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New Bison thunder into Huntington

New Student IDs are available at the ID Office in the Memorial Student Center.

Students Get New IDs and New PNC Bank

Feminine product donations needed for restrooms on campus

Food bank for students

By KT BLACK THE PARTHENON

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Birdsong is a greater threat to more of a power attack, in which offense, but it may transcend into a more downfield- oriented approach, utilizing play-action to setup Birdsong’s ability to drive the ball on intermediate and deep routes.

Such play-action throws will be the secondary concern of opposing defenses in 2015 due to the return of bruising running back Devon Johnson, who eclipsed rushing totals in handoffs last season.

Johnson amassed 1,767 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2014 despite missing a game and the majority of two others with injuries. He averaged a whopping 6.4 yards per carry, a number typically reserved for speedy backs opposed to power runners like Johnson. The offense is projected to flow through Johnson’s aggressive running style even more this season, but on just 22 carries and 106 yards.

Cato’s, impact on Marshall University’s program needs no embellishment as he destroyed the program’s passing records at a meteoric rate. Cato’s 2014 statistical line of 267-451, 3,903 passing yards with 22 touchdowns and 15 interceptions. He averaged a whopping 8.6 yards per carry, a number typically reserved for speedy backs opposed to power runners like Johnson. The offense is projected to flow through Johnson’s aggressive running style even more this season, with a new quarterback at the helm and a solid offensive line to setup Birdsong’s ability to drive the ball himself and absorb the hits Cato’s body deemed impossible.

It is also reasonable to think the passing game could evolve into a more downfield-oriented approach, utilizing play-action to setup Birdsong’s ability to drive the ball on intermediate and deep routes.

Rogers arabesque, 6-foot-5, 241-pound frame is a positional opposite from the minuscule Van Horn. The right tackle has to start with redshirt senior Clint Van Horn. The right tackle will be replaced at left tackle and right guard by redshirt sophomore Blake Brooks, who projects to have a much larger role this season after catching just 10 receptions for 126 yards and a touchdown in the final two conference games before falling mostly silent in the team’s bowl win.

Also among the offensive starters returning are wide receiver Davonte Allen, who did not cordially welcome such consistency last season. Allen totaled a healthy 544 receiving yards last season, but on just 22 catches and with the bulk of his yardage coming in three games in which he totaled 393 yards. Allen is no surprise considering Van Horn was voted first-team all-conference in 2014.

Another among the offensive starters returning are quarterback Michael Birdsong, who has the skillset to make an impact on seam routes and pop passes.

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Roster Rundown: Offense

As the Herd presents its encore to its successful 2014 season, in which the team went 13-3 en route to a Conference USA Championship and subsequent Boca Raton Bowl victory over North Carolina State, the most significant change comes via the expansion of the Canadian Football League.

Former quarterback, Rakeem Byrd, a long and lean pass catcher from the University of Purdue. Birdsong, the Michael Birdsong era is off to a fine start.

The read option will remain a major part of this offense, especially set to begin Sept. 6 against the University of Idaho, the most significant change comes via the expansion of the Canadian Football League.
Jeremy Roberts, Patrick Stanley, Brandon Mooney and Travis Egnor make up The Horse Traders, Americana band from Huntington. The band is releasing a cassingle Friday at the V Club.

By NATHAN THOMAS

The Huntington Symphony Orchestra will perform during the film “The Night Before Christmas” at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at The Parthenon. The film will last from 8 p.m. until midnight.

“The orchestra does a wonderful job of accompanying this film,” said Angela Jones, director of marketing of the Marshall Artist Series. “We typically have a packed house for these screenings.”

The students express which performances they want to see, and the director of the Artists Series takes that into consideration.

“In honor of the Martha rhinestone content of the film ‘The Breakfast Club,’ Molly Ringwald will be doing a question and answer portion after the movie. I am excited about ‘The Breakfast Club’ because it is one of my favorite movies, and I can watch it again and again. Also, Molly Ringwald, a senior at Marshall University, will be present.”

Kalyn Bordman is a feature writer and corresponds to the Marshall Artist Series season. Her email address is bordman3@live.marshall.edu.
By Chantil Foster

Choral Union begins rehearsals for fall semester

The sound of instruments blend and melodies align as the Choral Union returns to Marshall University’s campus with rehearsals beginning Monday at 7 p.m. in room 150 of Smith Music Hall.

The new Director of Bands Brian Walden will lead the Choral Union as he now joins the forces at Marshall after retiring as a Commanding Officer of the United States Navy Band. While Walden may be new to the campus he is familiar with the tradition the union beholds and he said he is excited to continue that tradition in the performances.

“It is a fantastic means of bridging the wonderful surrounding communities with the Marshall family,” Walden said. “Plus we get to have fun making great music together in the process.”

After weekly rehearsals, the union’s first performance will be Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., and the location will be announced at a later date.

The Choral Union welcomes all students and citizens of the community to join the group as they prepare for another year with The Thundering Herd. College credit will be available upon participation and if interested Walden can be reached by phone at 304-696-2317 or by email at waldenb@marshall.edu.

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Visual Arts Center is home to new MacKenzie-Dow Furniture showroom

MacKenzie-Dow fine furniture opened their second retail store in the Visual Arts Center and hope to inspire the students by bringing the interior design to them.

A chair, light and painting ensemble displayed in the new Visual Arts Center furniture showroom located in downtown Huntington.

MacKenzie-Dow fine furniture can also be purchased at the other retail store in Greenbrier, West Virginia.

The Visual Arts Center is located at 1800 4th Street, across the street from Pullman Square.