positives to build off of, and hats off to Virginia Tech for making plays when they needed to."

Marshall's Christian Fitzpatrick made some highlight reels on social media from a one-handed catch in the second half of the game.

"Really proud of the way our guys fought, really proud of the way our guys battled, really proud of the way we stuck together - just didn't make enough plays to beat a really good football team," Huff said.

The Thundering Herd only trailed by three points at halftime 10-7. However, the Hokies shut the door on the Herd, scoring three more touchdowns in the second half while the Herd only scored one.

"We had too many missed opportunities at the beginning of the game that could have changed the outcome," Huff said. "We have got to get better. We've got to make catches, get guys on the ground, not turn the ball over and special teams were back and forth."

Virginia Tech struck first at the end of the first quarter when Jaylin Lane ran back a punt for 58 yards for the Hokies' first score.

After a field goal scored by the Hokies making the score 10-0, the Herd's Ahmere Foster blocked a punt, downing the ball at the three-yard line. Ethan Payne then scored on a two-yard run making the score 10-7.

The third quarter featured the most scoring for both teams. Virginia Tech started the scoring about half-way through the third quarter on a one-yard touchdown.

Marshall responded with an 18yard touchdown pass from Stone Earle to Fitzpatrick which brought them back to 17-14 early in the third quarter.

Virginia Tech scored a threeyard run on their next drive, making the score 24-14.

The Hokies were the only team to score in the fourth quarter, with a five-yard touchdown, sealing the loss for the Herd.

HerdZone reported an attendance of 65,632 people at the game.

Marshall continues its season on the road when it faces the No. 3 Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturday, Sept. 21, with the game starting at noon.

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A.J. Turner runs the ball during the Virginia Tech game Saturday, Sept. 7.

Courtesy of HerdZone

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Amicus Curiae returns on Constitution Day

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In celebration of Constitution Day Tuesday, Sept. 17, Marshall's long-running political lecture series will foster conversations about our nation's first leader, George Washington.

Denver Brunsman, historian and chair of the history department at George Washington University, will be discussing his book "Neither to Stretch, nor Relax: George Washington, Executive Power, and the Constitution."

Brunsman served on the College Board Advanced Placement U.S. History Development Committee from 2021-2023, as well as winning teaching awards and authorHistory.

Patricia Proctor, professor and founding director of the Simon Perry Center, said Brunsman will talk about George Washington and how he led the country with added

"Dr. Brunsman can bring to life the perspective of our first president, who held strong views regarding the Constitution and how the executive should be defined," she said in a news release. "I look forward to hearing this issue discussed in historical context, to thinking about how the history impacts our world today and considering what Washington has to teach us on the

The lecture, which is sponsored

ing other books about United States by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy and the West Virginia Humanities Council, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall and is open and free to the public.



Denver Brunsman

Courtesy of George Washington University

Greek Life prepares for new members

By TARIQ MONTGOMERY STUDENT REPORTER

Rush and recruitment for Greek Life starts this week, and while the specifics may vary between organizations, fraternities and sororities have a lot in common in the preparation going into the week.

Both groups have spent the last three or more weeks preparing and training to recruit new pledges.

Austin Litton, the vice president of growth for Alpha Sigma Phi, talked about prepping, getting info and outreach to the students earlier than rush week.

"We start preparing for rush week

in the summer before," Litton said. "Tabling during freshman orientation days is key just to make a small connection with incoming freshmen and their parents. We really focus on WOW Week as being a key factor into rush week, just getting those PNMs around us to familiarize ourselves with them is huge."

PNMs is the acronym both fraternities and sororities use to refer to potential new members during rush and recruitment week.

"Organizing and setting up events and activities that showcase what each sorority is about is important. This could involve things

like themes, decor and schedules," said Kylie Fisher, member of Alpha Xi Delta.

Fisher also went through examples of what type of marketing different sororities and fraternities do.

"Promoting the events through social media, flyers and word-ofmouth to attract potential recruits are the usual tactics," she said.

Fisher went on to describe also how the communication training sorority members receive, saying, "Members are trained on how to effectively communicate and present the sorority's values, history and activities to potential new members."

