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By DOC HOLYDAY
HEAD COACH

Thanking third students: In football there are coaches and trainers, quarterbacks and defensive linemen, those who play on special teams and those who may never see a snap but make our program better every single day by what they give on and off the field. Students are as important at any other compo-

nent of our game-day. Let me repeat: You Matter. There is nothing I love more than football, and there is nothing that excites me more than the company of college football and the thrill of competition. We need you to be part of that experience, filling the student section and standing and making noise that frustrates our opponents and energizes our guys.

When we play at home, we have one of the best winning percentages of any team in college football. The students directly behind us on that list are Boise State, Alabama, Wisconsin, Penn State, Austin and Ohio State. We need to con-
tinue that tradition by making Lane C. Edwards Stadium a challenging place to play. A loud and involved student section gives a long way in ac-

complishing that.

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Hurricane Harvey hits close to home for Turechak

By Dante Belay
THE PATRONHEAD

With the first football game of the season approaching, Marshall University
vice president Ryan Yurek didn’t expect to have any thoughts on his
mind other than making sure the Herd (7-0) had its first day of Fall camp at
Saturdays. This was seen as catastrophic flooding and devastating weather
over Texas and Louisiana, leaving thousands without homes, jobs, and food and
money. Meanwhile, Turechak, the town where Yurek’s family currently lives,
was one of the many areas hit by Hurricane earlier this week. After talking
on the phone with his parents, Yurek said there was little he could do some
way to help. Yurek said speaking with his parents about the damage and
how they were rescuing people from their houses and helping people
move from retirement homes made him decide to help as much as
possible.

“Just wanted to find a way to help you,” Yurek said. “Being 22 years
young, there’s a whole lot you can do from a physical standpoint.”

Yurek took matters into his own hands that day and began a GoFundMe
account to raise funds for the flood relief in the town of Friendswood, Yurek
said the outpour of support has re-

Marshall Football welcomes new faces and a new attitude in 2017 season

By Kyle Curley
THE PATRONHEAD

With college football right around the corner, the
Marshall football team is getting ready to
start their 2017-18 campaign Saturday at
the Joan C. Edwards Stadium against Miami
Ohio. The Herd’s offense is in good
shape as they prepare to face the Red
Hawks looking favorable in favor of Miami, 20-
12, although Marshall has managed to win the
last three meetings between the two schools.
The players and coaches worked hard this
offseason and have moved players around to
strengthen the front seven.

Most notably, redshirt junior defensive line-
man Ben Rice has been moved to nose guard.
Rice’s confidence has continued to grow with
the recent position change.

“The last three or four games last year,
I was kind of playing both positions so I had a little bit of experience,” Rice said. “I get a little bit in the spring but I had that injury and I missed most of
spring, so it’s kind of a question mark going into
camp. I’ve had a really good camp and I’ve been
able to work the position and learn all the
new techniques and stuff so it’s going pretty well.

Rice totaled 54 tackles last season, 6.5 tackles
for loss of yards and 4.5 sacks.

Junior starting quarterback Chase Litton is
now entering his third season at the helm for
the Herd. Litton’s freshman year was draped
with success after the team finished 10-3 (6-2) and scored another bowl victory for the Herd when they defeated the University of Connecticut.

Head coach John “Choc” Holliday said he wants to see the junior’s progression throughout this
year.

“He has worked extremely hard to become a
true 3-Quarterback at Marshall,” said “Choc.” “He has put

Marshall approves alcohol sales at Joan C. Edwards Stadium

STAFF REPORT

Racing against football games for the 2017 season is likely to be able to purchase both beer and wine, however there will be sections of the stadium that will be designated as alcohol-free.

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THE PATRONHEAD

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Litton finished last season with a completion percentage of 623 (231-377), 27 touchdowns, nine interceptions and 2627 total passing yards.

Marshall lost five players from their receiv-

ing corps when the previous season concluded. The most notable addition to the receiver

Yurek called and let each team know how many
people with tornado, hurricane, and flash
flood warnings. The fundraiser will end until Sept. 3. Dante Belay can be contacted at dbelay@marshall.edu.

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Letton said he is looking forward to sharing the
field with his new teammates.

“It’s different all the way around,” Litton said.

“Look at all the reactors and we have five new
guys, we lost five from last year. You look at it
and a lot of people probably wouldn’t know the
team when Troy (Hightower) comes in it’s going
to be bringing a whole new and different aspect to
our team, with him and Ross (Herrin) doing like a
one-two punch.”

Though this is not your typical rivalry game,
there is history between the two teams. The
teams first met in a game in 1945, which ended
in a 10-10 tie. In 1973 Marshall suffered one of
its most lopsided defeats to Miami, and it has not been forgotten amongst the
community.

“Yeah, it’s a bigger game,” Ben said.

“Every game is a big game, but this game has got
a lot of history to it and we need to go out there
and play for the community, represent Marshall and
I guess back at Miami for the past years.”

