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# Marshall falls to Buckeyes 49-14

By JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a competitive first half, Marshall Football came up short with a 49-14 loss to the explosive No. 3 Ohio State Buckeyes in Ohio Stadium with over 100,000 fans watching on Saturday, Sept. 21.

"I thought our guys battled 60 minutes, but they wore us down a little bit in the second half," head coach Charles Huff said. "I thought we showed that when we do what we need to do from the things that we can control, that we can play with anybody in the country."

The Herd received the opening kickoff and marched methodically 75 yards down the field. With a mix of quick strikes from quarterback Stone Earle and a two-yard touchdown run from Ethan Payne, the Herd took an early 7-0 lead and drained nearly seven minutes off the clock. The short run from Payne was the first touchdown scored against the Buckeyes this season.

"They hadn't given up a touchdown all year, and only one team

had gotten into the red zone all year," Huff said. "I thought the biggest play of the day was we go down there on the goal line, and we punched it in. That's a man's yard down on the goal line. Offensively, we were a lot more efficient today."

The Buckeyes would soon tie the game with a screen pass from quarterback Will Howard to wide receiver Emeka Egbuka that went for 68 yards into the endzone and further ignited the Buckeye faithful that filled Ohio Stadium.

Going into the second quarter, the Herd was deadlocked with Ohio State 7-7. Less than three minutes into the second quarter, the Buckeyes took the lead with a short run from Howard.

With the Herd trailing and forced to punt, the Buckeyes muffed the punt on their own 10-yard line that was recovered by the Herd. However, the cheers from Herd fans scattered throughout the sea of scarlet shirts were silenced after a penalty on illegal formation negated the play and forced a re-kick.

Following two scores from the



Elijah Metcalf celebrates a first down during the OSU vs. Marshall game on Sept. 21.

Photo by Wade Sullivan

Buckeyes, the Herd trailed 28-7 with six seconds remaining in the first half, and the offense led by Earle positioned in the red zone. Earle launched the ball toward the back of the end zone where he found wide receiver Elijah Metcalf, who pirouetted to get a foot down to move the score to 28-14 going into halftime.

The Herd did not find the endzone following the conclusion of the first half. Ohio State's offense continued its dominance with three touchdowns scored in the remainder of the game.

Earle finished the game with 132 yards on 16 of 21 attempts

and one touchdown. The Herd finished with 264 yards of offense on 70 total plays.

Marshall will take on the Western Michigan Broncos at home on Saturday, Sept. 28, in its first

home contest since defeating Stony Brook in the home opener.

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# Washington Models Presidency at Amicus Curiae

By SARAH DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

A history professor speaking at the latest Amicus Curiae lecture suggested all presidents of the United States gets their job description and a portion of their inspiration from the nation's first.

The Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy welcomed Denver Brunzman to the lecture stage on Tuesday, Sept. 17, to discuss the inaugural presidency of George Washington. The lecture was moved from its usual Thursday time to Tuesday in a celebratory move for the country's Constitution Day.

Brunzman currently serves as the

history department chair at George Washington University, located in Washington, D.C. In addition to teaching various sections of history, Brunzman teaches classes specifically about Washington. One of these takes place at Mount Vernon, the late president's estate in Virginia.

The lecture examined Washington as both a military and governmental leader. Before his presidency, Washington served from 1775-1783 as commander-in-chief for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He was not elected for presidential office until 1789. He then served as America's first president until 1797— a career running two terms — which led to

his well-known title as “the father” of the country.

Patricia Proctor, founding director of the Simon Perry Center, said this background is important for young people to know.

“From my perspective, nothing can be more important for our country than citizens from a very young age becoming very well educated about our history and the meaning of it,” she said.

Washington is the only president that did not live in the White House as well as the only to lead troops in war during his term. Brunzman said that when Washington prepared his inaugural speech to the country, he sent it to James Madison to review -

all 73 pages of it.

“James Madison sends it back, and he called it, ‘a strange production,’” Brunzman said. “He basically said, ‘Whatever you do, don’t give this speech.’”

Brunzman also pointed out that although Washington is often credited with starting the foundation of America, he too was a human with flaws and imperfections.

“I just want to say a few words about Washington as an enslaver,” he said. “It’s really impossible to imagine Washington reaching the heights that he did without enslaved labor and also without the contributions of other people.”

“Behind every great man, there’s

many, many other people,” he went on to say.

