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Never forgotten

Student remembers 1970 crash in unique way

BY COURNTY WILLIAMSON
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Herd opens season with weekend victories

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Marshall University men’s basketball program came out of this weekend with a pair of victories to open the 2011-12 season, dropping Alabama State 67-64 in Friday evening and trouncing Jacksonville State 58-44 on Sunday at the Cam Henderson Center.

Definitely, the Herd put forth two solid performances, consistently defenseing well in both games. Offensively, as Coach Tom Herrion has pointed out since preseason training, there is still room for improvement.

“The identity of our program has been defense and rebounding — and tonight it was evident that those were the characteristics that are going to carry us,” Herrion said following the Alabama State win.

Junior Rondae Tierson shone at the center of the courts with 18 points and 14 rebounds. His performance was indicative of a program that — as advertised by Herrion — values defensive prowess and dominance on the boards.

“Tierson does what he does, and he’s a rebounder,” Herrion said. “I knew that from the start, where I saw him two summers ago.”

Marshall showed offensively were Sunday night similar to those Friday. Shynisha Shaw scored 16 points in the Herd’s 93-55 win. The Herd handled the basketball team dominated.

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Women’s basketball grabs opening victory over Kent State

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“We were fortunate we could control the tempo, and we did a really good job in the first half, in the early minutes of the game trying to establish ourselves,” Head Coach Royce Chadwick.

Chadwick said the team handled the opening of the game, Kent stayed close, but the Herd exploited and led the Golden Flashes struggling in the second half, scoring 57 points in the first half, with a 53.6 percent three-point percentage that helped the Herd gain tempo over the game.

“We have some depth and Kent is a very good team,” Chadwick said. “They were trying to make mistakes, but we were able to force the tempo and make them play a little bit faster than they wanted to play.”

During the second half, the Herd was able to outscore the Flashes and have everyone contribute to the team’s victory, said Shynisha Johnson and sophomore Jessica Jones. Chadwick said the team in points in 10 point each scores.

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Penn State Students should be careful looking Bandstory

In the past two weeks, the giant that was Pennsylvania State University has been falling, and the prestigious university rocked by scandal. Following the revelations of sexual abuse of young children by Jerry Sandusky, the school's assistant coach, a wave of horrible information has engulfed the school.

But the real fire started after Penn State fired its president and legendary coach, Joe Paterno. At first, Paterno looked like a beloved victim caught in a major housecleaning. It was later, though, that the nation learned Paterno had no victim. According to reports, Paterno not only knew about his assistant's coach's abuse but he also handled it in a scandalous way.

But the accusations of moral failings of Paterno were of no concern to dedicated Penn State students.

An article by the Bleacher Report, Penn State students have decided to show their support and thanks for (Paterno) and standing by the legendary coach despite the stain that this incident left on both his coaching career and himself as a person, as many questioned his morals as a coach when he failed to report to police.

But while the nation feared the students standing behind Paterno, there was no victim. According to reports, Paterno not only knew about his assistant's coach’s abuse but he also handled it in a scandalous way.

The current FCC rules, which are less internet services are an emerging market, the current FCC rules do not restrict them very aggressively, but a lawsuit from the FCC-free Press, the group that has been at the forefront of net neutrality, might bring them to the FCC's rules. Penn State is the most recent example of this. Penn State, a leading sponsor of the Resolution of Disapproval against the FCC, is also interested in a lawsuit against the FCC, claiming that the FCC lacks the authority to regulate its operations as an ISP.

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ferrands, I was on my way back from the news conference at which the crash was announced, while I was eating lunch. And I was thinking about the six years that had passed since that terrible day.

The crash occurred on October 11, 1989, when a small plane carrying the Marshall University football team crashed into a hillside near the airport in Huntington, West Virginia. The crash killed 75 people, including 24 members of the Marshall University football team.

I was a senior at the time, and I was one of the few students who survived the crash. I was the only student who was on the plane that day, and I was the only one who survived. I have never forgotten the experience.

The crash changed my life in many ways. I became more aware of the fragility of life, and I began to appreciate the value of the people around me. I also became more determined to make the most of my college experience.

I hope that my story will be an inspiration to others who have faced similar tragic events. And I hope that my experience will help others to understand the importance of life and to live it to the fullest.

Thank you for reading my story.

Sincerely,
John Ferrand
Marshall alumni writes book about 1970 plane crash

BY ALLANNA TELLES THE PARTHENON

November 14, 1970 marks the darkest day in Marshall University history—the Marshall plane crash. That night, the university community lost 75 members of the Marshall Thundering Herd. Craig Greenlee is one of many who has their own story to tell about it.

