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Marshall Honors Hal Greer with Statue



The statue is a nearly eight-foot-tall bronze figure of Greer in his number 16 Marshall jersey. | Richard Crank

By XENA BUNTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

To celebrate the life of athlete Harold Everett “Hal” Greer, Marshall University held a ceremony Oct. 9 to unveil a bronze statue of the athlete on the corner of 3rd Ave. and 18th St. in Huntington.

The statue, created by Huntington Native and Marshall graduate Frederick Hightower Sr., is a nearly eight-foot-tall bronze figure of Greer in his number 16 Marshall jersey.

“When people are driving by they are not just driving by any school, but that this is Marshall—a place of champions,” Hightower said. “Hal was a native of Huntington, I think that speaks well for our community and that we could produce such a great individual.”

Greer played basketball at Marshall from 1954-58, where he averaged 19.4 points and 10.8 rebounds per game in three varsity seasons—leading Marshall to the school’s first appearance in the NCAA men’s basketball tournament in 1956. Marshall. Greer was named an All-American Honorable Mention in 1958 and later inducted into the Marshall University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985.

“This is really a dream come true for me and I am thankful that I’ve got to see this happen before I step away as president” President Jerome Gilbert, said. “Until now, we [Marshall] have not sufficiently recognized Hal Greer at Marshall University. Today we are creating an opportunity to recognize Hal and give him the respect that he should have.”

Greer was also, in 1955, the first Black student-athlete to play baseball in at a traditionally white university in West Virginia. . . **Statue P2**

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The students have voted and elected senior Zack Ihnat and junior Caroline Kinder as their 2021 Mr. and Miss Marshall. Ihnat is a civil engineering and Spanish major sponsored by his fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi. His platform is based on physical health and wellness here on campus.

“I spent some time out of the country this summer,” Ihnat said. “I spent it in Spain, and while I was there, I lost like 20 pounds. I got healthier, I was more productive, I slept longer, and I felt more rested. I felt like a lot of that had to do with my diet, and my level of physical activity.”

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...After Marshall, Greer was selected in the 1958 NBA Draft by the Syracuse Nationals—the Philadelphia 76ers today.

In 1982, he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and in 1996, was listed as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History.

“And to think that he came from the streets of Huntington, the streets of Fairfield, campus of Marshall, state of West Virginia; it gives us all a chance to say that we can rise to the best. I want all of you to celebrate that.” Dan D’Antoni, Marshall head men’s basketball coach, said. “From this campus—anything is possible.”

After Hightower was commissioned by Marshall in 2018, the original ceremony was scheduled in October 2020, but COVID-19 caused a delay at the foundry.

The statue shows Greer shooting in his signature one-handed jump shot and a flow of green at the bottom.

“Somebody wanted to know what was the green [at the bottom] and I was like ‘well you have to go to Marshall understand that because we bleed green,’”

said Hightower.

Greer’s two daughters and brother-in-law spoke on behalf of Greer’s wife and son who were delayed by travel issues.

“I am so impressed with the details and how everything is so life-like. If my dad was here, I think he would want to just take the statue home. He adores the fans and appreciates everything,” Kelly Denise, oldest of the three siblings, said. “I would say the greatest thing he has taught me is to ‘love what you do’ and ‘don’t focus on anything else and be the best at what you love.’”

Greer’s jersey numbers 16 and 15 for both Marshall and the 76ers were retired, respectively, in his honor. Commemorative Hal Greer jerseys are now available at Marshall University Bookstore for a limited time.

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Kelly Denise, oldest of the three siblings, spoke on behalf of her mother. | Richard Crank

Covid Relief Plan Gives Over \$6 Million to Students

By Conner Woodruff
THE PARTHENON

Over \$6 million is being given to Marshall University students as part of the university’s COVID relief plan.

Starting the week of Oct. 4, the bursar’s office has been sending out need-based financial aid packages to non-freshman students via their selected MU e-refund method.

“Within the week you should have it, at least have an opportunity to get it,” Mark Robinson, Marshall’s chief financial officer said. “What’s going out this week is a little over \$6 million.”

Students should receive information regarding these funds via the University’s bursar’s office email, Robinson advises that students should not think of the email alert as a “scam.”

“If you have got money in your account, you have got money in your account,” Robinson assures.

First time freshmen and other students who did not have access to the previous year’s COVID related financial aid packages have already received aid via the University’s technology grant, disbursed in early September.

“We gave them \$1,200,” Robinson said. “The amount was higher due to the lack of access to the prior pools of money.”

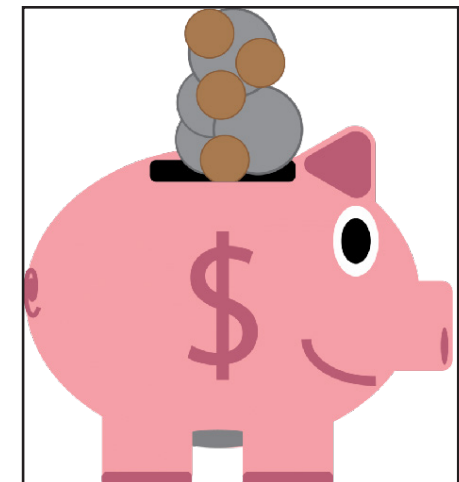
Robinson also mentioned different approaches that students can take should they believe that they need more support, encouraging students to reach out to programs including the SGA’s crisis relief program.