The legacy that Washington left for the presidents after him lingers centuries later, Brunzman explained.

“We have these amazing historical examples,” he said. “In particular, we have George Washington.”

In addition to the lecture, the Simon Perry Center alongside the university’s Drinko Academy will celebrate the Constitution all throughout the month of September.

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## NASA offers student opportunities for West Virginians

By ELLA BUMGARDNER  
STAFF REPORTER

New opportunities have been presented for students across West Virginia thanks to the NASA WV Space Grant Consortium.

Earlier this month, the organization announced the opportunity for students to become a student ambassador or earn an internship for the summer of 2025.

“This is a great resume builder, and the ambassador will be actively inspiring the general public about STEM fields and NASA,” said Suzanne G. Strait, the associate vice president for research development.

The WVSGC announced one-year scholarships for students to promote awareness and inspire, engage and encourage interest and careers in STEM by applying to be

a student ambassador.

“The ambassador will serve as a vital link between WV NASA and the community, learning more about NASA opportunities for students and our greater community,” Strait said.

In addition to the ambassador, the WVSGC announced a summer 2025 internship opportunity for students.

The Student Internship Programs will offer educational, hands-on experiences that provide unique research and operational opportunities related to NASA for undergraduate students.

“The summer internship programs allow students to gain great job skills and explore career options either at the state or national level,” Strait said.

Another option for internships at a state-level was announced for students to intern within high-tech companies in West Virginia.

Hannah Turner, the president of the Marshall University Astronomy Club, is passionate about students taking advantage of this unique opportunity.

“The NASA WVSGC Ambassador Program is a wonderful opportunity for Marshall students to connect with others passionate about STEM, facilitating opportunities for younger generations to become interested in those necessary career pathways,” Turner said.

The program has created an incredibly unique opportunity for students to engage with professionals at a national level.

“Scientific curiosity from a young

mind often correlates with a future professional capable of contributing to a groundbreaking discovery,” Turner said. “I would like to think that many well-known astronomers today were once ambitious students with ideas unheard, ideas that would

eventually increase public scientific knowledge.”

For more information and deadlines visit [wvspacegrant.org](http://wvspacegrant.org) or contact Kristina Angeline at [Kristina.angeline@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Kristina.angeline@mail.wvu.edu)



NASA West Virginia logo



# Campus buzzes with caffeine consumption

By SARAH DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

It's rare to take a walk around campus without seeing a caffeinated beverage in a student's hand.

All across Marshall's campus, students have access to coffee and energy drinks through coffee shops, vending machines and stores. These vendors are typically accompanied with long lines, and it's no secret that college students are typically tired, stressed and overwhelmed with assignments and tasks.

Caffeine offers a boost of energy and enjoyment for so many and it's becoming a necessity rather than an accessory.

Student Lillian Viliter

said that she typically drinks multiple coffees a day and knows that her habits aren't the healthiest option.

"I get heart pains already, and I think the more caffeine I drink, the worse they get," she said. "I'm trying to be more mindful of that; talk to my doctor and stuff. He would probably tell me to cut down."

Viliter also said that she has noticed the prominence of caffeinated drinks all around her.

"I see a lot of students going to Starbucks or Dunkin or buying more Celsius or Alanis," she said.

The Federal Drug Administration recommends that adults do not consume

more than 400 milligrams of caffeine per day. Excessive amounts of caffeine can cause disturbed sleep, heart problems, anxiety and dehydration.

A grande (medium) cold brew from Starbucks contains about 200 milligrams of caffeine and an Alani energy drink contains the same. That means two of each— or one of both— maxes out limits for the day.

Student EmmaJo Taylor said that she tries her best to not get consumed by caffeine culture. Her habits stop at the occasional sip.

"I drink water everyday and I drink a Celsius every-once-in-a-while— I don't do it a lot— because I know it's

not that good for you," she said. "It can cause issues."

With midterms just around the corner, it won't be surprising to see a busier library, an emptier gym and

more empty cups and cans in university trash cans.

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Caffeinated drinks are offered in many vending machines around campus.

Photo by Sarah Davis

## Homecoming 2024 sports 'The Marco Games'

By THE PARTHENON

With homecoming approaching, Marshall has planned a wide variety of events for students, faculty, alumni and community members to celebrate the nostalgic season.