Sean Donovan, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said rush week is such a big part of the year for Greek Life "because it promotes exposure for campus groups and increases your chapter sides and promotes the good things from fraternities besides partying."

Fisher also spoke on the importance of getting to know the different Greek Life organizations beyond stereotypes.

"What makes a sorority unique often comes down to its values, traditions and culture," she said. "For instance, one sorority might emphasize community service and philanthropy more than others, while another might focus on academic excellence or leadership development. Understanding these aspects can help potential new members find the sorority that best aligns with their own values and interest."

DISCLAIMER: Sean Donovan is a member of The Parthenon's writing staff.

Intramural sports kick off for fall semester

By GREG JONES STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall University intramural sports have begun at the Marshall Recreation Center. The Rec offers a variety of intramural sports every quarter, and anyone with an active MUID number can participate. This may include current Marshall University students, staff and faculty who meet Marshall's requirements.

Updates about game scheduling and cancellations are also available on the IMLeagues app.

A number of leagues and divisions are available for participants including CoRec (for co-ed teams), Men's, Women's, A (competitive), B (recreational), Greek (fraternities and sororities) and Open (for all).

In Fall Quarter 1, a selection of sports are offered ranging from 3v3 soccer, 7v7 flag football, 6v6 volleyball, ultimate frisbee and badminton.

Starting Sept. 16, Fall Quarter 2 opens and will offer 5v5 basketball, 8v8 soccer, doubles pickleball and wallyball.

"We won the championship every year in football. I'm looking forward to winning another championship with the guys," senior Brandon Hall said.

Brandon majors in film studies and finds intramural sports to be an escape from studies where he can take a break and enjoy physical activities with friends. Throughout his three years, he has played basketball, football and volleyball. "Teamwork, communication and practice," are three words he used to describe his keys to success.

Intramural sports on campus could potentially benefit students in a number of ways.

"It's nice to include people who played sports in high school," said Jacob Tyler, a sports journalism major and employee at the Rec. "A lot of them weren't able to play on the collegiate level, so it's nice to have a middle ground for people who still enjoy playing those sports."

"It's a good way to meet new people, expand and make new relationships. It's also a good way to stay fit and healthy," he said.

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All intramural sports will take place at the Rec Center.

Astronomy Club hosts virtual speaker series

By NATE HARRAH STUDENT REPORTER

The Marshall University Astronomy Club is currently hosting a virtual speaker series on YouTube during the Fall 2024 Semester.

"For our virtual speaker series, this is something that we have drawn inspiration from the Society of Physics Students," Astronomy Club President Hannah Turner said. "They have had a preexistent virtual speaker series in which they have invited knowledgeable individuals, typically professors, from different universities to give virtual talks via Zoom and

YouTube, so we modeled our speaker series from them."

The virtual speaker series features professors from West Virginia University, Ohio State University and the University of Kentucky.

"Our main goal for this series is that putting this material out there, we can get more discussion for astronomy in our surrounding communities," Turner said.

Future virtual speaker series speakers will be Maura McLaughlin on Sept. 20, Thomas Troland on Oct. 4 and Isaac Shlosman on Oct. 18 all beginning at 6 p.m.

"We try to do a lot of STEM

outreach with the communities," associate professor and adviser Sean McBride said. "We've done many things for the community in terms of outreach, especially targeting the younger students in the area."

McBride said the club's its ultimate goal is to not only to have an astronomy major or minor available at Marshall, but to also reach out and inspire younger students in the area to new opportunities previously unavailable to them.

"Anyone from any major can join; we have people here that are not even science majors," McBride said. "We really want to find those armchair astronomers or just people who are interested in astronomy to come to our meetings."

The Marshall University Astronomy Club has been active since 2022. However, this is not the first iteration of the club.

"To our knowledge, this club was preexistent, and it had quite a few members," Turner said. "However, when we started it in 2022, all of those members either graduated or just gave up on the club, so we saw an opportunity there to expand the club."