“There’s an appeal process that the office can always do,” Robinson said. “If they have some extraordinary situation the financial aid office can use professional adjustments to increase that amount of aid, but they would need to substantiate why they need more money.”

This money comes from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, which has provided assistance to the university and its students since its congressional passing in March 2020.

Students can expect the next round of aid disbursements to come during the Spring 2022 semester.

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Zach Hiser | Photographer

East Hall Soon to Become Marshall University's Intercultural Center

By ALAINA LASTER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Intercultural Center will soon take place in East Hall with the goal of creating an inclusive environment on campus.

"As the VP of Intercultural Affairs for the University, and I've been here for 18 years, it is my personal belief that all universities these days should have cultural centers. Many do, and many don't," said Maurice Cooley, vice president for Student and Intercultural Affairs.

The building that many students now known as a virtual learning hub has had many different roles throughout the University's history.

The building has been known in recent years as the INTO center where students can learn about studying in different countries, but the goal is to have a new Intercultural Center by January 2022 said Cooley.

This idea has been in progress since June of 2020, when Cooley wrote up his idea for the space that East Hall occupies.

His goal is to create a place that welcomes everyone.

"Students of all kinds of places, and religions and ideologies that we have in our lives. A place where we can find the emergence of that, so that people can grow and learn from other people, because the University's role in part is to prepare our students to become leaders in global society," said Cooley.

The Intercultural Center will take up the majority of the upstairs floor as well as some of the downstairs floor in East Hall.

However, the building will also be host to the FAM (Friend at Marshall) program that freshman students are involved in, as well as The English Language Institute.

All three programs will work alongside one another to provide many opportunities within the building.

Also inside will be multiple different centers including Black United Students Center, LGBTQ+ centers, international student center, learning and resource centers and more.

"The University should be structured and tailored so that students are exposed to programs, opportunities, initiatives and activities... But also, a big place where much of this can be intentionally designed, and it is

there every day," said Cooley.

The progress for the center has been slowed down by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The idea being new has not had too much of an effect, however when the plans for designing the new building came into play it was put on hold.

Cooley said the place was already designed well to hold the center, but when it comes to decor, he has big plans.

Everything they planned to order even down to the paint has been placed on back order due to the pandemic.

The original goal was to have the center completed by homecoming week, but that had to be pushed back due to their inability to get the supplies they needed to redecorate the Center.

"It will probably take a year or so for students at Universities to get comfortable by being in a place where there are people socializing and learning and doing interesting things... We will have a lot of structured programs and activities; discussions, showcases, presentations, films, and others, said Cooley.

The goal of the center is to be a place for students and faculty to all feel welcome at the center.

"While this environment may house certain sub-populations, don't get us wrong for a minute. The Intercultural Center is not designed for the populations that are housed there The Intercultural Center is designed for all people in the University.. It is designed primarily for others," said Cooley.

The center will be a place for all students to feel welcome to learn from one another.

Cooley said that roughly 70% of our students here at Marshall are chiefly West Virginia students, many have not faced the diverse experiences that they should learn of another's culture, race, and ethnic group.

"The students don't know yet that they will be stimulated positively by being in a place that they had not imagined, and that will influence them positively to seek a further sense of association and learning from people who will be there with them," said Cooley.

The center will be a place that students can use daily, for meeting rooms and events.

The FAM program being within will also create a flow of students into the building showing them what is available through the Intercultural Center.

Their goal is not only to host events and activities of their planning, but to collaborate with anyone on campus who feels they have an idea or cause to be celebrated, said Cooley.

"99% of who we are and what we like, and our values and goals and what brings us joy and excitement are the same. We might look different, our colors may be different, we may originate from different geographical boundaries, and our families might be different, but we are 99% the same. But we think we are not," said Cooley.

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Maurice Cooley speaking after Unity Parade 2021 | Xena Bunton

Homecoming Parade Rides Through

By ALAINA LASTER
REPORTER

Students walked along Eighth Street Thursday for the annual Marshall University Homecoming Parade.

Many of the University's student organizations gathered, putting together floats and handing out candy in celebration of this year's homecoming. They partook in a float building contest as well as the University bonfire at the end of the route.

Many different organizations worked to create a float of this year's theme, "Back and Better than Ever." Some of these organizations included: Alpha Xi Delta, Kappa Sigma, Student Government Association, Black United Students and many more.

Courtney Lulek of Alpha Xi Delta said, "We are really excited to do homecoming this year, we are doing it with kappa Sigma's fraternity, and our theme is Eminem like guess who's back, back again. We are really excited, and we always try to get involved with the community especially with homecoming. We really wanted to do something big."

Students have been working for weeks to prepare for this event, and in the end, members from all different organizations came to show their support for their group as well as the Marshall Community.

"I am super excited about homecoming, especially as a Greek organization, I am really excited that we got to partner with a non-Greek organization, kind of branching out," said Alpha Chi Omega member, Kate Dillon. "Black United Students is a really great organization and we are super excited to do stuff with them in the future, and to see what Marshall has in store this semester and this year."

