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By Zachary Morris

Ray Harrell, Jr., student veteran director, proposed a three-point monitoring program that will help better acclimate students to campus life.

The program will provide a mentor for a faculty member who will contact and plan events with them. Mentors will act as a liaison for any questions or concerns the student has and will play a key role in acclimating them to the university lifestyle. Each faculty and peer mentor will be responsible for six to eight mentees.

“I attended the Noel-LeVitz Conference in Denver, and one of the sessions focused on mentoring which is where I got the idea,” Harrell said. “They discussed how the results were tangible in the aspect of retention as well as psychological development for mentees.”

The program targets incoming freshmen outside of the commuter radius but will remain open to all students. The mentors would encourage them to reach out to Career Services on campus and participate in the Marshall Monitoring Network. This program would pair students with a professional mentor in their ideal career field.

The program has been modeled after the Monitoring Program at the University of Michigan that has been in effect since 1991. “The program at the University of Michigan really encourages the peer-faculty aspect that I wanted for this program,” Harrell said. “They’ve seen really positive results. It’s a three-point program that’s grown exponentially over the years, and I’m working with it and the director of their program in order to develop ours.”

Through the program, mentors will be able to see how they individually and as a group can improve and develop.

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BY ANDREW FROBEL

The Yellow Ribbon program gives military veterans across the nation, at most public universities, the opportunity to apply for eligibility.

This program is also known as the Post-9/11 GI Bill and has been around since August 2009. It pays for public school.

The story behind the glow sticks

By Rebecca Stephens

Visitors of the stacks of the James E. Moore Library this semester, likely won’t be entering alone.

The stacks are currently being reorganized, and the staff and work-study students will not escort visitors to help them find what they are looking for during this transition process.

“As hard as it was to find things before, it’s next to impossible right now,” said Nat DeBruin, archival and manuscript librarian.

When students, faculty or community partners come to the front desk, they will be asked for the call number of the book, or books, they need. A staff member or work-study student will then accompany them into the stacks to help them find the materials.

DeBruin said browsing access will be limited, but the stacks are still open.

“We’re completely, 100 percent escorting students, faculty and patrons,” said DeBruin.

Three hours of journals and magazines separate the book collection in the current setup. The goal of the reconfiguration project is to consolidate the books and to put the journals and magazines in a call-number sequence as opposed to an alphabetical one, DeBruin said.

The call number sequence will make it easier for the staff and work-study students to find journals that have been requested for loans.

When the reorganization is complete, the top shelf of the stacks will be closed off for archival material. Books will start on the second floor, and journals will start where the books end, DeBruin said.

The reorganization will make the stacks easier to navigate for visitors.

“When the stacks were built, it was a non-browsing collection, so we could do things that made sense linear-wise, but were totally confusing to patrons,” DeBruin said.

There are several work-study students that work for DeBruin in the library, and they spend their work hours moving books.

Carlyn Hembick, freshman nursing major from Stuarts Draft, Va., said moving the books and escorting students, faculty and patrons helps the work-study students learn where everything is.

“It gives us a chance to show people what we know,” DeBruin said. “We understand more about the books because we’ve been moving them around.

“It is really helpful to have to have all these books,” said Samantha Stade, freshman graphic design major from Chapmansville, W.Va.

The library’s other services, which includes EZ Borrow, InterLibrary loan and hold requests, will continue as normal and will not be affected by the reconfiguration project.

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Meridith Brooks, assistant vice president for Informa- tion Technology, Online Learning and Libraries, said students should not worry too much because they have been left to fend for themselves. “I think it’s easier for the standard student. Traditional students have come to enjoy the new Blackboard system. If a student comes here or goes to another school that also uses this Blackboard software, it will be one less thing the student has to worry about, one less thing the student has to think about trying to transfer,” Brooks said. “If a student comes here or goes to another school, the Blackboard software will help make the transition easier.”