"A student who was a previous officer came up to me and said, 'I want to pass this on to

someone. I don't exactly want to see it die, but I don't have time for it anymore.' So, I started to advertise the club, and we started with only two students on the first meeting, but we have been growing ever since," McBride said.

Future meetings for the Astronomy Club will begin at 7 p.m. in Room 179 of the Science Building on Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16 and Nov. 13.

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Study Abroad Fair provides global opportunities

By SEAN DONOVAN STUDENT REPORTER

Marshall University hosted its annual Study Abroad Fair on Sept. 4, offering students a chance to explore international academic with programs, connect numerous global universities and learn about opportunities to study in countries around the world. Marshall offers numerous opportunities for students to study abroad, such as in Asia, Europe, Australia and Central America.

Edwin Gutierrez Morales, a junior history major from Columbus, Ohio, is a firstgeneration American, whose parents are from El Salvador.

"I've always wanted to study to study abroad was Europe. abroad, learn about other cultures and immerse myself," he said. "After checking out the study abroad program for Marshall, I truly feel I have an opportunity now. As a Latino, I've wanted to live in Central America and study, but I also would like the opportunity to study in the Scandinavian area. Marshall has shown me I can do it and easily go abroad."

Edwin also said he transferred from The Ohio State University, and they didn't provide study abroad opportunities there.

One of the most popular locations for students wanting

Chase Sterorts, a junior from Hurricane, WV, and a transfer student from Middle Tennessee State University currently double-majoring in management and aviation management at Marshall, said, "It's my dream to see the Eiffel Tower at night or go to Oktoberfest. Spending my weekends traveling the corners of the world and studying with like-minded people - it's amazing that Marshall University can help students like me achieve my dreams."

Not all students attending the Study Abroad Fair were ones wanting to study abroad.

John Mitcherling, a senior studving criminal justice, said, "I always wanted to study abroad but never got the chance to. Now, seeing all these University Marshall is partnering with, I wish I did it when I got the chance."

According to HerdLink, Marshall University Study Abroad Fair is a way to, "Explore your options to study abroad through Marshall's Exchange, Faculty-Led and Affiliated programs. Each program is unique, and some offer the opportunity to study abroad paying only Marshall tuition and/or room & board."

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Study Abroad Fair proved to be a vibrant and informative event, leaving inspired to take the next step in their education. As they left the fair, many carried brochures, application forms and a sense excitement about the world of opportunities that awaited them beyond the classroom.

With the support of the university's Office of Study Abroad, these students are on their way to becoming global citizens who are ready to explore, learn and grow in an increasingly connected world.

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Under the weather? Beat the fall flu with Marshall Health

By MAGGIE GIBBS STAFF REPORTER

As cold and flu season approaches. it's essential for students to know free healthcare services available at Marshall Health's Student Health Clinic at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Student Health is open Monday-Friday from 8 - 11 a.m. and from 1-4 Appointments are available; however, walk-ins are also welcome.

The clinic diagnoses and treats common illnesses and minor injuries such as coughs, colds, the flu, sore throats, ear infections, migraines,

nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, rashes. minor allergic reactions and sprains. Certain lab tests, such as complete blood count or STD testing, as well as X-rays and allergy shots, are included at no additional cost.

The clinic also offers non-surgical routine, Specialist procedures. referrals and dental care can be arranged if needed, and discounted medications, dental care and primary care for students are available. For those who prefer a female provider, one is available in the mornings from 8-11 a.m.

Full-time students are eligible for all services with no visit fee, while part-time students pay \$20 per visit. Students are encouraged to bring proof of insurance for possible non-covered charges if they have it; however, it's not required.

Medications prescribed through the clinic's formulary are available for \$5 or less, and the Marshall Pharmacy, located at the Marshall University Medical Center and open 365 days a year, ensures access to these medications. The pharmacy а combination COVID-19 and flu test for just \$20, a significant saving compared to the \$70 price in the clinic.

Please note that visits to specialists or the ER are not covered under Student Health and are only available through the Marshall Health Student Health Clinic. For affordable care services, the 5th Street Urgent Care Center, also part of Marshall Health, is cheaper than MedExpress.