### Monday, Sept. 30

Unity Walk: At 5 p.m., student organizations will take a walk beginning at the Recreation Center and ending at the Memorial Student Center Plaza. At the end of the walk, the 2024 Homecoming Court will be announced.

### Tuesday, Oct. 1

Green and White Giving Competition starts at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center lobby. This competition lasts through Thursday, Oct. 3.

Salsa Under the Stars: The Charleston Salsa Club will provide dance lessons in BE5 of the Student Center from 7-9 p.m.

### Wednesday, Oct. 2

Miss Captivating Pageant: The Black United Students will host its annual pageant starting at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room.

### Thursday, Oct. 3

Office Decorating Contest: University departments and offices are invited to participate in the annual office decorating contest.

Homecoming StamFEED: Starting at 5:30 p.m. in La-Fontaine's Rooftop Lounge, everyone is welcome to enjoy local restaurants. Tickets are necessary and cost \$75.

Hoops in Huntington: Athletic teams will showcase at Pullman Square starting at 7 p.m. with other activities to get the community pumped.

Wild N' Out: A comedy show starting at 10 p.m. in BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.

### Friday, Oct. 4

WMUL Car Bash: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Marshall's student radio station invites the campus to come smash a car.

Homecoming Parade: The annual parade will begin on Fourth Avenue/10th Street at 6 p.m.

Bonfire: Immediately following the parade, everyone is welcome to enjoy a bonfire in Harless Field.

Black Alumni Hall of Fame: The Marshall University Black

Alumni will host the second induction ceremony starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

Silent Disco: In the basement of the student center, everyone is welcome to partake in a silent disco. This event starts at 10 p.m. and lasts until 1 a.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 5

Game Day: The Herd takes on Appalachian State University. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m. During halftime, the homecoming court will be crowned. Various tailgates will begin before the game.

For additional information on homecoming and its celebrations, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/homecoming/events/>



The Homecoming theme alludes to this year's Olympic Games.

Courtesy of Marshall University News

# Gubernatorial candidates differ on legalizing marijuana

By CADEN ADKINS  
STUDENT REPORTER

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams criticized Republican governor candidate Patrick Morrisey on his refusal to legalize recreational marijuana for adults in a press release sent out Sept. 19.

Williams has made it clear where he stands regarding cannabis legalization, saying West Virginia residents should have the opinion to decide themselves whether or not it is legalized.

"Morrisey's refusal to let voters weigh in is a glaring example of his out-of-touch leadership," Williams said. "His stance isn't just wrong. It's dangerous for the health and safety of West Virginians."

Morrisey has expressed his opposing views on cannabis legalization by addressing West Virginia's already high opioid addiction rates, and he says he does not want to place more drugs in the state.

"I'm laser focused on doing everything we can to make sure we fight the opioid epidemic in West Virginia," he said. "That means addressing the Chinese fentanyl coming in through the southern border and getting the victims the care they need."

Williams uses Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's previous claims about marijuana decriminalization to highlight the issue. Trump has stated he believes arrests made against adults for possessing

small amounts of marijuana should not continue.

Williams added to Trump's claims saying, "Even Donald Trump understands that it's time to end the failed policies of criminalizing marijuana."

On April 19, 2017, Republican Gov. Jim Justice of West Virginia signed Senate Bill 386, the "Medical Cannabis Act," which allowed marijuana to be used for medical use only. Since then, over 25,000 West Virginia residents have acquired their medical marijuana card.

Justice has previously spoken against the legalization of marijuana in the state; however, he has stated if Republicans in the state House were to propose it, he would support it.

Currently, West Virginia has over 40 medical cannabis dispensaries, with seven located in Huntington.

Williams has called Morrisey's refusal to support a statewide legalization an "insult to the people of West Virginia."

"It's time for him to stop blocking progress and start listening to the people he claims to represent," he said.

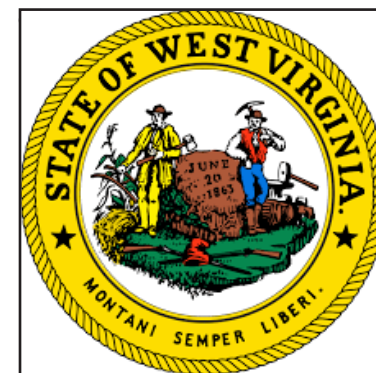
This is not the first time the two candidates have had vastly different positions on the policies they will implement if elected.