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The rising junior spent time with a legen-
dary football family over the summer at the
Marshall Passing Academy, but even now he
has a part of the process to turn the page from
the previous year.

“Get all the players to pick their brains; great
luck to learn from the two greats of football,” Litton said. “They’re the best family out there that’s
over played football, especially quarterback, it’s
also about the people who red and really work-

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and 23 tackles.

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The Marshall University Board of Governors unanimously approved the sale of alcoholic bev-

ages at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium during a Board of Governors meeting June 28.

Marshall meal service provider Sodexo projects that alcohol sales within the stadium will be able to raise $50,000 in revenue for the Fall 2017 season.

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**Marshall University Thundering Herd**

**2017 Schedule**

### The Miami (Ohio) RedHawks

**Sept. 1: Miami (Ohio) University**  
Location: Huntington, W.Va.  
2016 record: 6-7, 2-1 in MAC

**Key Players:** Defensive and Joshua Majors, tight end Mitchell Lewis and running back Danton Johnson.  
**Top returns:** The 2017 season is QB Dan Day  
**Key losses:** RB Alphonso Smith and CB Health Harding. Key losses for the RedHawks are COLE BURBANK, DE Acute Gearing and DE JT Jones. Game day Saturday, September 3, 6:30 PM at the Joan C. Edwards stadium. The Last time these two teams met Marshall won in 2014 by a score of 42-27 in Oxford, OH.

### The Cincinnati Bearcats

**Sept. 30: Cincinnati Bearcats**  
Location: Cincinnati, Ohio  
2016 record: 4-8, 1-7 in ACC

**Key losses:** UC are QB Gunner Kiel, RB Tony Greer and S Zach Edwards. Key players: DT Cortez Broughton, DB Alex Thomas, and DB Darian Powell, set for Friday. Game day is Saturday, September 30, kickoff time is TBA at Nippert Stadium, Cincinnati. The last meeting between these two schools occurred in 2008, 33-10 Bearcats.

### The MTSU Blue Raiders

**Oct. 20: Middle Tennessee**  
Location: Murfreesboro, TN.  
2016 record: 8-5, 5-3 in CUSA

**Key losses:** IB Thorne, Matturie, WR Dwan Anderson, OL Josh Chester, OL Mauricio Shackle, OL Daniel Stephens, DL Shoppell Huff. Key returns: DB Taylor Morrill, DB Jordan White, WR Kassidy White, RB Deion Sheppard, WR Johnathan Jones, WR Ty Lee, WR DeWalter Brady, LB Chico Mathis, LB DJ Sanders. Game day is set for Friday, Oct. 20, 7:00 PM in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The last meeting between the two schools occurred in 2016, 42-17 Marshall.

### The Florida International Panthers

**Oct. 28: FIU Panthers**  
Location: Huntington, W.Va.  
2016 record: 4-8, 4-4 in CUSA

**Key losses:** UT Treiston Saren-  
**Top returns:** UT Jonathan Suren, TE Jones Smith, LT Dwayne Joseph, DR Inajeriay Albrey. **Top returns:** QB Alex Moore, RB C.J. Evans, WR Thomas Doreen, WR Stanley Thomas, WR Anthony Wint, CB Isaiah Brown. Game day is set for Saturday, Oct. 28. Kickoff is set for 2:00 PM. Last meeting: The Last time these two schools met was in 2016, 28-14 FIU.

### The Florida Atlantic Owls

**Nov. 3: FAU Owls**  
Location: Boca Raton, Florida  
2016 record: 3-9, 2-4 in CUSA

**Key losses:** C Dillon De-  
**Top returns:** QB Jaxson Dole, RB Buddy Howell, WR Kevin Solomon, WR Nate Terry, WR Kibbe Woods, CB Chris Tooley. Game day is set for Friday, Nov. 3. kickoff is 6:00 PM. Last meet- 
**The Kentucky St. Golden Flashes**  
Location: Huntington, W.Va.  
2016 record: 3-7, 2-4 in MAC

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### The UNC Charlotte 49ers

**Oct. 7: Charlotte 49ers**  
Location: Charlotte, N.C.  
2016 record: 4-8, 3-0 in CUSA

**Key losses:** RB Kalf Phillips, WR Chad Austin, OL Casey Perry, OL Larry Ogubouju, OL Brans-  
**Top returns:** RB Aden Phillip, WR Chico Brown, WR Nate Davis, RB Ben Duda, LB Nick Cook, DB Kendrick Davis. Game day is set for Saturday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at Jerry Richardson Stu-  
**The Marshall Thundering Herd**

**Sept. 9: NC State Wolfpack**  
Location: Raleigh, N.C.  
2016 record: 7-6, 5-0 in ACC

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**The Oklahoma Sooners**

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THUNDERING HERD DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

#14 — QB
Chase Litton
Tampa, Fla.

#17 — QB
Isaiah Green
Fairburn, Ga.

#67 — LT
Sandley
Jean-Felix
Sunrise, Fla.

#74 — LT
A.J. Addison
Ruther Glen
Va.