Brooks offered one final piece of advice. “Give it time,” she said. "Shane Arrington can be con- tacted at arrington16@marshall.edu."
The Thundering Herd’s basketball team returns home to the Cam Henderson Center after a week on the road.

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

After losing back-to-back games for the third time this season, the Marshall–men’s basketball team looks to return to its winning ways Wednesday night against the visiting University of Alabama-Birmingham Blazers.

In Marshall’s last outing, it lost its first conference game of the season to Southern Miss but still sits tied for first place in Conference USA standings. The Herd and Blazers are meeting between the two squads this season, as the Herd cut the Blue-Devils 41-39 on Jan. 11 in Birmingham. Although a conference win was the come-away, especially a season sweep, having lost two games a few weeks ago provides some benefits.

“There’s a level a familiarity” with matchup being so recent, said Marshall head coach Tom Herrion. “It helps our kids. They’re more familiar personnel-wise, and know some of the things they can do. So we’ll have a little bit easier times read defensively.” In the last matchup, the star for the Herd was big man Dennis Tinnon, who finished the game with only 10 points, but a career-high 19 rebounds.

In the early stages of the season, he was a bit of a secret weapon for the Herd, but Tinnon has now received national attention and is one of many towering categories.

“They’ve (UAB) absolutely going to be much more conscious of him, as everybody is in our conference,” Herrion said. “He’s arguably one of the best offensive rebounders in America so we’ve obviously going to get more attention.”

Tinnon was not alone in dominating the game, as Marshall out rebounded UAB 41-31 in the first matchup. This has been a recurring theme this season, as Marshall has only been out rebounded once—for a defeat against West Virginia.

“Dennis obviously jumps out at you, but we share the wealth in that area,” Herrion said. “We’ve got a lot of guys rebounding the ball, (DeAndre) Rave averages a lot of rebounds for a perimeter player, and Nigel Spikes in conference play has really been rebounding well.”

Throughout several occasions this season, Marshall has faced halftime deficits, including a three-point margin against UAB and 12-point margin in its last contest against UCF. However, regardless of its opponent, the Herd has found a way to erase those halftime deficits.

“We keep fighting no matter what, but we have to quit coming out slow in the first half,” said junior forward Dennis Tinnon. “We always come out strong in the second half, and if we had that same momentum in the first half, we would be able to beat those teams by 20-30, instead of you or four.”

Leading the way for UAB is senior Cameron Momsen, who scored a team-high 22 points in the first game against the Herd. The U-Forth is averaging a double-double, and presents a major mismatch for the Herd.

“Play in, play out, and they put in the game a lot,” Herrion said about Momsen. “He’s very versatile and very skilled.”

The Herd and Blazers will tipoff inside the Cam Henderson Center for their sixteenth meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday night.

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TOP: Sophomore guard Dahuho Rame looks to pass during the Thundering Herd’s last home contest against UCF. Home leads the men’s point per game average, scoring 78.9, while averaging 26.8.

BOTTOM: Tom Herrion has lead Marshall to a 13-6 record, including a 4-1 conference record. Herrion and company head into Wednesday’s matchup with UAB on a four-game losing streak, falling to Southern Miss on Saturday and Wfu on Jan. 18.

B C’s transfer troubles

By JAKE HYDER
POPS EBTON

As the Thundering Herd’s basketball team returns home to the Cam Henderson Center for their contest against UAB, the squad’ll be missing one of the program’s most productive players that has never donned a UAB uniform.

That’s because 23-year-old graduate student Todd O’Brien, sophomore for transfer release from Saint Joseph’s University was ruled out one week ago.

O’Brien, who played two years under Saint Joseph’s coach Phil Martelli, graduated last summer and chose UAB in order to pursue a graduate degree in public administration. Unfortunately for O’Brien, Martelli and Saint Joe’s athletic director Don Diplas denied the player’s transfer request. Last Wednesday, the NCAA denied the appeal, thus denying O’Brien’s appeal.