Organizations included more than sororities and fraternities. There were also athletic programs and some smaller clubs that showed their support.

"I am really excited to see everyone's floats. I really like homecoming because it kind of brings us all together," said Alexis Belt, member of Cherry Blossom Cosplay.

The Marshall University National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association also had a float in the parade. NSSLHA Advisor Emmalee Moles said, "We are excited to get more involved

on campus, that is a goal of ours. We are trying to get more out there and bring more awareness to the speech and hearing center, and just our field in general."

The Student Government Association made sure the parade went according to plan. Members volunteered to help set up and direct organizations to their designated starting spot.

"The parade has been really fun, I actually volunteered and we got everyone in order. It was kind of stressful but it was really fun and I love helping out the Marshall community, and I want to do as much as I can," said student government member Grace Cox.

The Winner of the Best homecoming Float was awarded to the collaborated groups Alpha Sigma Phi and Marshall Women's Swimming and Diving team, with their Back in Black/ACDC themed float.

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Mr. and Miss Marshall Continued

By ALAINA LASTER
REPORTER

During his time in Spain, he discovered how little processed food they consumed, and how important it was for them to practice physical wellness. He said he would run in Retiro Park in the evenings. "There would be thousands of people that go there to hang out with their family and spend time outside," said Ihnat.

"My experiences really allowed my platform to fall into place for me. I am very fortunate to be able to experience that," said Ihnat.

With help from Dr. Mary Kathryn Gould, a professor of dietetics here, he developed a plan for his platform.

They do a backpack program for families and children that may have food insecurity," said Ihnat. "Part of that backpack

program is they have a full meal, utensils and otherwise ready to be prepared for that family. Because the nutrition education program is all about going out into the community and local elementary schools. Really, they primarily focus on elementary school age children. They go out and basically with this program they'll prepare backpacks to give to students that are in need,"

Ihnat said regardless of whether he won Mr. Marshall, his fraternity would have worked to do a drive for this program. Now that he has won, he hopes to have more than just his fraternity take part. "Maybe other fraternities and sororities on campus, SGA, maybe some of the other clubs; maybe we can all band together and try to make it some sort of competition for this backpack program," said Ihnat. He

plans to solidify an initiative within the next few weeks.

"To be selected for something like that is such an honor; it's really hard to put into words. When something is hard to put into words you just experience that raw emotion in the moment and that is definitely what was going on," said Ihnat.

Ihnat said his experience with Marshall lies beyond the four years that he has spent here as a student.

"Marshall means family; I mean that in a literal sense because my dad played football here and he is in the athletic hall of fame, and I still felt that when I came to Marshall, but the scope of that statement has taken an entirely new turn these last four years," Ihnat said. "The school isn't just family to me anymore just because of my dad. It is



ZACHARY HISER | PHOTO EDITOR

family to me because of me, because of the people I have met here, the people that have taught me the lessons that I have learned, and it is hard not to find a friend anywhere I go on this campus."

Caroline Kinder's major is second-

Mr and Miss Marshall
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Students Explore Employment Opportunities at Career Expo

By LEEAH SCOTT
REPORTER

The College of Education at Marshall University hosted a Career Expo to help students talk to potential companies to work for in the future.

The Career Expo is split into two days with 41 companies on Tuesday Oct 12. Tuesday's expo companies included a range of business, journalism, enterprise, engineering and more. Wednesday's expo companies include STEM and health professions.

"This career expo

helped me gain more knowledge and talk to potential employers in my industry that I am going into," said MU student Lan Skaff.

According to Director of Education Cris McDavid, these employers coming today and tomorrow are looking to hire part-time workers, full-time workers and interns. Students who aren't looking for employment yet can still come and look for other opportunities before they gain hands-on experience before graduation.

"It gives them an

opportunity when they have those connections to help lead to a potential full-time job," said McDavid.

Students coming to the expo find a variety of companies to explore.

"It's good for students to go to events like this. I believe this has helped me with more opportunities," said MU student Sidney Hill.

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40th Year Anniversary Celebrated by School of Medicine

By CHRISTIAN PALMER
REPORTER

Marshall University's School of Medicine held a 40th reunion last weekend for its first graduating class, the class of 1981.

"This is special because the first group is special, but every group is special," Marshall dean of the School of Medicine, Joseph Shapiro said. "It is not different because it is the 40th anniversary, but it is more special."

"Those folks from the class in '81 are small in number, but their camaradery is special," Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, said. "They come back to the reunions and talk like communications have never stopped."

The graduating class from 1981 featured 24 students. "We were trail blazers and set the path for all those who followed," said Patrick Bonasso,

the first physician to graduate from the School of Medicine. "Physicians were needed in West Virginia, and I never felt there would not be a school of medicine. Now, here we are 40 years later, celebrating the class of 1981."

This event was also the 10-year reunion of the 2011 graduating class and the 20-year reunion for the 2001 graduating class. Other classes honored at this year's reunion included the classes of 1991, 1996, and 2006.

This weekend's reunion also included the celebration of assistant dean of admissions and student affairs, Cindy Warren. To reward and honor Warren for the work she has done at Marshall, the School of Medicine dedicated and named a conference room after her.

The reunion weekend began Friday with a noon luncheon between students and alumni, followed by a series of medical lectures. Friday concluded with a reception and a banquet dinner in the evening.

