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**A LETTER FROM COACH TOM HerrION**

Dear Marshall Maniacs/Students,

I would like to take this moment to formally introduce myself to all of you. My name is Tom Herrion and I am more humbled and proud to be your basketball coach. It is an honor and an absolute pleasure to coach your team and uphold the winning tradition that is Marshall University Basketball.

I hope this note finds all of you competing at a high level in the classroom during this fall semester. It is an exciting time for our university and all of our athletic programs as we continue to work as one to become conference champions. Our staff athletic department is dedicated to representing each and every member of the Marshall community in a way that we all can be extremely proud of.

Our coaches and our team could not be more excited about our season. We were very fortunate during the preseason to participate in a five-game exhibition tour in Canada. The timing is perfect now that we have a great chance to break with our university players on our team is highly beneficial. Our focus right now is building confidence and a bond of unity which, I believe, will be very important in the future.

We are fortunate to have a great group of senior leaders and Marshall today. We have eight returning players who are2014 future leaders in addition to the four young guys on our team who we plan to make contributions.

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Our season starts this Friday night as we host South Carolina State at 7:00 p.m. Get over to the Herd Center and get some tickets in the ticket office. Kick off the 2013-14 campaign as an academic non-qualifier.

A great season begins this Friday night.

Go HERD

Coach Herrion

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**Canty called on to come up clutch**

By ADAM ROGERS

The 2013-14 version of Marshall University men’s basketball team will be quite different than it was a year ago. There is a new head coach in town and, with that, a new coaching philosophy. Ryan Taylor, who was named head coach in June, has improved most on the defensive end since last season. "This jump shot wasn’t consistent, but now it is," Taylor said. "I see two or three people, but it is important that I move the ball. If I change my body, I’ll get a better shot. I’ll get more weight on the floor, and better inside for the jump shot."

"He’s a natural position," Taylor said. "I’ve been in that position a lot. I was there for my entire career. I’ve been in the same position for my whole life. I’d be surprised if I didn’t get a lot of shots. I’ve been helped by the team, but my teammates know that I expect to have the ball."

"The biggest thing that happened to us last year, so I’m more of a go out there shoot. I’ve got to find myself helping others and watch what I do because people are watching," Oct. 28, was the first time Canty stepped out on the Ram Henderson Center. The young guys and new faces got a great chance to mesh with our veteran players so it was highly beneficial during the preseason to participate in a five-game exhibition tour in Canada. The timing is perfect now that we have a great chance to break with our university players on our team is highly beneficial.

Ryan Manning, Kareem Canty and Elijah Pittman take the court against Concord University during an exhibition game Friday, Oct. 28, at the Cam Henderson Center.

By ANDREA STEELE

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A regional infertility treatment center is seeking women 20-32 years old willing to donate their eggs anonymously to infertile couples. Treatment involves an approximate 10-20 day course of daily injections, followed by an outpatient egg retrieval procedure done under intravenous sedation. Donors who are accepted and complete a treatment cycle will be paid $2,000.

Interested individuals should call 269-0808 for additional information and application materials.
By COURTNEY SEALEY
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Seneagalese duo find familiar far from home country

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The past three seasons as a University of Cincinnati men’s basketball team co-
center, where Tione Mbao has been playing far from home, has been a
new addition to the team box bringing balance to the starting five.
Several months ago the Herd received a surprise visit from a junior college player, Death
Sane. Sane grew up in Senegal playing soccer and only has six years of basketball
experience. He only joined his team after
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New-look women's team hopes to get a fresh start

By KARYN TIMKO

The Marshall women's basketball team opens its 2013-14 season Friday night against the University of Maryland in College Park. The Herd, who return just two starters from last year's squad, are looking for a fresh start and a chance to get back in the win column.

Karyn Timko

RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Junior transfer forward Aja Sorrells celebrates after scoring and drawing a foul.

THOMAS
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Two games ago against the University of North Alabama, Thomas scored 13 points in a 10-11 victory over the Lions. The victory brought Thomas' season total to 45 rebounds, adding to her season total of 180 for the season.

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The Herd is currently ranked 24th in the nation and is looking for a new leader on the court.

For others, the transition wasn't as smooth. In fact, the move was no more than just a few blocks down the road.

Kannon Evans, a Huntington native, grew up a Marshall fan her whole life. The freshman forward has already made an immediate impact on the team, and Herron said he is excited about Evans' future.

The Herd also welcomes University of Cincinnati transfer Taleque Hamilton, another Huntington native. After a season-ending injury in her sophomore year, she is now back on the court and ready for a fresh start.

Also joining the Herd from Princeton, WVU, is freshman guard McKenosha Aiken. Aiken's role on the court is yet to be determined, but she is expected to contribute early in her career.

Thomas said his effort on the floor is what he prides himself most in. With the capability of stuffing the stat sheet in more than one column, plus his desire to improve his game, Thomas could prove to be an immediate impact on the 2013-14 season.

The nine new additions with join the team this season, including 10 of his 12 rebounds from last year's season opener against the Concord Mountain Lions, as well as top.

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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please keep your letter to the editor at 300 words or less. They must be sent to Microsoft Word and sent to editor@marshall.edu. The editor reserves the right to determine the size of the print and whether or not a letter or column is worthy of inclusion.

Letters to the editor are accepted on a rolling basis. The earliest possible publication date is 10 days before the printing date. Only those letters that are accepted for publication will be acknowledged.

Letters to the editor and columns may be deleted at the discretion of the editor. The opinions expressed in the columns and letters do not necessarily represent the opinions of the editor or The Herd staff.

Letters to the editor must be submitted to the editor of The Herd staff, and any contact with the editor must be made via email or phone. Any contact with the editor must be made via email or phone. Any contact with the editor must be made via email or phone. Any contact with the editor must be made via email or phone.

Please keep all materials in the office at all times. The office is closed during the summer. All materials will be returned to the author upon request.