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Tinnon ready for final season with Herd men’s basketball

By LAKE MOREHOUSE

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TOP: Junior guard DeAndre Kane, left, steals the ball from sophomore guard Chris Martin during Thundering Herd Madness on Friday in the Cam Henderson Center. COLLEEN O’SHEA | THE PARTHENON

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Women’s basketball coach discusses upcoming season

By JAMES COLLIER

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TOP: Junior guard DeAndre Kane, left, steals the ball from sophomore guard Chris Martin during Thundering Herd Madness on Friday in the Cam Henderson Center. RIGHT: Junior guard DeAndre Kane, attempts a shot from half court during Thundering Herd Madness on Friday. PHOTOS BY COLLEEN O’SHEA | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University women’s basketball head coach, Matt Daniel, discusses upcoming season during Media Day on Thursday at the Cam Henderson Center.

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

From young and immature to grown and understanding, junior guard DeAndre Kane has come a long way from when he began.

The Pittsburgh native has taken many steps to becoming the player he is today for the Marshall Thundering Herd men’s basketball team.

Kane scored 18 points and had 10 rebounds in his first game at Marshall. Under head coach Tom Herrion, he was a contributor before his sophomore year.

The present Thunder went through during the offseason was longer than most expected.

Herrion said the waiting period for the NCAA’s decision was taxing on him.

“I’m blessed to be here and get an opportunity to play here. Getting that extra year back helped so much,” Marshall Head Coach Tom Herrion said he played a role in Tinnon’s eligibility approval.

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“I’ve seen him since we kicked him out of camp at Pitt when he was in high school,” Herrion said. Kane said he does not recall, but that he would not be surprised if it actually happened.

“He probably did,” Kane said. “I was young. I was cut-up back in the day.”

Kane first arrived on the Huntington campus as a prep player and was forced to sit out the 2009-10 season as partial-academic qualifier under then-head coach Donnie Jones.

Jones opined to leave the Thundering Herd program at the conclusion of the 2010-11 season for the University of Central Florida, and enter Herrion.

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MU students feast after day of fasting

By ERIKA RITTENHOUSE
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In 1972, Donald L. Blankenship graduated from Marshall University and in 1999 he was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame. The recipient of the West Virginia Society of CPAs’ 2002 Outstanding Member in Business and Industry award is now giving back to his alma mater, and helping these two high quality local doctors.

“I am fortunate to be able to contribute in a small way toward fulfilling this need, while at the same time honoring my mother’s memory, helping my alma mater, and helping these gifted students to achieve their dreams of becoming doctors,” Blankenship said.

Students chosen to receive the awards, which will be renewed annually for two years, were chosen based on academic merit and financial need. The ten students chosen are James T. Buchanan, Rudolf A. Blankenship, Stephanie L. McInerney, B. Elizabeth Ayers, John C. Beck, John M. Denny, Joseph M. Blankenship, Ryan N., James T., Buchanan, Rudolf A., Blankenship, Stephanie L., McInerney, B. Elizabeth Ayers, John C. Beck, John M. Denny, Joseph M. Blankenship, Ryan N., James T., Buchanan, Rudolf A., Blankenship

Blankenship said.

“I am very pleased that these students were chosen based on their desire to contribute in a small way to the high quality local doctors,” Blankenship said.

By LAKEI TURNER
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The Marshall University Muslim Student Association encouraged students to participate in a day of fasting on Friday and then provided a meal for those involved in the fast.

Participants were required to refrain from eating and drinking anything from sunrise to sunset and had to spend the day in reflection and prayer.

“I just said that time to reflect,” Smith said. “I am a Muslim and I can’t stop thinking about it, so I just asked some time to pray and focus on one thing I need to work on in my spiritual life.”

Smith said fasting with her friends helped her get insight into why Muslims fast the way they do.

“Spiritually, it helped me with being more aware of my faith,” Smith said. “I can see why Muslims would fast to help them be more aware of the things they need to fix as well as the spiritual aspect; we want the same outcomes.”

As fellow students gathered to eat in room 625 in the Memorial Student Center; Zane Parsley, a senior biology major from Barboursville, W.Va., said he was attracted to participate in the fast because of his interest in Islamic culture.

“We, as Christians, need to keep our focus on what God wants us to do. I think the idea is to spend time in prayer and fasting. It is something spiritually fulfilling,” Parsley said.

Parsley said he wished there were more chances for dialogue between Muslims and Christians at Marshall.

“I think there is a culture of fear that we have built in America that doesn’t need to be here.”

Parsley said “A lot of people fear what they do not know and any time you are exposed to a new culture you break those barriers of fear down.”