Saturday the alumni attended a tailgate in the afternoon before heading to the homecoming Marshall football game between the Herd and the visiting Old Dominion Monarchs. The Marshall football team ended the weekend celebration with an overtime win.

The annual reunion will occur next year, but this year's will remain significant as the Marshall School of Medicine paid tribute to its roots by celebrating its first ever graduating class from four decades ago.

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Marshall Jazz Ensemble Big Band Gives First Live Performance of the Year

By JAYDEN TAYLOR
REPORTER

Marshall's Jazz 1 ensemble big band performed Monday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Smith Recital Hall.

The Jazz One ensemble is one of two full big bands in the jazz studies program. It is directed by Jeff Wolfe, who teaches courses in jazz studies and applied trumpet (jazz emphasis). One of Wolfe's focuses of the performance was highlighting some important women in jazz and their compositions.

"It's something that I've been wanting to do for a long time, kind of took the approach of historically speaking, some really influential people," Wolfe said. The women featured were Mary Lou Williams, Maria Schneider, and someone that has performed at Marshall as well Ellen Rowe.

"We have a great guitar player and I wanted to highlight that," Wolfe said about a piece from Wes Montgomery a popular jazz guitarist. Wolfe said he wanted to make everyone

"go home happy" with the final piece of the night, "Blues in Hoss' Flat," written by Frank Foster.

Vanessa Coffman, a tenor saxophone player in the big band, said, "When I'm playing on stage it's my escape." This escape had not been possible for a long time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the first show in front of an audience since February of 2020. "That alchemy you get between the audience and the performer can only happen in live music," Wolfe said.

Wolfe said he has been working with the jazz ensemble to work on the "vibe." "Yes, we want good precision stuff to happen, but I always have a saying that is 'It feels good, it is good' even if there are some warts on it here and there it's got to feel good first," Wolfe said.

The next jazz performance at Marshall University will be

the "Jazz Combo 1" at 7:30 p.m. at the Smith Music Recital Hall Oct. 25. More information can be found at www.marshall.edu/music/ or check out on Instagram @mujazzstudies
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Marshall Rallies Past ODU, Ending 3 Game Skid

By **ANDREW ROGERS**
REPORTER

The Marshall football offense could only muster six points in the first 59 minutes and 27 seconds of game action in Saturday's homecoming game against Old Dominion University, but when it mattered most, Quarterback Grant Wells hit Willie Johnson on a 52-yard pass play to tie the game at 13.

"I knew they were putting one-on-one on Willie and X (Gaines) to that side of the field, and I knew it was time for a shot," Wells said. "We needed some energy, and it was getting late in the game."

Marshall got the ball first in overtime and wasted no time. On the second play, Wells found Shadeed Ahmed in the end zone for a 22-yard score and Marshall took the overtime lead 20-13.

Marshall's defense came up big getting a fourth down stop to secure the come-from-behind victory.

"I want to tell Herd Nation that you guys helped us finish that game today," Marshall head coach Charles Huff said. "You stayed in the stands. We were sputtering and you picked us up. The student section was phenomenal. This is what Marshall is all about."

The Thundering Herd opened the scoring when kicker Shane Ciucci kicked the first of two first half field goals. Ciucci connected from 42 yards out with 3:59 left of the opening quarter and then again from 22 yards out with 25 seconds left before halftime. In between, the Monarchs controlled the scoring, taking the lead on a 33-yard pass from Mack Jr. to Ali Jennings, a play in which Jennings barely dragged a foot in the end zone to complete the snag.

ODU increased its lead to 10-6 with 6:36 left of the first half on a 47-yard field goal by Nick Rice. ODU led 10-6 at the halftime and added another field goal with just 2:37 left, to go up 13-6. That's when Wells and the offense came alive.

Overall, both teams were plagued by penalties and other miscues on offense. There were as many total points, 16, as penalties in the first half.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of this football team and the way they fought," Huff said. "It was not clean. It was not perfect, but I think we played team football today."

Marshall, with the No. 5 offense among FBS teams, could not find the end zone on any of its first 10 possessions.

Wells finished 30-for-46 passing for 299 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Huff has plenty of confidence in his quarterback moving forward.

"He's our quarterback, he's Marshall's quarterback," Huff said. "We're going to ride with him. Do we have to get things cleaned up? Yes. I love that kid. I got his back. Great players step up in big-time moments. You can't play a perfect game, but you can play the next play perfect."

Ahmed led all receivers with 77 yards and tied his career high for receptions with seven. Corey Gammage hauled in six passes for 69 yards and Johnson finished with three catches for 63 yards. Freshman running back Rasheen Ali added 77 rushing yards.

Old Dominion's Blake Watson rushed for 168 yards on 26 carries, but Marshall's defense was able to limit the Monarchs offense to just 13 points. Linebacker Charlie Gray finished with a career high of 11 tackles. Defensive backs Steven Gilmore and Cory McCoy each had an interception.

Marshall's defense has only allowed 13 points in the past six quarters of football, including overtime. "Our defense is starting to play the way most people expected," Huff said. "Each week our defense is making strides. We're starting to see the type of defense we can be."

Marshall improved its record to 3-3 and got its first Conference USA win of the season. Marshall football will be back in action Friday at 7 p.m. as it travels to Denton, Texas for a matchup with the North Texas Mean Green.