Visit marshall.edu/ studenthealth for about transportation.

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Marco poses as a doctor at the Marshall Health Clinic.

Courtesy of Marshall Health

Live podcast ponders young voter habits

By OLIVIA ANDREW-VAUGHAN STAFF REPORTER

Issues that factor into a Marshall students' vote span a wide range of topics, said a Marshall political science professor at the live taping of the "Us & Them" podcast on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Marybeth Beller, the advisor for the National Political Science Honor Society, said during the taping that students are "deeper than a stereotype."

Beller sat down alongside Shawn Shulenberg, another political science professor and the chair of the faculty senate, with "Us & Them" host Trey Kay to record an upcoming episode titled "What Is (or Isn't) Motivating Young Voters in 2024?"

They covered topics from distrust of institutions to media influence to issues that young people are caring about most. The podcast began with Kay asking the audience, primarily consisting of students, to close their eyes and raise their hands in response to questions about whether they are planning on voting, if they believe themselves to be highly informed, where they get their news from, their faith in news sources, the role of the news and if they feel the candidates have a compelling vision that matches their hopes, dreams and vi-

The main discussion revolved around the question

ing young people. The first section of the podcast consisted of Kay asking Beller and Schulenberg about their thoughts and observations of Marshall students.

Some of the topics discussed afterwards included climate change, school shootings and women's rights. When describing young voters in the country as a whole, Schulenberg brought up statistics that showed a large increase in young voters between the ages of 18-24 that are planning on voting in the election in November.

The second portion of the taping engaged the students in the audience. Questions, comments, concerns and observations were brought up by a range of attendees, followed by facts, answers or other thoughts by the three panelists.

Many students agreed that they were experiencing or had seen trust in institutions diminish in themselves or their peers. They discussed traditional and social media, clickbait, unreliable representatives and political messages they didn't believe would translate to office.

One student brought up her disappointment in political messaging on social media, mentioning she has been upset to see heavily biased posts that focus more on politicians' personalities than their policies.

Some students said they of what issues are concern- felt excited to vote for Kamala Harris after Joe Biden stepped down. Another student shared their disappointment that politicians weren't going to campuses to speak to students.

Many students expressed an overall lack of confidence in institutions and media as well as confusion about how to get involved in politics beyond the ballot box or how to get elected officials to care about the issues that are important to the electorate.

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Marshall's Shawn Schulenberg was featured on this episode of podcast.



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Volleyball sweeps competition at EMU Tournament



Brynn Brown sets the ball during a previous match.

Courtesy of HerdZone

By JOSEPH DICRISTOFAROSPORTS EDITOR

Marshall Volleyball wrapped up the Eastern Michigan Tournament with a perfect 3-0 record, defeating Oakland University and George Washington University 3-1 and narrowly beating hosts EMU 3-2 on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The wins over the weekend extend the Herd's record to 5-1.

"We had a huge focus on floor and net defense this week, and they stepped up and stuck to the game plan," head coach Ari Aganus said. During the Herd's match against the George Washington Revolutionaries, Brynn Brown recorded her second triple-double of the weekend. Peyton Neal tallied a match-high 21 digs.

Defensively, Izzy Collier and Audrey Greer held the Revolutionaries in check with each having four blocks.

The Herd's domination of the weekend continued against the Eastern Michigan Eagles. Brown, Greer and Bella Thompson all tallied double-doubles during the match. Thompson wrapped up the

game with a team-high 20 assists and 10 digs.

"Brynn Brown did what she does best: it all. Our depth really allowed us to get strategic, but the consistency of Peyton and Izzy was crucial," Aganus said. "Super proud, but need to execute much better next weekend."

The Herd remains on the road for its next match as it heads to the Rocket Invitational in Toledo, Ohio, on Friday, Sept. 13.

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Defective offense derail Herd in Blacksburg

By JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a good defensive showing in Blacksburg, Virginia, multiple offensive miscues caused Marshall Football to come up short against Virginia Tech on Saturday, Sept. 7.