Earlier in the year, Williams called for guaranteed access to abortion and reproductive healthcare for West Virginia citizens through a petition.

Morrisey, who was against access to abortion, stated, "West Virginians share the same sentiment for life as me."

The West Virginia gubernatorial election is on Nov. 5.

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The gubernatorial election will take place Nov. 5.

Courtesy of Wikipedia

# Grub & Groove highlights upcoming music festival

By NATE HARRAH  
STUDENT REPORTER

Promoting music festival Funktave8 on Oct. 12 at the Ritter Park Amphitheater, the Campus Activities Board hosted acts Funkle Sam and HellNaw alongside self-serve walking tacos on Sept. 12.

Nevaeh Bright, Campus Activities Board member, said Grub and Groove also promoted campus connections and friendships while promoting local Huntington artists and musicians,

"I think it's awesome," student Kyle Lewis said. "It encourages people to come out and also allows people to express themselves and their creative endeavors and

to meet people that have similar interests. I love any type of live music there is, so this event is making me excited for the Funktave8 event that's happening. So I'll definitely be attending that."

Parry Casto performs as Funkle Sam for The M.F.B. and is also the co-founder of Funktave8.

"It was a couple of bands that I was friends with. We had an idea when we used to play together," Casto said. "We used to do these shows called Tri-Funktaforce when all of us would play together at a show, and then we were like, 'Hey, why don't we make this into a bigger event - a bigger show? Let's make a festival out of it.'"

"It does not really matter what Funktave8 means to me, it means so much more to other people," Casto said. "They turn it into whatever they want it to be. It means something different to everyone."

The lineup for this year's Funktave8 features Yam Yam, Rasta Rafiki, THE M.F.B., Dinosaur Burps, Megan Jean's Secret Family, HellNaw, Massing, Randy, DJ Charlie Blac, KiTANA, Quortz and Blue Heron.

"I think a lot of people get scared away by some of the bands being too brash, but when you go to Funktave8, it's a really laid-back day," Casto said. "It's really family friendly; we have a kid's area. So, it's just a fun, laid-

back day for everyone."

"I want it to be the funnest day that Huntington can have," he went on to say. "Let's have the funnest, funkier day in Huntington."

The theme for Funktave8 is Egyptian, and kids under 12 have free admission.

Other activities at Funktave8 will be "Funkyoga," featuring different yoga instructors from 2-6:45 p.m.; a Silent Disco from 8:30-10 p.m. and a "Funky KidZ Korner" that has "activities, games and creative stations tailored to keep your little ones engaged and entertained throughout the day," according to the Funktave8 website.

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The "Eye Guy" is the mascot for Funktave8. Photo by Nate Harrah



# Huntington Hotspots: *BDY Studios*



The studio is located on 11th Street in Huntington.



By **MAGGIE GIBBS**  
STAFF REPORTER

BDY Studios, a fitness hub in Huntington, West Virginia, offers a blend of fitness, wellness and connection. Founded initially as Brown Dog Yoga in 2013, BDY is best known for its yoga roots but has significantly expanded its offerings over the past eleven years.

"We're really a multimodality fitness studio with yoga as our foundation," said Katrina Mailloux, the owner of BDY Studios.

Today, the studio provides a variety of classes, including yoga, barre, cycling, TRX, strength training and Pilates.

Mailloux said BDY is continually evolving to meet the needs of the community.

"We listen to what our students want and create programs and classes tailored to them, rather than offering the same class every time," she said.

BDY offers a personalized approach and a built-in community to those seeking a more supportive environment than traditional gyms often provide.

Makenzie Stacy, the BDY director of operations and Marshall alumna,

said, "It's unbelievable how many Marshall students walk through our doors."

Stacy's own journey with BDY began as a student at Marshall when she discovered the studio through a classmate. She started at the front desk before becoming an instructor and eventually the manager. Additionally, Stacy is a registered dietitian and provides nutrition services and meal plans for clients interested in all aspects of their fitness journey.

Stacy said one of the cornerstones of BDY Studios is the community.

"The community at Marshall always inspired me because there was always something happening, and the students were always there," she said.

To accommodate student budgets, BDY offers a discounted membership.

"Students can attend eight classes a month at both studios for \$104 a month," Mailloux said about making fitness more accessible to the Marshall community.

For students wanting to try the studio out, BDY offers three weeks of classes for \$39.