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Quarterback Grant Wells

Courtesy of Zachary Hiser



Marshall Head Coach Charles Huff

Courtesy of Zachary Hiser



Tight End Devin Miller

Courtesy of Zachary Hiser

Remaining Football Schedule



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10/30
vs FIU



11/6
@FAU



11/13
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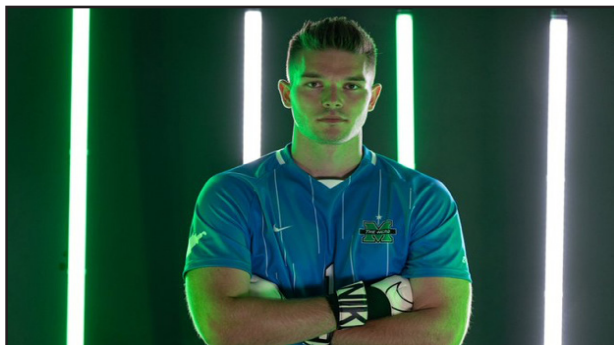
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Athlete of the Week: Oliver Semmle, Men's Soccer

By NOAH HICKMAN
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Courtesy of @HerdMSoccer

ABOUT:

Class: Senior **Position:** Goalkeeper **Height:** 6'3 **Number:** 1
Hometown: Au am Rhein, Germany

RESULTS OVER THE LAST FIVE GAMES:

Two saves in a 2-0 win vs Akron (Sept. 21). Five saves in a 0-0 tie vs Kentucky (Sept. 25). Four saves in a 2-0 win vs Butler (Sept. 29). Three saves in a 1-0 win at Old Dominion (Oct. 3). One save in a 3-0 win at Florida Atlantic (Oct. 9).

SUMMARY:

Thanks to a historically strong defensive effort over the past five games, the Marshall men's soccer team has managed to improve its record to 7-1-3.

The Herd have tied a program record that was set back in 2012 by not allowing a goal in five consecutive games.

The Herd has also not allowed a goal in 538 minutes and 12 seconds. The last goal came at the 41:48 mark when Marshall hosted No. 4 ranked West Virginia University on Sept. 17. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

Semmle has been one of the driving forces of why the Herd is ranked No. 5 in the country.

He has 32 saves with a save percentage of .762 and has allowed 0.95 goals a game, respectively.

Semmle hopes to contribute to a sixth consecutive shutout as Marshall has a chance to break the program record of most consecutive games without allowing a goal when they meet UAB on Saturday, in front of its home crowd.

The game will start at 7 p.m. and can be streamed on ESPN+ and listened to on WMUL-FM 88.1.

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OPINION

Four Reasons Americans are Still Seeing Empty Shelves

By KEVIN KETELS
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Walk into any U.S. store these days and you're likely to see empty shelves.

Shortages of virtually every type of product – from toilet paper and sneakers to pickup trucks and chicken – are showing up across the country. Looking for a book, bicycle, baby crib or boat? You may have to wait weeks or months longer than usual to get your hands on it. I recently visited my local ski shop and they had hardly a boot, ski, goggle or pole to speak of – two full months before ski season begins. The owner said he's normally close to fully stocked around this time of the year.

This may seem a little odd to some Americans given the U.S. has been living with the COVID-19 pandemic for over 19 months. Shouldn't supply chains stressed by the onset of the pandemic have worked out their kinks by now?

As someone who conducts research and teaches on the topic of global supply chain management, I believe there are four primary – and interrelated – reasons for the continuing crunch. And unfortunately for many, they won't be resolved by the holidays.

1. Consumer demand soars
When the pandemic first slammed into American shores in March 2020, companies were already preparing for a prolonged recession – and the typical resulting drop in consumer demand. Retailers and automakers, many of which had to close due to lockdowns, canceled orders from suppliers. It made sense. By April, the unemployment rate reached 14.8%, its highest level since the Labor Department began collecting this data in 1948. And consumer spending plunged.

But something strange happened by the end of

the summer of 2020. After the initial shock, consumer spending began to rebound and was nearing pre-pandemic levels by September, in no small part thanks to the trillions of dollars in aid Congress was showering on the economy and people. By March 2021, consumers were again spending record amounts of money on everything from new computers and chairs for home offices to bikes and sporting goods as people sought safer ways to get around and entertain themselves. Demand for consumer goods has only climbed since then. While that's generally good for businesses and the U.S. economy, the supply chain for most products hasn't been able to keep up – or even catch up.

2. Missing workers
Even as demand from consumers in the U.S. and elsewhere surges, low vaccination rates at key points in the global supply chain are causing significant production delays.

Less than a third of the global population has been fully vaccinated from COVID-19 – and almost 98% of those people live in wealthier countries. Low levels of vaccinated workers in important manufacturing hubs such as Vietnam, Malaysia, India and Mexico have caused production delays or reduced capacity. Vietnam, for example, plays a key role in the apparel and footwear industry, as the second-largest supplier to the U.S. of shoes and clothes following China. Less than 12% of its population is fully vaccinated, and many factories have been shuttered for long periods due to outbreaks and government lockdowns. Failure to vaccinate more people in developing countries more quickly will likely mean worker shortages will continue to plague supply chains for many months to come...

