Mayor engages with students over a brew

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams talks to students Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center for the reoccurring Coffee with the Mayor event. The goal of the event is to make the mayor more accessible to students. “Huntington and Marshall have a symbiotic relationship,” Williams said. “Huntington and Marshall can’t exist without each other.”

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Campus organizations #PinkOut to support Planned Parenthood amidst congressional threat to funding, conservative skepticism

By ROB ENGLE

While funding for Planned Parenthood hangs in the balance in Congress, Marshall University students showed their support for the organization by participating in national Pink Out Day on Tuesday.

More than 90 cities nationwide participated in this effort to defend reproductive healthcare services on the same day that Planned Parenthood President, Cecile Richards, appeared in front of Congress to defend the embattled organization. Conservative opponents of Planned Parenthood threatened to vote to shut down the federal government on Wednesday if the $450 million of annual federal funding to the organization isn’t ceased.

Supporters of Planned Parenthood at Marshall engaged with other students at the Memorial Student Center about the mission of the organization and to clarify any misconceptions people may have.
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By KAYLN BORDMAN

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The theater department is preparing to open "Ah, Wilderness!". The show features a range of characters and themes. Hofe, the director, emphasizes the importance of character development and for students to explore their own identities. Hofe also highlights the role of humor in the play, particularly in the context of contemporary issues.

The show has been praised for its realistic portrayal of characters, with Hofe describing it as a "golden ray of sunshine." Hofe believes it is important to bring humor into serious topics, especially in today's political climate. Hofe also stresses the significance of character development in the play, which he feels is crucial for students to understand and identify with.

This play is set over July 4th weekend, and Hofe is excited about the opportunity to bring people together. Hofe emphasizes the need for people to come together and celebrate the national holiday, as it is a time to remember the sacrifices made for freedom.

Hofe's passion for teaching and character development is reflected in the show's theme of unity and togetherness. Hofe believes that through the shared experience of the play, students can better understand the importance of community and the value of coming together as a society.

The play opens with a social media campaign, which Hofe views as a way to engage students and bring attention to important issues, such as the importance of community and the need for unity. Hofe is hopeful that the play will continue to be relevant in the years to come, as it addresses issues that are pertinent to modern society.
Running back Tony Pippins stiff arms a defender against Norfolk State University Sept. 19.

By ISHMAEL WITTEN
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University football team begins conference play Saturday against Old Dominion, a member of the team’s younger players have adapted larger roles in the weekly game plan.

These youthful players with limited reps in their college careers have seen more action in recent weeks because of both injuries to more experienced players as well as increased levels of performance.

The most noteworthy of the team’s young contributors is true freshman quarterback Chase Litton. After throwing for 270 yards and four touchdowns in his first career start against Norfolk State University two weeks ago, Litton encountered some struggles Saturday in the team’s 36-29 double-overtime victory over Kent State University.

However, head coach Doc Holliday said the Kent State game was a learning experience for his quarterback as it taught Litton about the intangible aspects of the position. “I think he learned, more than anything else, to just keep fighting,” Holliday said. “Don’t worry about adversity, just keep fighting and find a way to get it done.”

Litton completed just 14 of his 36 pass attempts for 151 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions in the victory, but the Herd offense was guided by another under-the-radar performer. Redshirt sophomore Tommy Pippins was pressed into the team’s lead back role Saturday after starter Devon Johnson joined backup Ronni Watman on the sideline with an injury.

Pippins proceeded to rush for 128 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries, including the go-ahead score in the second overtime period. “He went in there and did a good job,” Holliday said. “It was really impressive, the last two runs he made in that overtime to win that game. He wasn’t going to be denied.”

Sophomore tight end Ryan Yurachek was another key offensive performer in the victory over Kent State, posting four receptions for 58 yards and a touchdown.

“It’s a just a really good football player,” Holliday said. “He talk about ‘it’, he’s got it. He finds a way to make plays.”

Yurachek’s impressive play and maturity level led to Holliday naming him a team captain for Saturday’s game against Old Dominion despite the pass catcher being just 19 years old.

Although players such as Litton, Pippins and Yurachek have produced, Holliday said it’s time for even more of the team’s younger players to make an impact on the team.

“It’s time for some young players to step up and go make plays,” Holliday said. “They know to, that’s what good teams do.”