Beyond its outreach to students, BDY has extended its reach to

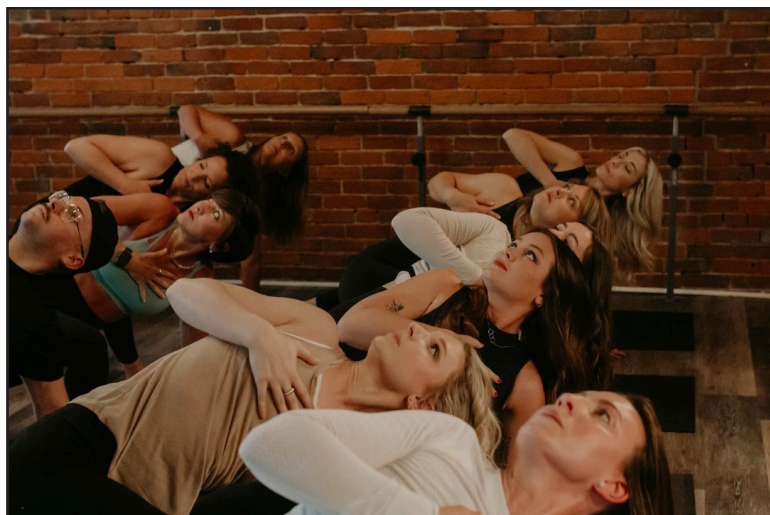
the broader Marshall community through partnerships with Marshall Athletics. The studio offers specialized fitness programs for various Marshall teams, including football, volleyball, softball and baseball.

"Athletes need something not only for their physical fitness, but also for their mental well-being," BDY instructor Lauren Vega said.

Though not a Marshall alumna, Vega returned to Huntington after traveling extensively to contribute to the city's growth. BDY's commitment to Marshall extends beyond fitness through its philanthropic efforts. Established by the studio, the Brown Dog Yoga Foundation has endowed a scholarship for the entrepreneurship program at Marshall's Lewis College of Business.

More than just a fitness studio, BDY Studios has become a space where fitness intersects with community, well-being and a shared love for Huntington. As BDY Studios continues to grow, its commitment to the Marshall community remains unwavering.

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Courtesy of BDY Studios



# Pennington reflects on 1999 MAC Championship Game

By **JOSEPH DICRISTOFARO**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Nearly 25 years ago, Marshall Football secured its third straight Mid-American Conference Championship title against the Western Michigan Broncos after overcoming a 23-point deficit to win 34-30 with the offense led by quarterback Chad Pennington.

"We had played them in the regular season as well and beat them there. And then we had to face them again in the MAC Championship," Pennington said. "That game was extremely memorable being down 23-to-0 with about eight minutes left in the third quarter."

The Herd rallied from the four-score deficit and found itself situated on the goal line down 30-27 in the waning seconds of the game. At the snap of the ball, Pennington located senior fullback Eric Pinkerton in the flat and launched the one-yard pass into the endzone to give the Herd the game-winning score.

"Pinkerton came open, and what's so fitting for that play is that he had just moved to fullback his senior year," Pennington said. "He had played linebacker for four years, including his red-shirt year. He moves to fullback his senior year. He had never run a route for us at all."

Pinkerton's route that resulted in the game-winning score was in the team's goal line package but hadn't been run all season.

"At the most crucial point of the

game and of the season, his number was called, and it wasn't a great throw. He goes down and scoops it on a low throw and makes the grab," Pennington said. "It's one of those sports moments that can only be created in those situations, and it was pretty awesome to witness."

The Herd's position to score was set up by a 33-yard scramble from Pennington that also resulted in a personal foul called on the Broncos to put the Herd in the red zone with less than one minute left.

"I was working a read, and that rush lane just flashed in my face," Pennington said. "When that rush lane came open, I felt like I should hit it, get to the sideline and grab eight to 10 yards, get out of bounds and stop the clock. When I got to the sideline there was nobody there. So, I just turned down the sideline and rode it out."

Until the third quarter, the Herd was held scoreless by the Broncos' defense. Marshall's defense also struggled in containing the Western Michigan offense led by quarterback Tim Lester.

The Broncos came out of half-time with a dominating 20-point lead and soon added a field goal in the early moments of the third quarter to push the lead to 23.

Pennington attributes the Broncos' dominance of the first half to adjustments that Western Michigan and Lester had made following the team's previous matchup in the season.

