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Brooke Adkins, junior nursing major, said it would be great to have a fall break because it gets really draining going nonstop from August to Thanksgiving break. Nigel Wallace, management and marketing double major, said the stress and tension that is created by school, work and extracurricular activities weighs on a person. “I think a break would be extremely convenient for any college student who has to deal with ample loads of stress,” Wallace said.

Adding this fall break into the calendar for the fall 2015 semester would not affect Thanksgiving break. Hannah Sayre can be contacted at sayre81@marshall.edu.
Herd football defeats Golden Eagles

Watson, the Herd climbed out of the 14-0 hole in a hurry. It was all Marshall.

By SHANNON STOWERS

Down 14-0 before ever having the offense take the field is exactly the kind of adversity Marshall University head coach Doc Holliday has been talking about all season.

Fortunately for the Thundering Herd, it was able to respond with overwhelming force, outscrewing the University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles 63-0 on its way to a 63-17 win.

The Golden Eagles opened the game by possessing the Herd defense on the ground, ending a 13-play, 75-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown run. On the ensuing kickoff, USM surprised with overwhelming force, outscoring the University of Southern Mississippi 21-0 in the second quarter.

“Coach sees us as a fast team, and Western Kentucky is a fast team,” Marshall Head Coach Jeff Darby said. “We’ve got to move around deeper.”

The Herd defense forced four turnovers and constantly got to USM quarterback Cole Weeks, sacking him six times.

Linebacker Jermaine Holmes and defensive back Corey Tin led the team in tackles with eight each.

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Herd volleyball falls to Western Kentucky

By SCOTT BOLGER

The Marshall University volleyball team (16-25, 5-6) lost in its final home game Sunday to Conference USA powerhouse Western Kentucky University (25-5, 10-1) 9-3 (23-25, 24-26, 25-17).

The loss may have broken Marshall’s four-game win streak, but the Herd claimed its 18th tournament birth Friday and will still have an opportunity to possibly advance into the regional.

The Herd, similar to Friday’s match against FAU and many preceding contentions, used its 4-2 offensive and 3-2 defensive formations to combat WKU, who used a nearly identical 1-2-3 offensive and 3-2-1 defensive formations.

The two totaled 12 and 15, respectively.

Marshall hit an uncharacteristic 12 percent for the match and was nearly doubled by WKU’s 23 percent.

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Nothing was wrong with Western Kentucky is a great team and we disrespected another opponent. We didn’t have energy at the start to finish today,” Jacobs said. “I’ve never seen our team quit like that, but we did, and it’s embarrassing because Western Kentucky is a great team and we disrespected another opponent. We should always play as hard as we can.”

The Herd will take on Rice University in Saturday, Texas Thursday. The Owls will be one of the opponent the Herd has seen all year.

“I’m going to start breaking down tape tomorrow,” Jacobs said. “I know that we’re going to face the Rice University. They have ball control, they do everything that is good that we don’t.”

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Herd football defeated by USA championship

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Men's basketball defeats Concord 92-80 in exhibition match

By BRADLEY HOLTZ

The Herd wrapped up its regular season Saturday with a conclusive 4-1 win over Concord University on senior day to push its current streak to three games.

Senior Shane Selvitre was recognized before the match and presented with a framed pink goalkeeper jersey. Bob Gray was also honored with a framed jersey as he celebrated his 20th season as the Herd's head coach.

In the match, the Herd (7-6-3, 3-1-2) got four goals from four different players with midfielders Ryan Forde, Ian Lovern, freshman Christian Kershaw and West Virginia native Trevor Starcher all netting scoring stripes.

Both Lovern and Kershaw collected their first career goals for the Herd. Kershaw also had two assists in the match.

The match was the second consecutive game in which the Herd scored four goals after defeating Bobcats 4-0 in its previous match. Gray said it was nice for the Herd to get some scoring chances and gain some confidence offensively with their production in the past two matches.

With its regular season concluded, the Herd will now look towards the postseason and the Conference USA Tournament this week that is hosted by Old Dominion in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Herd is seeded sixth out of the seven teams that qualify for the tournament. It will face the third seed, University of Alabama at Birmingham, in the tournament quarterfinals at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday. The Herd scored four goals against UAB in its lone match-up of the regular season as the Blazers were victorious by a score of 7-2 in Birmingham, Alabama.

The seven goals were more than enough to advance in the season as the Herd scored four goals for each of their five regular season games.

By SCOTT BOLGER

“Wow, we know coming in at halftime that Marshall would make a run, because of the way Coach (Tom) Moore laid it down, to play,” said Concord head coach Kent McBride. “We knew what the element of the game. And we just didn’t stop it fast enough. I think they hit four in three’s in a row and I don’t think we countered maybe one of those possessions. That’s the difference.”

Herd player’s attention to how first, game, and that probably being the reason behind a halftime deficit to a Division II school.

“A lot of excitement,” said junior forward Jay Johnson. “Just from us being inside as a team. The coaches were smiling and just being the first game, we were trying to do things, kind of like Cleveland (Cavaliers) and how they were opening the night, but I think we got the jitters outside the second half and we settled down.

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We couldn’t get in rhythm at half-court and all of a sudden when you get pressured in the back court, we started dribbling instead of passing.”

Herd utilization of its speed very place the guards on the perimeter with two post men in the low block. The forwards down low had one objective; to get as many post touches as possible, while the guards set up for each other in order to drive into the lane for mid-range jumpers or to attack the basket.

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Plants decision saves taxpayers money

Honor them with remembrance Friday, celebration Saturday
Cyclists, mountains bikers and Cyclocross enthusiasts gathered at Rotary Park Saturday to participate in the Sec- ond Annual Bike Bash. The event began at 9:30 a.m. with a Begin- ner’s pace road ride of about 14 miles guided by experienced riders who were able to show tips with the novice riders. Live music, food ven- dors and information booths were set up by 11 a.m. when the Kids Bike Rodeo Course began. At noon, expert moun- tain biker Bryan Beckham led a mountain biking clinic. Professional Cy- cyclist Bonus Marshall Brown conducted a Cy- clocross clinic at 1:30 p.m.

Health Informatics program ranks No. 1 most affordable program

By LEISURA LONG

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Marshall University’s Health Informatics graduate program was named No. 1 for the most affordable program in the nation, out of a total of 25, according to the MBA Healthcare Manage- ment in the United States. This was based off of the overall: feasibility, quality and research trends within each program.

The Health Informatics program is a multidisciplinary profession that utilizes information technologies, information systems integrated into the health care areas and informatics. Dr. Grassy Barie, pro- gram director for health informatics said, “This program consists of a part- nership between three colleges: the College of Business, the College of Health Professions and the College of Information Technology. I am so proud for our program and I thought it was so important to be included among the first three programs.”

Barie said the program is the ideal for students who have a bachelor degree in health and is looking to get their master of science degree in health informatics. This program started three years ago. The college is promising there are 80 students participating in the program this year.

Barie said she is also excited about the chance that students have to work with the health informatics program. “The students get to work with the health informatics program and this is a great networking opportunity for them.”

Barie said this program is making a difference and encouraging students to start their careers in health informatics.

City announces Huntington Christmas Parade of Lights

By HANNAH SATRE

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Huntington Christmas participating will have the chance to compete in a fun contest and judges selected by the city of Huntington will choose the winner. The judges will be looking to see the incorporation of the 2014 Huntington Christmas Parade of Lights theme, creativity, originality, design and workmanship of the float.

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The purpose of the city’s approp- riate partnership program is to serve as a sounding board opportunity for leadership for first year students. Senate Traditions will be meeting, a senator and learn the ins-and-