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CORRECTION: Last week an article misspelled the name of a member of the homecoming court, it is Mak Wheeler.

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Two Parents Convicted In 1st Trial of College Bribery Scandal

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Two wealthy parents were convicted Friday of buying their kids' way into school as athletic recruits in the first case to go to trial in the college admissions cheating scandal that embroiled prestigious universities across the country.

Gamal Abdelaziz, a former casino executive, and John Wilson, a former Staples Inc. executive, were found guilty after about 10 hours of deliberations in the case that exposed a scheme to get undeserving applicants into college by falsely portraying them as star athletes.

"What they did was an affront to hardworking students and parents, but the verdict today proves that even these defendants — powerful and privileged people — are not above the law," Acting Massachusetts U.S. Attorney Nathaniel Mendell told reporters.

Abdelaziz, of Las Vegas, was charged with paying \$300,000 to get his daughter into the University of Southern California as a basketball recruit even though she didn't even make it onto her high school's varsity team. Wilson, who heads a Massachusetts private equity firm, was accused of paying \$220,000 to have his son designated as a USC water polo recruit and an additional \$1 million to buy his twin daughters' ways into Harvard and Stanford.

They are to be sentenced in February. Abdelaziz's lawyer vowed to appeal.

"This is obviously not the result Mr. Abdelaziz was hoping for but that's why we have appellate courts," attorney Brian Kelly said in an email.

An email seeking comment was sent to Wilson's attorney.

They are among nearly 60 people charged in the investigation dubbed by authorities as "Operation Varsity Blues" that also ensnared athletic coaches at such prestigious schools as Georgetown and Yale. Other parents were accused of paying hefty bribes to have people cheat on their kids' entrance exams.

Thirty-three parents have pleaded guilty, including TV actors Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin and Loughlin's



John Wilson, center, and his wife, right, leave federal court after he was found guilty of participating in a fraudulent college admissions scheme Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, in Boston.

fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli. The parents have so far received punishments ranging from probation to nine months in prison. All told, nearly four dozen people have admitted to charges.

Lawyers for Abdelaziz and Wilson argued they believed their payments were legitimate donations and pointed the finger at the admissions consultant at the center of the scheme, Rick Singer. The parents insisted they had no idea that Singer was using their money as bribes and was falsifying or exaggerating athletic credentials on behalf of their kids.

At the center of the case were a series of secretly recorded phone calls between Singer and the parents that prosecutors said proved Abdelaziz and Wilson were in on the scheme. The FBI wiretapped Singer's calls and then convinced the admissions consultant to begin cooperating with investigators in 2018 in the hopes of getting a lighter sentence. Singer has pleaded guilty to a slew of charges, including money laundering conspiracy, and has yet to be sentenced.

In one call, Wilson asked Singer which sports "would

be best" for his twin daughters. Singer responded that it "doesn't matter" and that he would "make them a sailor or something" because Wilson lives on Cape Cod.

Wilson laughed and asked: "Is there a two-for-one special? If you got twins?"

In another call, Singer told Abdelaziz that Donna Heinel, former senior associate athletic director at USC, told him Abdelaziz's daughter's fake athletic profile was so well done that she wanted him to use that profile going forward for "anybody who isn't a real basketball player that's a female."

"I love it," Abdelaziz responded.

The defense sought to poke holes in the government's case by questioning why they chose not to call Singer to the stand. Abdelaziz and Wilson's lawyers portrayed Singer as a con man

who manipulated the parents and assured them his so-called side-door scheme was legitimate and endorsed by the schools.

"John is not part of Singer's con. There is no evidence, not even a hint, that John figured out Singer's scam. The truth is simple: John is Singer's victim, not once but twice," Wilson's lawyer, Michael Kendall, told jurors in his closing argument.

Wilson and Abdelaziz were both convicted of fraud and bribery conspiracy charges. Wilson was also convicted of additional charges of bribery, wire fraud and filing a false tax return.

The sprawling Varsity Blues case has been prosecuted out of Boston since authorities there began investigating the scheme years ago, thanks to a tip from an executive targeted in a securities fraud probe.

Heinel and two coaches — ex-USC water polo coach Jovan Vavic and former Wake Forest University women's volleyball coach William Ferguson — are scheduled to stand trial in November. Three other parents are expected to face jurors in January.



In this Wednesday, March 3, 2021 file photo, Pablo, 11, sits at the desk in his hospital room where he is being treated for severe eating disorders at the pediatric unit of the Robert Debre hospital, in Paris, France

Battered by Pandemic, Kids Need Mental Health Help

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Governments must pour more money and resources into preserving the mental well-being of children and adolescents, the U.N.'s child protection agency urged in a report Tuesday that sounded alarms about blows to mental health from the COVID-19 pandemic that hit poor and vulnerable children particularly hard.

The United Nations Children's Fund said its "State of the World's Children" study is its most comprehensive look so far this century at the mental health of children and adolescents globally. The coronavirus crisis, forcing school closures that upended the lives of children and adolescents, has thrust the issue of their mental well-being to the fore.