"Anytime you face a senior quar-

terback, especially the second time, there's going to be some different things that he's going to be able to capitalize on based upon what he saw the first time," Pennington said. "They were able to run the ball relatively effectively, and they had a good mixture of pass and run. Offensively, we were sputtering; we didn't help our defense out at all."

With the game beginning to spiral on the Herd, a collection of plays swung the momentum of the game back in favor of Marshall and got the crowd that had previously fallen silent back into the game.

"One was the James Williams touchdown in the right-hand corner going toward the building. Makes a great catch, one-on-one play," Pennington said. "And then, Maurice Hines, who had an interception. And in those two plays, you could really feel the energy of the stadium change."

The Herd's first score of the game was a 38-yard touchdown pass from Pennington to wide receiver Nate Poole.

"Once we got that first touchdown, it started to snowball back in our favor again. We were able to get another turnover, and we scored 27 points in roughly 10 minutes," Pennington said.

Claiming the 1999 MAC Championship title capped off a historic regular season for the Herd that was filled with highs, such as beating the Clemson Tigers on the road, being ranked in the AP Poll,



Pennington readies his team for the snap of the ball. *Courtesy of HerdZone*

going undefeated and ultimately winning the Motor City Bowl to end the season.

The 1999 season was also a unique season for the Herd and its roster.

"The most unique thing about that year was we had at least 20 seniors that had come in together as true freshmen, and then we were fifth-year seniors," Pennington said. "It was a special group and a special time to be a part of Marshall Football."

Despite the success of the season, Pennington said he and his teammates maintained the same goal throughout the season.

"We focused on the goal at hand, and that was to win the game every time they spotted the ball," Pennington said. "And I think that was because of our veteran senior lead-

ership and coaching staff who did a great job of keeping us focused and challenged all the time."

Bonds that were created during the 1999 season have lasted over two decades since the conclusion of that season.

"We had a lot of fun. And of course, winning creates that environment, but at the same time, you really have to like the people you're playing with to be successful," Pennington said. "To this day, we have a ton of friendships from that team, and we still keep in touch with each other. We'll always have that common bond because of our experience together."

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# Men's Soccer outlasts the Gamecocks



Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week Alexander Stjernegaard launches the ball during a previous matchup at Hoops Family Field.

Courtesy of HerdZone

## By NATE HARRAH STUDENT REPORTER

The No. 10 nationally ranked Marshall Men's Soccer came through with a win 2-1 against the University of South Carolina Gamecocks to open Sun Belt Conference play, making their season record 5-1-1 and 1-0-0 in conference play. The game took place on Friday, Sept. 20, at Eugene E. Stone III Stadium in Columbia, South Carolina.

"We talked before the match; that the time for judging our match based on performance was over. Today, we have to judge ourselves on getting the three points," head coach Chris Grassie said af-

ter the game.

Marshall handed South Carolina its first loss of the season. The win snaps South Carolina's six-match no loss streak.

While the Gamecocks outshot the Thundering Herd 14-12, Marshall was able to fight back for the win.

"South Carolina was a really tough opponent, but I thought our guys battled well, and quite often, we were able to execute on our game plan," Grassie said. "There are still some things to work on, obviously, but I thought we improved a lot of aspects of our play tonight, and we fought hard for the points. That's all we can ask for."

The game started hot with both offensives having plays with shots on goal.

Marshall's Loïc Sany Kong fired a shot on goal, but the Gamecocks' goalkeeper was able to save it. The Marshall offense kept attacking the South Carolina defense with quick drives that were stopped.

The game cooled off a little with both teams' defenses shown on display. That changed in the 19th minute when South Carolina took the lead when Ethan Ballek was able to score.

The Gamecocks did not keep the lead for long when Lineker Rodrigues dos Santos was able to score and equalize the game off

of a deflection just three minutes later.

Both teams kept fighting in the first half, but there were no more goals, ending in a tied half.

In the opening minutes of the second half, goalkeeper Aleksa Janjic came through with a big save in the 51st minute to keep the score locked 1-1.

In the 58th minute, South Carolina's defense headed the ball to attempt to clear but Marshall's Pablo Simon was able to score, making the score 2-1 to give Marshall the lead for the first time during the match.

The Herd was able to seal the win off of Janjic's big saves

and Marshall's defensive clears throughout the last 10 minutes of the game.

Both shots on goal and corner kicks were tied for both teams at 5 shots on goal and 7 corner kicks.