North Texas transfer Stone Earle emerged as the starter to lead the Herd's new air raid-style offense against the Hokies. Despite the new offensive play calling, the Hokies kept the Herd's passing game in check for all four quarters only allowing 13 completions for 131 yards.

"What we were planning to do was in Stone's wheelhouse; there's a couple of times there he made some really good throws. We dropped them, and there were a couple of times the throws were a little bit off," head coach Charles Huff said. "You know, obviously, it gets magnified when you're the quarterback."

Earle completed only 13 of 36

passes, threw one interception and tallied one touchdown. There were also a few miscues on the wide receiver's behalf resulting in dropped halls

"We had opportunities; we have to make the catches," Huff said. "When you play a good team, you stop them on defense. You have got to move the ball on offense, and if you don't, they're going to make a play."

Despite the lack of offense shown on Saturday, Huff said he liked what he saw from Earle in his first full start at quarterback.

"He played hard. I thought he gave us a chance; he ran hard. I thought he got the ball out of his hand quickly, which was a big piece for what we were trying to do," Huff said.

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Women's Soccer fells the Sycamores



Ebony Leckey celebrates after her goal gave the Herd the late lead against the Indiana State Sycamores.

Courtesy of HerdZone

By JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall Women's Soccer emerged victorious on Sunday, Sept. 9, after a nail-biting game resulting in a late goal from Ebony Leckey to lead the Herd past the Indiana State Sycamores 1-0 at Hoops Family Field. With hints of déjà vu from the Herd's last home contest, they found themselves deadlocked with their opponent until a late goal saved the day. In the 86th minute, forward Leckey found a deflected ball at her feet that she launched into the back of the net.

Junior Bailey Fisher had three

shots on goal, with her deflected shot leading to Leckey's goal.

Despite only netting one late goal, the Herd fired 20 shots, eight of which were on goal. The Sycamores shot only four balls on goal.

Another clean sheet from Alexis Wolgemuth and sound defense helped promote the high offensive dominance the Herd showed on the pitch.

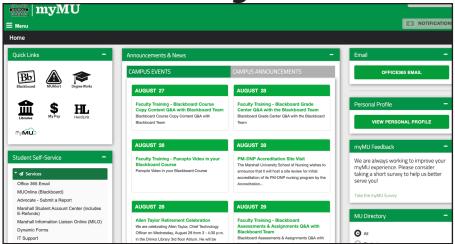
Following the win, the Herd enters Sun Belt Conference play with a 2-0-1 home record. Marshall will play its first SBC game of the year at Georgia State on Sunday, Sept. 22.

"One of our goals was to be un-

defeated at home before Sun Belt (Conference play)," head coach Rafa Simoes said. "Today is a credit to the team; they stuck to the game plan well, and I am really proud of them today."

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The new myMU in review: a work in progress





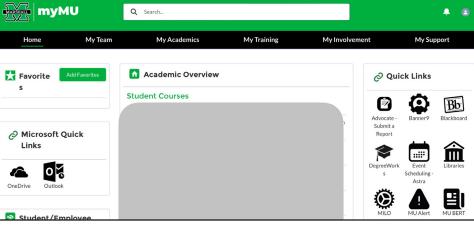


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Old MyMU homepage

Photo by Baylee Parsons

By BAYLEE PARSONS NEWS EDITOR

"My Team. My Academics. My Training. My Involvement. My Support." My goodness, this is not the old myMU.

The new myMU is out and in full effect. After a week of struggling to navigate Marshall's new academic hub, students - like myself - have found themselves wishing they could still access the old site.

Based on a social media poll conducted by The Parthenon, an overwhelming number of students said they preferred the old myMU to the new website. Out of 520 total voters, a whopping 426 voted "no" when asked if they liked the new myMU, with only 94 voting "yes." Using these statistics, the site received an 81.9% disapproval rate and, consequently, a much lower approval rate of 18.1%.

Students' chief complaints revolved around complications with general use of the website.

"Before, things were pretty easy to find," sophomore Hope Fry said, "and now, it seems like everything is dispersed."