UNICEF said it may take years to fully measure the extent of the pandemic's impact on young people's mental health. Psychiatrists quickly saw signs of distress, with children and adolescents seeking help for suicidal thoughts, anxiety, eating disorders and other difficulties as lockdowns and switching to remote learning severed them from friends and routines and as COVID-19 killed parents and grandparents. "With nationwide lockdowns and pandemic-related movement restrictions, children have spent indelible years of their lives away from family, friends, classrooms, play — key elements of childhood itself," said UNICEF's executive director, Henrietta Fore.

"The impact is significant, and it is just the tip of the iceberg," Fore said. "Even before the pandemic, far too many children were burdened under the weight of unaddressed mental health issues. Too little investment is being made by governments to address these critical needs."

Pediatric psychiatrists say they were already short of resources before the pandemic brought a surge in caseloads. UNICEF said spending on promoting and protecting mental health "is extremely low" yet the needs are pressing. Citing pre-pandemic figures from 2019, UNICEF estimated nearly 46,000 children and adolescents ages 10 to 19 end their own lives every year. The scale of pandemic-related distress among children and adolescents has jolted some governments into action. France, which is hosting a two-day

global summit on mental health this week, has offered free therapy sessions for children and young people and pledged to extend that help from next year to everyone with a doctor's prescription. Elsewhere, counseling hotlines — some newly opened to help people struggling with their mental health during the pandemics — saw surging demand.

UNICEF said multiple worries affect the mental health of children and adolescents, including anxieties over possible illness, lockdowns, school closures and other upheavals in their lives. Lockdowns also fueled behavior problems, and were particularly hard-felt by kids with autism and attention and hyperactivity disorders, UNICEF said.

Remote learning was beyond the reach of hundreds of millions of young people. One in three schoolchildren couldn't take part because they had no internet access or television, UNICEF said. Children in the poorest families were most affected. It estimated that two out of five children in eastern and southern Africa were still out of school as recently as July. Even when they haven't been forced to drop out of school and work to help make ends meet, children also are being hit by the pandemic's destructive repercussions for jobs and economies. UNICEF said the crisis has triggered "a sharp uptick" in numbers of children in poverty, with an additional 142 million children thought to have slipped into poverty last year.

Financial hardship and school closures could also put more girls at risk of being forced into early marriage as child brides, UNICEF warned. Although children and adolescents have been less likely to die from COVID-19 than older and more vulnerable people, UNICEF cautioned that the pandemic has clouded their long-term future and "upended their lives, and created real concern for their mental health and well-being."

"It will hang over the aspirations and lifetime earnings of a generation whose education has been disrupted," it said. "The risk is that the aftershocks of this pandemic will chip away at the happiness and well-being of children, adolescents and caregivers for years to come."

Four Reasons Continued

3. Shipping container shortage
Americans' insatiable demand for more stuff has another consequence: Empty containers are piling up in the wrong places. Large steel shipping containers are pivotal to global supply chains. In 2020, the U.S. imported more than US\$1 trillion worth of goods from Asian countries. And most of those consumer goods make their way to the U.S. on container ships.

To get a sense of the scale, a single container can hold 400 flat-screen TVs or 2,400 boxes of sneakers.

But many of those containers making their way to the U.S. don't have a way to get back to Asia. The reasons involve a lack of workers, complicated customs procedures and a host of other problems. The shortage has driven up the price of containers fourfold over the past year, which in turn is contributing to higher consumer prices.

4. Clogged ports

All these problems are contributing to another challenge: U.S. ports have become extremely backed up with ships waiting to unload their cargo.

A large ship can hold 14,000 to 24,000 containers. That means one ship waiting to make port could hold as much as 5.5 million televisions or 33.6 million sneakers.

Right now, more than 60 container ships are anchored in the ocean off the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, unable to unload their stuff. Ports are also clogged in New York, New Jersey and other locations globally.

Normally, there is no wait for these ships to dock and unload their cargo. But the record demand for imports and shortages of truckers, containers and other equipment has caused substantial delays.

No end in sight

Before COVID-19, global supply chains worked pretty efficiently to move products all around the world. Companies utilized a just-in-time philosophy that minimized waste, inventories and expenses.

The cost of that, of course, is that even small problems like a hurricane or a factory fire can cause disruptions. And the pandemic has caused a meltdown.

While I don't expect a resolution to most of these problems until the pandemic ends, a few things could relieve some of the pressure, such as a shift away from consumer spending on goods to services and increased global vaccination rates.

But the difficult reality is American consumers should expect bare shelves, delays and other problems well into 2022.

Mr. Marshall and Miss Marshall Continued

secondary math education, and her sponsor is Marshall Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM). Her platform is called, "Herd for Huntington."

"I just want to connect students to the local Huntington community," Kinder said. "I feel like a lot of students come here and aren't always from the area and they don't really get a glimpse of the community as a whole. They just see the Marshall community and there are a lot of great local businesses and people and opportunities in the Huntington community that don't always get a chance to be in the spotlight, because of the bad things in Huntington."

Caroline grew up in the Huntington area and is familiar with the local businesses. She said her goal is to show people, "The beauty of Huntington," and explain that everyone has a place here.

"The main thing I wanted to do was start an 8-week elective course called Huntington-101, just where each week in the course students would have an opportunity to meet local business owners or to go out to a local business, or to do community service somewhere," said Kinder.

