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Capstone exhibition opens at VAC

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- Kelly Cunningham

Professor and facilitator Heather Stark said she was excited to see her class present their pieces in the new building.

“IT was great to see the exhibition happen in such a clean and crisp environment,” Stark said. “It offers a lot more space than the Black Art Gallery would allow, which is great for all of their ending presentations.”

Sophomore Emily Hendricks said the exhibitions placement in the VAC’s first floor gallery made the exhibition a better experience.

“It was exciting to see everyone showing off their artwork,” Hendricks said. “The gallery at Smith Hall was small, so this gave them a lot more space to work with.”

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International Festival engages Huntington
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Lagaris Shidler, 16, and Keiko Parker, 16 participate in the annual International Festival activities Saturday at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Higher education forum discusses future funding

By ALEX JAMES
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Herd football remains undefeated

By SHANNON STOWERS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

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The Thundering Herd football team finished the 2014 season with a 9-3 record, suffering only two losses: a 41-24 defeat to the East Carolina Pirates on September 20, and a 48-10 loss to the Virginia Tech Hokies on November 22. The Herd ended the season with a respectable 6-7 record in the Conference USA, securing their fifth consecutive winning season. The team is currently ranked 26th in the USA Today Coaches Poll, with a record of 9-3.

Marshall University's basketball squad was off the court for the weekend, but the Herd's football team continued to make noise. The Herd defeated the Rice Owls 41-24, improving their record to 9-3 and remaining in the hunt for a Conference USA championship. The game was a high-scoring affair, with both teams putting up impressive numbers. Marshall's defense held Rice to just 24 points, while its own offense scored 41 points.

Marshall's head coach, Doc Holliday, praised his team's performance, saying, "This was a huge win for us. We had two losses earlier this season, and we needed to bounce back. The team played well, and we executed our game plan.

The Thundering Herd are currently in the running for a potential Conference USA championship, and a win like this will definitely boost their chances. The team has been consistent throughout the season, and their defense has been particularly strong. With a strong finish, the Herd could be in position to make a deep run in the conference tournament.

Marshall University's basketball season ended on a high note, with a 77-65 victory over the University of Alabama-Birmingham. The team finished the season with a 16-10 record, and will now turn its attention to the upcoming basketball season.

The team's strong performance throughout the season has earned them a spot in the post-season tournament. With a solid foundation in place, the Thundering Herd will be looking to build on their success in the upcoming season.

Marshall University's volleyball team finished their season with a 3-1 win over University of Alabama-Birmingham, bringing their overall record to 19-13. The team has been consistent throughout the season, with a mix of experienced players and promising newcomers.

With their recent success, the Thundering Herd are well-positioned to continue their strong performance in the upcoming season. The team has set their sights on a Conference USA championship, and with a strong core of players returning, they have the potential to achieve their goals.

In summary, the Thundering Herd football team ended their season with a 9-3 record, while the basketball and volleyball teams finished with strong records. With a solid foundation in place, these teams are well-positioned to continue their success in the upcoming season.
I'll determine my success, thanks

An open letter in response to Charlotte Alter’s “How the Cult of Early Success Is Bad for Young People”

By TAYLOR STUCK

MANAGING EDITOR

I don’t know about you, but I feel like many people these days are killing it should motivate me. Swift said it best in her Time interview, “Other women who are killing it should motivate you. That’s what it means to be a successful.”

When I was younger, I didn’t know what I wanted to be. Taylor Swift is a great role model, but we must be cautious when looking up to her. I recently read a Time Magazine article titled “How the Cult of Early Success is Bad for Young People.”

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Fountain turned off in commemoration of 1970 plane crash victims

“I want to thank Marshall for what you do to remember my brother and those that lost their lives that day. Never let anyone forget.”

–Tom Shoebridge
FOOTBALL
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a father.
After missing the game last week while recovering from an injury, running back Devon Johnson was back in the lineup and the junior didn’t disappoint. Johnson finished with 199 yards and one touchdown while aver-
ing 7.4 yards per carry.
On the weekend of the 44th anniversary of the plane crash, the Herd wore the number 75 on the side of its helmets. Cato said hav-
ing the number three made it even more important the team go out and play its best. “What it means for us and for me, it’s mandatory that we go out there and give it our all,” Cato said.
With a 27-point win over the best team it’s faced to this point, Marshall fans will now wait to see if the Herd appears in the College Foot-
ball Playoff top 25 rankings. The next exhibition will be against West Virginia Tech Saturday at noon.

BASKETBALL
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three-pointer or a mid-range jump shot where space had to be created on his own. The 5-2 defense would be vital, as the guard receiving the pass to the corner would be stopped by two Herd play-
ers. The only options after the trap would be to throw up a prayer of a shot or pass to the wingman next to him. The problem there is the Herd trap closer to the wingman would easily rot-
tate over, therefore breaking up the offensive plays.
Marshall didn’t play per-
fected however, only shooting 6-22 behind the arc and los-
ing the turnover battle with 14 compared to the Tigers 12.
“’It wasn’t a work of art, but we’ll take it,’ said Marshall head coach Dan D’Antoni.”
Herd basketball is going through a major transition with a high-octane offense and numerous defensive sets, so slugsighs start and year-
round learning will be no surprise to anyone.
“I thought we came out a little flat,” D’Antoni said. “Something that hasn’t been put together for a very long time and hasn’t proved themselves winning wise for a long time will do that. It’s a good learning tool. We lost the first jump ball which we should’ve won and the first play we ran, we weren’t mentally ready for it, and we messed it up. I think we re-
grouped a little bit. Defense was adequate. It’s hard to guard that team because they hold the ball for so long and they’re very active. We’re go-
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Anyone wanting to contrib-
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The game will be televised
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