Marshall led South Carolina in saves 4-3 but had more fouls than South Carolina 11-8.

The Thundering Herd returns to Hoops Family Field and will face the Virginia Commonwealth University Rams for its final non-conference matchup on Wednesday, Sept. 25. The game will start at 7:15 p.m.

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# 'Childless cat ladies' are doing just fine

By **KAITLYN FLEMING**  
OPINIONS & CULTURE EDITOR

As a woman, I am so unbelievably sick of being told my life's purpose is to bear children and be a homemaker.

JD Vance, Donald Trump's running mate in the 2024 election, offered his unique viewpoint on individuals without children, which recently resurfaced thanks to the wonder that is social media.

In a 2021 interview with Fox News host Tucker Carlson, Vance said the country would unfortunately be left in the hands of "a bunch of childless cat ladies who are miserable at their own lives and the choices they've made, and so they want to make the rest of the country miserable too."

Vance went on to say, "How does it make any sense that we have turned our country over to people who don't really have a direct stake in it?"

To suggest that women who do not have children are lower in value is appalling.

As a woman who is still making her way in the world, I would like to believe that my contributions to society are meaningful regardless of if I have children or not.

There are a multitude of reasons people decide against having children, and rarely ever is that reason associated with being anti-family.

This rhetoric is dangerous, and the notion that in order to have a considerable impact in our nation is to live out a voca-

tion as a parent is reprehensible.

Women have fought for a long time to be viewed as equals, and off the top of my head, I can think of several childless women who have had profound influences in the world.

First and foremost, self-identified "cat lady" Taylor Swift has taken the world by storm for nearly a decade, but especially this past summer. According to the US Travel Association, The Eras Tour is credited for boosting local economies across the United States; her international tour dates have boosted the global economy as well.

National treasure Dolly Parton has also remained childless while launching the Dollywood Foundation, which decreased high school dropout rates in her hometown. She also created the Imagination Library providing books to children and donated millions of dollars to various charities including pediatric infectious disease research.

Simone Biles, despite being known as a "grandma" in the gymnastics world, has won 11 Olympic medals, making her the most decorated American gymnast of all time. Beyond her gymnastics achievements, Biles has worked directly with non-profit Friends of the Children, benefiting foster children.

Regardless of the amazing things childless women have done and continue to do for our nation and our nation's children, women shouldn't have to

attain large achievements to prove their worth.

Your average woman working a nine-to-five is just as successful with or without children, regardless of what Vance has to say.

That being said, I think childless cat ladies are doing just fine.

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Simone Biles Courtesy of Getty Images



Taylor Swift Courtesy of The New Yorker



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# ByProduct Studios exhibit in Birke Art Gallery explores domesticity

By JORDAN OOTEN  
STAFF REPORTER

"There's a combination of beauty and also anxiety," Molly Jo Burke said when discussing the "Possession is Not Distinguished: By Purchase or By Gift" exhibit.

The exhibit was shown in the Birke Art Gallery on the first floor of the Visual Arts Center from Aug. 12 to Sept. 19.

When discussing the thought process behind this exhibit, Burke said, "There is this focus on things that are comforting from the home like furniture, lighting, stuffed animals."

The Cincinnati-based artist/designer duo, consisting of Burke and Nathan Gorgen, used their experience as parents as inspiration for their work.

"We incorporate a lot of domestic objects and things that relate to architecture and the home because a lot of our own world right now is really focused on domesticity in some ways and the home," Burke said. "We have two small kids, so most of our time is spent between this combination of working to earn enough money to care for our kids, but also our free time is often spent as caretakers in the home."

They also use heirlooms that have been passed down from their family and leftover household objects for their artwork. This, according to their artist statement, makes for "imaginative recycling and repurposing of substances for roles that they do not