Caroline said that she had never considered running until a few weeks before applications were due. She said she did not feel like the kind of person to run for Miss Marshall.

"I am just more of a behind-the-scenes person, a typical student," Kinder said. "I am not a part of a huge organization like Greek life. I am the vice president of a campus ministry and I feel like a lot of the time people on campus ministries don't really run for Miss Marshall."

Kinder said once she began to think about it, however, she felt that she should run. She developed her platform while training for a half-marathon around Huntington. While running in this area, she took note of the local businesses.

"I didn't want to do it because of myself, people don't really need to know who I am but then once I thought about my platform, I just couldn't really get it out of my head," Kinder said. "I thought, I formulated this whole platform so now I just have to convince myself to have the confidence to run."

Kinder said she knows Huntington has its problems, but she believes more should be done to help it.

"I know that there are people that need help here because there are a lot of things that are wrong, but I don't think that there are a lot of people actively trying to fix our problems as much as they are just trying to talk or joke about our problems," said Kinder

She spent many days outside the Memorial Student Center, campaigning and talking with students about her platform. She said each day, different students approached her and were happy to listen to what she had to say.

"So many people that I didn't know just came up and wanted to know what I was doing or just wanted to talk to me," Kinder said. "I already felt like I won before they even announced the technical winner because I already accomplished what I wanted to do by making connections with people and building relationships and educating people about things going on in Huntington."

Kinder said she has always felt connected to Marshall and was honored to have run and won the title of Miss Marshall.

"The special thing about Marshall is that you don't have to fit in here, you just get to uniquely be yourself and you can start something and find people that are similar to you and people that aren't similar to you and you can relate to all of them. Not everybody has to fit one certain stereotype here, everyone has the chance to be themselves," said Kinder.

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President Gilbert Observes Campus Art to Promote Diversity

By ALYSSA WOODS
REPORTER

President Jerome Gilbert on Oct. 7 toured around campus to talk with the winners of the Diversity, Equity, and Belonging Artist Competition.

The tour showcased the artists' pieces and allowed the winners to explain their art and discuss the importance of diversity and inclusion at Marshall University.

The tour started in Smith Hall's Atrium with Karen Fry's piece, "In Toto." Fry, an alumna of Marshall, used varying shades of wood as the background of her piece, and colorful pieces of batik swatches placed at varying levels off the board to create a large "M." Fry, a member of the AAPI community, said she wanted to showcase her pride in Marshall in the form as an M, as she believes the University offers an environment that is, "welcome to all."



President Jerome Gilbert and Kareb Fry observe "In Toto." | Alyssa Woods

"It is absolutely beautiful," Gilbert said.

The tour headed to the East Hall next to view alumnus Sean Gue's pieces: "Lavinia Norman," "Thomas Dexter Jakes Sr.," "William Withers Jr.," "Martin R. Delaney," "Leon H. Sullivan," "Christopher H. Payne," and "Henry Louis Gates Jr." The seven pieces are framed, digital abstract portraits of leading African Americans from

West Virginia. Gue said the task was difficult, as one of his portraits was made in reference to a photo from the 1800s.

Gue's portraits contain the individual's stories behind them, but slightly covered up by their portrait because Gue encourages viewers to, "research it themselves."

"I just want their voices to be out there," Gus said.

The next stop on the tour was on Drinko Library's second and third floors. On the second floor stood a lifelike bust of Mildred Mitchell-Bateman, surrounded by translucent swirls on the windows behind her.

The artist, a current student at Marshall, Peyton Dolin, stood by the bust as she told the story of her piece. Mitchell-Bateman, the first African American to lead a state agency in West Virginia, was also director of West Virginia's Department of Mental Health in the 1970s.

Dolin said every piece of the artwork was hand-sculpted and the bust itself was made hollow for the processing in the kiln.

President Gilbert said he was concerned about the bust being broken and mentioned 3-D scanning a copy of the bust to Frederick Bartolovic, associate professor and coordinator of ceramics, who assured Dolin that she could use the scanner to make a copy.

On the third floor of Drinko sat Shyanna Ashcraft's piece, "Breaking Bread."

Her piece commemorates the White Pantry Share-in that took place in Huntington in 1963. The share-in, similar to a sit-in, took place when ten students at Marshall took a part in a protest at Bailey's Cafeteria, and later, The White Pantry. According to the artist's notes on the wall beside the piece, the sharing of food among the students was to break down the racial barriers that separated them. They had to fight against, "shattering dishes, lit sulfur cakes, floors mopped with ammonia, unbearable heat..." and more.

The piece shows hanging plates with the names

of the protestors, one of them being Professor Philip W. Carter MSW, who is professor of social work at Marshall. Among the plates are casted white and black hands, clinging to silverware.

Just above the table hangs a clenched black hand, which almost touches the table. The tour concluded on the second floor of the student center.

Peyton Dolin and Zahava Erikson created origami shirts made from photos of current and former Marshall faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

The piece is called "I went to Marshall University and all I got was a t-shirt."



President Gilbert looks at photos of current and former Marshall Faculty, staff, and student, and alumni on origami shirts. | Alyssa Woods

The piece showcased the diversity of The Herd and showed a common ground for the subjects of the piece.

The five pieces can still be found in their respective places for viewing and all have artist notes for further information.

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