Fry said she also did not understand why the quick link for HerdLink was taken away with the website change.

Freshman Skyler Clagg said, overall,

the new myMU feels "unfinished."

"Some links appear to be broken, leaving access to some things difficult," Clagg said.

Following the new myMU's release on Saturday, Aug. 31, students received an email from the Information Technology Service Desk the next day stating, "We have identified an issue with accessing the new myMU portal when using the old weblink (mymu.marshall.edu), which is causing sign-in errors."

The email encouraged students to use a direct link, instead, and to clear browser cache to resolve the issue.

While many students expressed concerns regarding the update, others said they liked the added features.

"I think this is a change for the better due to all of the information being there as soon as you open the page," senior Gavin Stephens said.

Stephens listed having his classes, their locations and quick links as three features he appreciated on the new home page.

Similarly, senior Garrett Shields said, "I just like the ability to see where all my classes are and their times right when I get on myMU."

Personally, I am not a fan of this layout,

and my main complaint with the website is the layout as a whole. I am often on my computer late at night and find myself longing for the old myMU home page that wasn't so... white. The mix of green, white and black on the former home page was much easier on the eyes and, frankly, just looked better.

However, I understand the new myMU is a work in progress, and the IT desk is making changes to it daily.

Cody Hall, the customer relationship manager for Marshall IT, said myMU required an update because the site was running on old, non-supported products. He said the goal of the new site is to increase the accessibility to students' information.

Hall said users will be able to provide feedback for the new myMU on its home page until Sept. 30, 2024.

"It's going to be ever changing based on input and what makes the experience best for our students," Hall said.

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Art tells the story

By JORDAN OOTEN STUDENT REPORTER

Making good art is good storytelling, said the featured artist during her presentation on the last day of her exhibit in the Visual Arts Center from July 19 to Sept. 5.

"I think what makes good art is a good story," artist Kelley O'Brien said to aspiring art students during the presentation. O'Brien comes from Greensboro, North Carolina.

Some of O'Brien's works that were shown include: "American at Work," "Lucy Walks," "Liberty is the Freedom to do Exactly What You've Been Doing" and, the main work of the evening, Residence Time

Residence Time is a piece inspired by numerous 1,4-dioxane leaks. The first happened in the Cape Fear River Basin in 2014, and the company responsible for the spill has not been held accountable.

1,4-dioxane is a possible carcinogen and toxic chemical that can cause nasal, abdominal, kidney and liver problems when exposed to it in high levels, according to the CDC.

The exhibition was described by O'Brien as an investigation of how "the city is complicit in violence, both against humans and the environment, in support of the industries that fund (Greensboro)."

When speaking about her inspiration for Residence Time, she said, "I was really interested in thinking about the ways that our city has engaged in state sanctioned violence... and also how this is an issue that goes under the radar."

In the exhibition, a perfume bottle of 1,4-dioxane was displayed in

a glass box as the center of the gallery when walking into the showroom.

The exhibit also showed stills of rivers affected by these spills layered and printed onto translucent paper.

When speaking about her thought process for this piece, O'Brien said, "I was really interested in the way of the paper itself starting to become obscure images and how that kind of hints towards the obscurity of these ideas by the government."

Another work shown in the exhibit featured industrial filter socks which are mainly used for filtering out water. The inspiration for this work was finding these filter socks in North Buffalo Creek in Greensboro. O'Brien described the industrial filter socks as a metaphor for the desertion of local newspapers.

"I think this is part of the issue that happens a lot when you're thinking about local concerns or local actions." she said. "It's really hard to access local news in your communities, especially since we've lost a lot of local newspapers. I thought that it was a nice image to show with this."

Another work shown was a panel of water that moves at certain moments. O'Brien described the piece as, "A soundscape of deep vibrations reverberates ominously through the space and our bodies."