As some students shared their newfound perspective from the fast, other students reflected on other aspects of fasting for a day.

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Students in the Marshall University Muslim Association had a feast on Friday, following a day of fasting.

That’s because twenty four Japanese high school students visited Marshall students, faculty and staff to help celebrate Japan Day, an event designed to celebrate Japanese culture.

The Japanese students are in Huntington as a part of Marshall’s Japan Outreach Initiative, which sent 23 West Virginia high school students to Japan for two weeks in the summer.

The event was sponsored by Marshall’s Japan Club.

“Authentic Japanese food was served at the event and several of the Japanese students gave presentations on the tragedies that struck their country March 11, 2011. The event was sponsored by Marshall’s Japan Club.”

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Anime convention attracts comic buffs to Huntington

By ERIKA RITTENHOUSE
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Tsubasacon is West Virginia’s premier anime convention. The 10th annual Tsubasacon Anime Convention was featured last weekend at Big Sandy Superstore Arena. The convention has been celebrated for nine years, with this being its seventh year in Huntington. This year Tsubasacon convention has been celebrated for nine years, with this being its seventh year in Huntington.

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The Thundering Herd will have a tough road ahead. Given the team's success in the past, it will be interesting to see how they fare this season.

Some notable players returning to the team are Jarrod West, who was second on the team in scoring and third in rebounding, and Morgan Tidwell, who was the best player in the Big East last season. Dennis Tunstall, a transfer from Kansas City, will also be a key player for the team.

The Thundering Herd are set to face conference opponent Memphis on Janu- ary 26, 2013 in Memphis, Tenn., and Feb. 16, 2013 in Huntington, WV. This will be the biggest challenge of the season. The team will need to step up and perform well to win these games.

In conclusion, the Thundering Herd have a tough season ahead of them. However, with the right mindset and hard work, they have the potential to surprise everyone and make a strong statement in the conference.
Romney plan under criticism, not impossible

By DANNY KLEINBORG

Tax policy has been a focal point in this election, with both candidates claiming their proposals “strengthen the middle class.” Much of the debate last Wednesday involved criticisms of the opponent’s tax plan.

Who is telling the truth? Well, like most things in politics, it depends on how you define the terms.

Let’s look at President Obama first. Although claiming in the Wednesday debate that he reduced taxes on the middle class by $3,600, the reality is that those cuts were temporary. The “Making Work Pay” tax credit averaged the same family roughly $800 a year but expired in 2011 and Obama did not renew it. He did add that a portion of the $3,600 refers to tax cuts, expired at the end of this year as well.

The Romney campaign cites a study from a Princeton economist, Harriet Bradlow, to make the same point. Writing in the American Economic Review, Dr. Bradlow estimated that if $500 billion were spent in the middle class, and will see their taxes cut by $3,600, the reality is that those cuts were temporary. However, Mitt Romney’s plan relies on lowering tax rates and closing loopholes to make up for the difference in revenue. His plan has been criticized as “impossible” by the Obama campaign, citing a study from a Princeton economist, Harvard, Dr. Bradlow.

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President Obama’s tax plan focuses on the wealthy. According to the Associated Press, nearly 6 million people will see a tax increase in 2013 because they will lose the $250,000 exemption that they had in 2012. On average, those 6 million are in the “middle class” and will see their taxes rise by an average of $2,200 per year.

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Recent campaigns have been successful in making temporary tax cuts permanent. The Bush tax cuts were enacted in 2001 and 2003 for people below a certain income level. In 2001, a $10,000 exemption was added for families and $5,000 for individuals. In 2003, those numbers were increased to $20,000 for families and $10,000 for individuals.

A change in one factor or one aspect of the voting process, such as extending some ballots isn’t counted or the fact that many military members are deployed to foreign soil or unable to vote at any time, they deserved to be treated equally under Ohio law and that allowing early voting for some residents requires that all residents be treated equally under Ohio law.

Romney, N.M.: gains bragging right, man makes record-breaking jump

By ALex RHUBIN

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This election cycle, there has been a lot of talk about various election laws that have passed and will affect voters this coming November. However, one issue that has yet to take its hold is early voting. In 2008, the Obama Administration, Barack Obama was able to win in states that he lost in the presidency because, in large part, he was able to catch a large portion of those voters who voted early, either by mail or in person.

Early voting allows citizens to vote before Election Day, usually to accommodate out-of-town citizens, such as college students, or those who will be unable to vote on Election Day. In addition, as college students, some of us do have to vote in our home states as opposed to registering in New Hampshire. The absentee ballots that we send are received weeks, if not months, before Election Day. Thus, these ballots aren’t counted until November 6, they still have a significant impact on election dynamics.