Holliday cited a pair of redshirt freshmen defensive linemen as players who he thinks may be ready to make that ascent and see more snaps as the season progresses.

“The guy that really surprised me a little bit was Ryan Reaves,” Holliday said. “He’s become a big time guy. The other guy is Tyquan Harris. He went in there and did some things we have seen from him here in a long time.”

While the Marshall coaching staff has developed an abundance of sophomores whose names occupy the top of the team’s depth chart on a week-to-week basis, such as linebacker Rahmon Fields and left tackle Sander Jean-Felix, Holliday said its critical the program continues to prepare its less experienced players for live game action moving forward.

“As the season progresses, we need to have the young guys, that when they know to step up in there and play that they play at the level to help us continue to win,” Holliday said.

Marshall’s C-USA opener will be 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. For live game action moving forward, Bradley Heltzel can be contacted at heltzel1@marshall.edu.

By ISRAEL WITTER
THE PARTHENON

As the season progresses, Marshall University football standout Bandone Reaves has shown steady improvement.

Reaves, a redshirt senior, registered his first college touchdown reception Sept. 19 against Norfolk State University.

Despite his productive season, Reaves ran into a potential speed bump in last week’s road contest at Kent State University.

Early in the contest while retreating a punt, Reaves fumbled the ball away to the Golden Flashes just as the Herd looked to cut into a 13-7 deficit.

Following a Kent State score and trailing 19-7, Marshall’s morale seemed to be fading.

However, after leveling the ensuing kickoff, Reaves, who was dubbed the “Game-Changer” by teammates, ran 91 yards for a Marshall score.

Although the touchdown was not the deciding score, it played a pivotal role in Marshall’s overtime victory.

Dunnville Reaves celebrates a touchdown against Norfolk State University Sept. 19.

“It was the turning point of the game,” tight end Ryan Yurachek said.

Head coach Doc Holliday said he is pleased with Reaves and his productivity this season.

“It’s sort of a pattern,” Holliday said. “[Reaves] is playing the best he’s played since being here.”

Marshall linebacker Evan McKelvey attributes Reaves’ success to him being under the radar, as far as notoriety.

“You see, everybody doesn’t have,” McKelvey said. “Reaves, he was always that fast.”

With Reaves’ sudden emergence, McKelvey said teams will now have to adjust its game plan on special teams.

“All he needs is a little chance and he’s gone,” McKelvey said. “So, now, they’re not going to kick it [to him] anymore.”

Reaves and the Herd face their first conference foe Saturday when the team hosts Old Dominion University 3:30 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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Planned Parenthood offers more than abortion services

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Planned Parenthood supporters rally for women’s access to reproductive health care on National Planned Parenthood Action Council’s Day of Action.

Planned Parenthood fills the gaps in healthcare for women because even though most people don’t think of it as such, reproductive healthcare care is a privilege. Most insurance agencies don’t cover trips to the gynecologist and if they do, there is probably co-pay. For most women, that’s not a feasible solution to their reproductive needs.

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Column

Good News Llamas

By RYAN FISCHER

Finding yourself lost on the back roads of a foreign state can be a relatable experience for many of us, but on a rare day, you’ll find yourself in a gem hidden in the nooks and crannies of the state that that began emerging from the darkest corners of your mind every time we come back to cities and the same old places.

“Other states can be a foreign experience,” Hudkins said. “Nobody really knew who we were and everyone was like, ‘What is this?’” Hudkins added.

The tours were in support of the band’s third full-length album “Too Shabby,” which was described by Pitchfork stating that the album is “a heavily touring band on the road this winter, heading into next year.”

The third member of The Demon Beat, Adam L. Meisterbauer, was unable to make it to the Huntington Music & Arts Festival, but has recently been working with JP Harris & The Tough Choices and William Matheny and the Strange Constellations in the recording studio.

Hudkins and the Demon Beat have been performing their third full-length album, “We’re in the missing and mastering stages right now,” Riggleman said. The non-royalties album was recorded in Morgantown by Brian Spragg, who builds handmade guitar pedals under the name Brickwork Effects.

The album is being mastered by David King, whose credits include Rozwell Kid and The Demon Beat.

“Right now the focus is to finish the record and then hit the road hard this winter, going into next year,” Hudkins said. The Demon Beat bandmate, Tucker Riggleman, whose credits include Rozwell Kid, was unable to make it to the Huntington Music & Arts Festival.

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