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'Hacking the Library' art to be shown in Drinko Library

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By JORDAN OOTEN STUDENT REPORTER

The "Hacking the Library: An Art in the Libraries" art exhibit will be shown in Drinko Library's first floor on Sept. 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

This exhibit is a partnership between Marshall Libraries and West Virginia University. The exhibit "highlights the intersecting values that shape our libraries through an artistic lens," according to a press release about the

The release went on to say, "It also reflects on challenges and definitions of libraries past and as we move into the

Design by Kaitlyn Fleming

This event is open to the pub-

lic. The exhibit will be shown until Dec. 16.

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Coming to school shouldn't be scary, local teacher says on recent Georgia school shooting

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"No students should fear coming to school," a teacher at Cabell Midland High School said in response to the shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia Wednesday, Sept. 4.

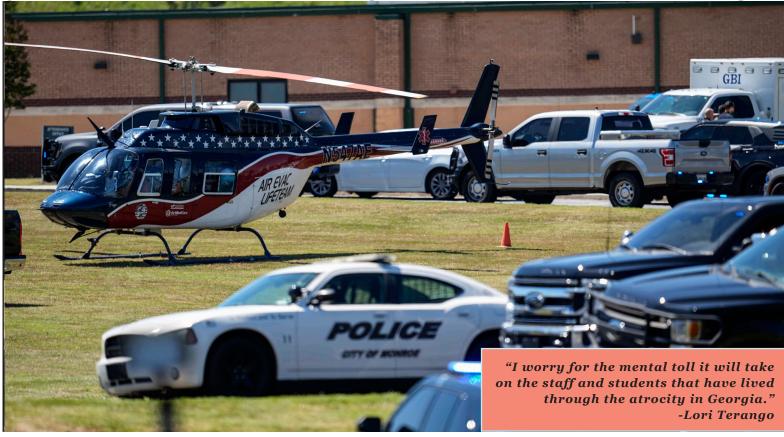
"It (school) should be a place of safety where they can get an education and enjoy time with friends," said Lori Terango, who teaches English at Cabell Midland High School.

In the Apalachee High School shooting, a 14-year-old student is accused of killing two fellow students and two teachers. The victims have been identified as Richard Aspinwall, Christina Irimie, Mason Schermerhorn and Christian Angulo. Both Aspinwall and Irimie were math teachers at Apalachee High School during the time of the shooting.

Schermerhorn and Angulo were both students at the school. Nine others were injured from gunshot wounds.

Colt Gray, who was arrested for the shooting, also attended the school. Authorities questioned Gray a year prior regarding threats made about shooting up a school on social media.

Terango said she worries more about student safety than her own; however, she said Cabell County has been working diligently to ensure their schools are safer. This involves installing mantrap doors and extra cameras. Mantrap doors are two sets of doors with a space between them that are meant to provide an additional



A medical helicopter is seen in front of Apalachee High School after a shooting at the school Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024, in Winder, Ga.

AP Photo/Mike Stewart

physical layer of security to a building.

Similar precautionary measures have been implemented in schools across the country over the years as the rate of such shootings has increased by a factor of 12 in the last 53 years, according to the American College of Surgeons.

Terango also said Cabell Midland practices lock down drills often to ensure students know what to do in the event of a real situation

According to law officials in Winder, an anonymous phone call was made the morning of the Apalachee High School shooting that stated there would be multiple shootings across five schools the same day.

During the phone call, the unnamed caller warned that Apalachee High School would be the first of the five. The school day proceeded as normal despite the warnings.

Lyela Sayarath, another student at Apalachee High School, said Gray stood up in his second period Algebra 1 class and left the room without saying a word. When he came back to the classroom, he knocked on the door, and a student realized he had brought an assault rifle back with him. This was the beginning of the shooting.

"I am saddened that what happened in Georgia continues to happen in our schools," Terango said. "I worry for the mental toll it will take on the staff and students that have lived through the atrocity in Georgia."

According to BBC, Gray's father, Colin Gray, purchased him the assault rifle used in the shooting as a Christmas gift last year.

This fact has caused Colin to be arrested.

Colt Gray is charged with four counts of felony murder, while Colin Gray is charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter, two counts of second-degree murder and eight counts of child endangerment.

The investigation is ongoing, and both Colt Gray and Colin Gray have not been sentenced yet.

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