#58 — LG
Jordan Dowrey
Winchester, Va.

#62 — LG
Cain Madden
S. Webster, Oh.

#1 — Z-WR
Willie Johnson
Pt. Myers, Fla.

#2 — Z-WR
Hyclek Foster
Gaffney, S.C.

#61 — C
Levi Brown
Franklin, Ga.

#55 — C
Alex Mollette
Suwanee, Ga.

#8 — X-WR
Tyre Brady
Homestead, Fla.

#19 — X-WR
Monterio Hunt
Walnut, Ms.

#9 — SL-WR
Marcel Williams
Palm Coast, Fla.

#10 — SL-WR
Nick Mathews
Haymarket, Va.

#4 — SL-WR
Donquell Green
Waynesboro, Ga.

#11 — TE
Xavier Gaines
Frostproof, Fla.

#5 — RB
Trey Rodriguez
Daytona Beach, Fla.

#24 — RB
Keion Davis
Fairburn, Ga.

#21 — RB
Anthony
Anderson
Eden Prairie, Mn.

#6 — DE
Marquis Couch
Miami, Fla.

#36 — DE
Davon Durant
Greenwood, S.C.

SPECIAL TEAMS

#16 — KO, P, FG/PAT
Kaare Vedvik
Stavanger, Norway

#89 — LS
Matt Beardall
Merritt Island, Fla.

#13 — H
Jackson White
Gainesville, Ga.
**FOOTBALL EDITION**

**FRANK, cont. from 3**
Of one becoming a part of the Marshall family. In every way that life is becoming increasingly individualistic, it is our families together that we will come to know. We will reunite with old friends and make new ones. Grandparents will bring their grandchildren, pas- sing on a love for the thread through a generational gap. For this one day, we can all come together and have one thing in common, we want our team to win. In a world saturated with self and selfishness, there is a special power in the words “We’re...”

Several senators can be contacted at norton@marshall.edu

**LITTON, cont. from 3**
I think he’s grown from it and his family has grown from it,” Lit- tton said. “I see a different guy out on the field now.” Littton was unable to see that at times.

One player in particular was close to his quarterback through the whole process is the founder, Lick Littton, said the team returned with a more team-oriented approach.

Littton said he is looking to get out of the water, “I think the team is more than happy with what they’ve been doing and are excited for the next step.”

Luke Young can be contacted at lyoung@marshall.edu

By CATLA SIMMONS THE PATHEANON

Marshall Men’s Soccer Vehicle
August 25, 2015, officers responded to a report of a vehicle theft.

Damage was found towards the rear end of the truck. They were able to locate the vehicle, but nothing was found. The individuals are still under investigation.

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By CAROLINE KIMBO THE PATHEANON

As his second year at Mar- shall begins, Head Coach Jim Gilbert reflects on his career as a coach, the impact he wants to have and his future plans.

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Marching Thunder prepares for eventful season

By BUFFY SIX

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Just as Marshall football is gearing up for the start of its season against the Miami (Ohio) RedHawks, the Marching Thunder is gearing up for its season as well with a new halftime show titled “Light, set, fly.”

“Stepping out onto the field is a rush you really can’t explain to anyone unless they experience it themselves,” Clarinet player Erin Fields said. “The first time we step out on the field for pregame and hear the crowd roar, it’s flattering. It’s amazing how our community has so much spirit for our school.”

Although Fields did not want to give too much away, she said the halftime show “definitely had some surprises” that have never been done in her time with the band.

“Our show, Light, set, fly, has music from popular artists such as Sia. Pull that into Journey and Elton John,” Fields said. “And, of course, you can’t forget the third quarter, our tradition of Mountain Music.”

Leading her third season with the Marching Thunder, Fields said joining the Marching Thunder was “one of the best decisions” of her college experience.

“I will always be thankful for the memories the music program has given me,” Fields said. “The Marching Thunder performs for more than just football games. Coming up on their schedule, the band will be performing in the Joan C. Edwards Stadium for the TruGreen Marching Festival Oct. 21.

“The band will also be hosting “Band Day” at the Sept. 16 home football game against Kent State. High school bands from around the state will have the opportunity to perform alongside the Marching Thunder and experience what it’s like to perform in a 30,000-seat stadium.

“The band will also be performing Oct. 7 in the Mountain State Forest Festival Parade as well as a Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11. Buffy Six can be contacted at s615@marshall.edu.”

HerdZone Stadium Store to open for game day

STAFF REPORT

THE PARTHENON

Construction at Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards Stadium is coming to a close, with the newly installed bookstore and concourse being open for Saturday’s game. “Our first official opening will be the home game,” Mike Campbell, manager of University Bookstore operations, said. “We’re really appreciative to be a part of the university and proud of it.”

Darrin Booth, superintendent of the construction project, said construction on the concourse expansion and team store are completed. With the student’s concourse renovated, game days will now feature beer sales.

The Stadium Bookstore will open to the general public with regular hours on Sept. 13, limiting mostly Marshall team apparel.