During the 2008 election, President Obama accrued so many votes during the early voting period in North Carolina that even though he lost the Election Day popular vote, he was still able to secure the state’s electoral votes. Though, most of these early votes don’t occur in states that are already leaning towards a candidate, some states having early voting periods during the presidential election, there is something to be said about the impact early voting has.

Voting dynamics are, in large part, influenced by the specific socioeconomic groups that are physically able to vote. For example, for some people who may work odd hours or double shifts, holding Election Day during a weekday hinders their ability to cast a vote. The fact that most election days around the world don’t occur during the week but instead occur on weekends attests to the fact that our election calendar is antiquated.

The decision to hold elections on Tuesday is based on our agrarian history. Back when the majority of American farmers were needed a day to get to the polls, it seemed convenient to place Election Day on the day before market day, meaning that farmers could harvest their crops and then go to town and sell their crops as well as vote.

In modern times, Americans are increasingly located in cities and polling places have become more accessible to most Americans, which makes this move increasingly impractical. Whether deployed to foreign soil or unable to vote at any time, they deserved to be treated equally under Ohio law.

Early voting acts as a solution to this problem by accommodating those Americans who were otherwise not able to vote, either because of the aforementioned obstacle or because, like us college students, they temporarily reside in another state.

With this in mind, the Ohio Cit

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**Body found by hunters believed to be missing Florida student**

By AUDRA D. BURCH THE HERALD-RECORD

MONDAY — For weeks, Carlos Aguilar made the 350-mile trip to Gainesville to continue the ongoing search for his missing son, Christopher Aguilar, a University of Florida freshman.

But on Saturday, after the worrying and searching, the father and family reached out to Leon County and an official identification, police believe it’s the 18-year-old’s last hours begins. What is

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"We are grateful to MLKLFoundation for its support of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and specifically his commitment to helping our students," Helton said. The mononymous medical stu
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By JEREMY JOHNSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Most 8-year-old boys are making a racket during third-grade recess or riding their bicycles around the neighborhood. Others are locked in their rooms playing video games and watching the newest cartoons. Chris Martin on the other hand, chose to pick up a basketball.

For as long as he can remember, Martin has spent much of his life developing his basketball game. It is no surprise the sophomore point guard is ready for the Marshall University basketball spotlight.

“I was 8-years-old when I started playing competitively and going to AAU tournaments,” Martin said.

Before long, the Upper Marlboro, Md., native was traveling and playing in the Amateur Athletic Union at a time when most of his classmates were shooting basketballs in their driveways. Fascinated by the sport, Martin found himself playing with the DC Assault AAU team and earned national recognition by the Elite 24 team.

“It’s competitive,” Martin said. “You get your name out there and play against the top talent in the country. I had a great time watching NBA stars like Gilbert Arenas, Caron Butler and play against the top talent in the country. I had a great time watching NBA stars like Gilbert Arenas, Caron Butler and Derrick Gordon of the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Growing up he watched Washington Wizards games and said “I grew up watching Gilbert Arenas,” Martin said. “I chose number zero when he joined the Herd program. I liked 11 because I looked up to John Wall coming out of high school and he wore it at Kentucky,” Martin said. “At St. John’s, Martin wore the number 11. At St. Patrick, Martin wore number 23 because a teammate was already wearing number 11. Martin chose to wear the number zero when he joined the Herd program.”

Martin has worn several different numbers throughout his career. As a senior, Martin appeared in the HBO documentary “Prayer for a Perfect Season,” based on St. Patrick’s 2010-2011 season.

Martin also participated in a three-point contest on CBS, finishing third. The McDonald’s All-American senior was invited to the top high school talent in the nation, and it was a special senior year.

“Defense is so important on this level and I had to tighten up my defense going against them (Pitts and Johnson) everyday in practice,” said Coach Tom Herrion with a chuckle. “I got a little stronger and better and was competing with them everyday.”

During the offseason Martin logged extensive hours in the gym, which he said improved his game. “I worked on my full handling skills,” Martin said. “If he goes to school I had the reputation of being a shooter, and at my height I need to play point guard too. I just worked on some floor general skills, getting comfortable with my teammates and tightening up my defense.”

Coach Herrion said he recognizes the work Martin has put in. “Chris Martin has had as good a spring to the start of practice in our history,” Herrion said. “He has changed his body. He has worked at becoming a better point guard. He is a great shooter and I think he is confident right now.”

Martin’s work ethic, attitude, basketball IQ and potential have prepared him for the spotlight. A standout player everywhere he has been, Martin is looking to make a name for himself in a Thundering Herd uniform.

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