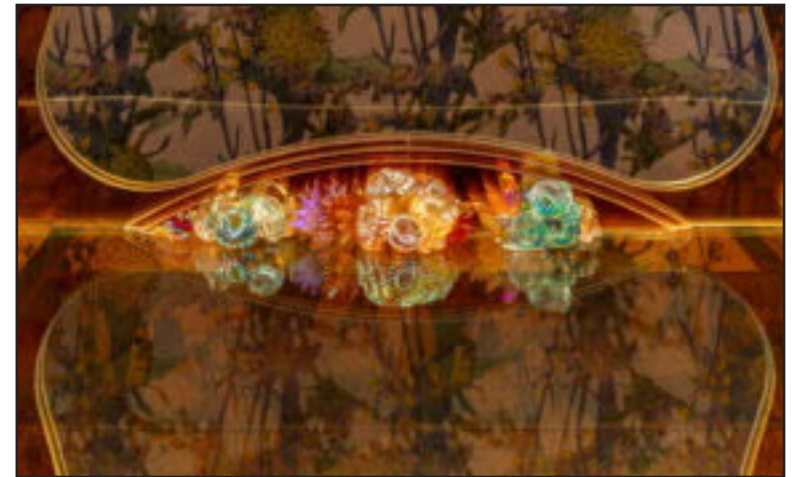
normally fill."

When discussing one of the pieces, Burke said, "The chandelier actually came from my grandmother's house, and we used it in our wedding, and so a part of it is actually playing on nostalgia."

In their artist statement, Burke and Gorgen said they particularly like using items that are stretchy or soft to evoke a feeling similar to the human body.

"The results are whimsical creations that are chaotic, joyful and curious, challenging the audience to reconsider the environments and objects we encounter daily," they said.

When asked what they wanted people to take away from this ex-



ByProduct Studios exhibit

Courtesy of the VAC

hibit, Gorgen said, "One thing that we obviously wanted people to take away is being visually interested and impressed, but we also want people to think about those things that they have in their own lives and how they

affect their life and their homes." The Visual Arts Center gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Jordan Ooten can be contacted at ooten42@marshall.edu.

# VAC to present Michael DeLuca exhibit

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An exhibit exploring the emotionality of the human experience is being displayed at the Visual Arts Center until Oct. 24. Titled "Stratification," Michael DeLuca, the Joan C. Edwards distinguished professor in the arts, uses pastel on paper to "explore the emotional complexities of the human condition," according to his bio.

"Through my work, I seek to honor these raw, often conflicting emotions by peeling back the layers and uncovering what lies beneath," he said.

DeLuca also said he wants to reflect human experience through layered materials.

"My aim is to delve deeper than the surface – physically through layered materials, visually through spatial illusions and emotionally through contrasting gestures, colors and patterns that mirror the complexity of the human experience," he said.

Ian Hagerty, painting professor at the School of Art and Design, said in a press release, "His work is significant not only for its concep-

tual focus, but also for reminding us that creating art doesn't require an elaborate studio or expensive materials – just a willingness, sincerity and discipline to engage in the process."

DeLuca's work has been shown in various national and international galleries. He is currently represented by and the associate curator of the Art Gazette in London.

The exhibit will conclude with an artist talk on Oct. 24 from 5-6 p.m. and a reception from 6-7:30 p.m.

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"Stratification" by DeLuca

Courtesy of the VAC



# WV Tattoo Expo Inaugurated in Huntington



The first tattoo exposition in Huntington had on-site tattoo artists and other vendors at the Marshall Health Network Arena Sept. 20-22.

Photos by Trista Honaker







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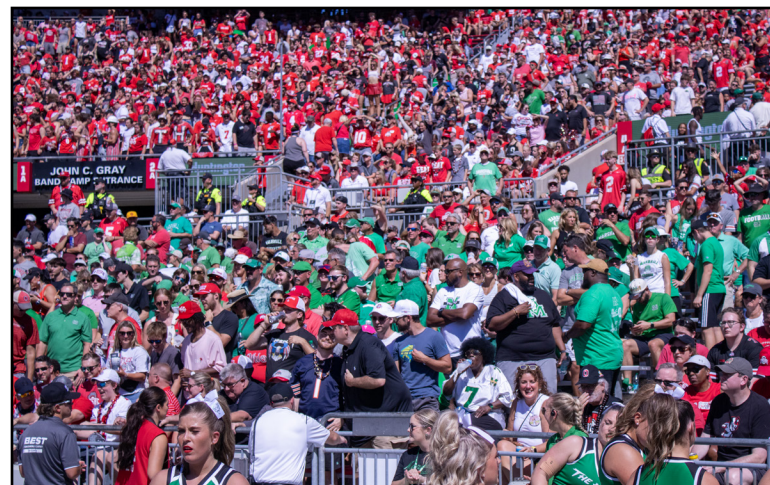
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Marshall Football traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to The Ohio State University Sept. 21. The Thundering Herd lost 49-14 in front of a crowd of more than 103,000 people.



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