That decision is reviewable on several levels.

First of all, O’Brien was looking to move to a program Saint Joe’s does not offer. To punish a student for wanting to move to a different school for education resources in unaffordable, the idea of O’Brien having a full year of eligibility remaining in his basketball career.

The second problem that arises in this situation is that this is not an unusual practice. Don’t believe me? Marshall fans, see Willy Korn.

Remember him? Korn transferred to Marshall after graduating from Clemson in 2009. Korn came to the Herd football program to take a shot at the starting quarterback job while attending graduate school. Sure, Korn was moved to the defense and subsequently disappeared from the Marshall campus faster than the Heron from the field. No offense, Willy.

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Marshall stand out over the other schools because of its reputation for high-quality education and its ability to provide students with a personalized learning experience. The university's commitment to excellence is evident in its faculty, who are dedicated to teaching and research, and in its students, who are motivated to succeed. Overall, Marshall University offers a unique and rewarding experience for those who are looking for a top-tier education.
As Herd fans continue to create a glowing energy in the Cam Henderson Center, the men's basketball team enjoys what has become a pregame ritual. After a student shared his “glow out” idea during last year’s basketball season, Marshall University fans have since created an atmosphere the Thundering Herd’s three senior players said is unlike any other.

“It makes the place more unique,” said Shaquille Johnson, guard from Jackson-ville, Fla. “I think we might be the only place that does it, and it’s just something that’s cool to see before we play.”

Damier Pitts, guard from Charlotte, N.C., said glow sticks are something he hasn’t seen anywhere else he has played.

“Other teams will turn the lights off and do an introduction,” Pitts said, “but I’d say we’ve got one of the more exciting pregame rituals in the NCAA — that’s what I think anyway.”

Since the “glow out” idea was first initiated, fans have faithfully stood during the introduction of the players at the beginning of each home game to wave Kelly green glow sticks in the air and welcome the team.

Hugo Penn, forward from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, said the atmosphere in the arena continues to improve.

“When we have over 5,000 fans, all with glow sticks here for the games it gets us pumped and makes us play better,” Pena said.

The glow sticks are accompanied by the “Fan Plan,” which includes different colors fans are asked to wear to certain games, as well as specific cheers fans are asked to do.

“Fans create unique atmosphere: IMPRESSES PLAYERS, OPPONENTS

BY CRYSTAL MYERS
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Fans light up the Cam Henderson Center.

BY LAWREN HIGHTOWER
THE PARTHENON

The “Fan Plan” is in full effect as Marshall University men’s basketball fans continue to light up the Cam Henderson Center during home games.

Senior Derek Casteel first posted a “glow out” plan for Marshall home games, which included glow sticks, last year on Herdnation.com.

Casteel, with help from Mark Campbell, Big Green Scholarship Foundation board of trustees member and co-founder of Herdnation.com, and the Marshall Maniacs have turned the glow stick phenomenon into a staple at every home game.

“The atmosphere at the home games has changed significantly,” Casteel said. “It gets everyone involved before the game.”

The “Fan Plan” is more than just glow sticks, however. There are also specific colors fans are asked to wear to certain games, as well as different cheers fans are asked to do.

“This year we have a lot of positive energy,” Head Coach Tom Herrion said.

“This season demonstrates more students and fans are coming out to participate in pregame ceremonies. Thirteen hundred student tickets were handed out last game and we noticed the increased amount of energy the fans have been bringing to the area.”

“My turn-out of our fans has been very impressive this year,” Herrion said. “The crowd is a huge factor in getting these guys ready to play.”

The Marshall Maniacs have used social media websites, such as Twitter and Facebook to help spread the word.

“Glow sticks are available for every home game but students and fans are encouraged to bring their own,” said Amanda Branch, Marshall Maniacs President.

Marshall Maniacs can be contacted at branchservices@marshall.edu.