Greenlee’s story began in 1968 when Greenlee came to Marshall to play free safety for the Herd. Greenlee played for two years before deciding to quit because it just wasn’t fun for him.

“I really didn’t want to play the game anymore,” Greenlee said. “It was the type of game where you really have to have the passion to play because if you didn’t you might end up hating it.”

Before leaving the team, Greenlee had just changed his major to broadcast journalism. “I was really having a ball with it,” Greenlee said. “I was able to cover the things when I was asked to write what I wanted to write and not have to worry about practices, just really didn’t want to do it all.”

Then the plane crash occurred, changing everything for Greenlee and the entire university community.

“I never considered the idea that there would be fatalities,” Greenlee said. “If you’re thinking in my mind that it could, I didn’t think that everybody would be gone. I just never considered it.”

Greenlee remembers that night and said he knew many people went to the crash site near the airport. He wasn’t one of them.

“I remember people going out there, but I didn’t want to go out there because I wanted to remember the people the last way I saw them,” Greenlee said. “I didn’t want to see anything else.”

“Week later when I went to my best friend Scottie Reese’s funeral, it didn’t really hit me until I was sitting there in the church, looking at the casket and seeing the jersey on top of it,” Greenlee said. “I had just realized he was gone and that it had all really happened.”

Though Greenlee had many friends to share his grief, he didn’t really vocalize it anywhere.

“There was a lot of denial for a lot of us, we just didn’t talk about that as it was detail or in some cases talk about it at all because a lot of us really didn’t know how to,” he said. “A lot of us suffered silently and never really verbalized anything we felt about the plane crash, we just internally dealt with it.”

In the spring of 1971, when the university decided to re-establish the football program, Greenlee decided he would become a member of the team and become a part of the rebuilding process.

“Any right thing and the only thing to do,” Greenlee said. “They didn’t have anybody but the people that we were the last to see him.”

Greenlee rejoined the Thundering Herd for one season, re-starting his free safety, but after that season, he decided he was finished and went on to finish school.

During the rest of his time at Marshall, Greenlee still never really talked about the events surrounding the crash.

“I feel like it’s kind of being like a soldier in combat, in most occasions they don’t really talk about things that go on out in the battlesfield,” Greenlee said. “They just don’t talk about it. It’s just the fact that you don’t want to relive it in any way, shape or form. Mainly you keep it to yourself, and that was like what talking about the plane crash was to me.”

But now, Greenlee finally is telling his story through his book, “November Ever After.”

The book tells the story of his time at Marshall and the decisions he made after the crash.

While interviewing people for the book, Greenlee was able to learn much more about that dark day.

“Some people remember parts of it differently,” Greenlee said. “There are just so many things I haven’t really thought about until I started writing and interviewing people. The most amazing thing that happened was that week-long process I interviewed would say something that I had never heard before.”

Before writing the book, Greenlee made his first visit ever to the plane crash memorial at Spring Hill Cemetery so he could know more about the details that he purposefully over looked the first time.

“That was the hardest thing about it because when it

MONSTER MUSICAL SPOOKS HUNTINGTON

BY CAITLIN CONLEY THE PARTHENON

A monster ran amok the stage of the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center on Thursday, and it was love. Mel Brooks’ “Young Frankenstein,” took the stage in Huntington on Thursday in the latest performance in the Marshall Artist Series’ 75th anniversary season.

The show, based on the 1974 Mel Brooks comedy classic, follows the story of a young monster who sets off to find the father to settle his own story. The protagonist, Dr. Frankenstein, once he’s arrived at the castle and met his helper hag and lab assistant bagu, devours his grandfather’s work and takes over the family business creating monstrous and terrifying the town folk.

Katherine Forest, junior biology major from Madison, W.Va, has seen the live show previously but enjoyed the Friday night performance.

“I’ve seen it before, but the timing is a lot different. It’s a lot funnier,” Forest said. “Because the actors actually play the monsters, it’s a lot funnier.”

The play was inspired by the two-time Tony Award winning Mel Brooks who also wrote the music, lyrics and created the script for the musical re-imagining.

Brooks worked with the team who created “The Producers,” free-time Tony-winning director, the singer-songwriter Simon Breen and three-time Tony-winning writer, Thomas Meehan.

The show featured a number of critically acclaimed songs such as “Puttin’ On the Ritz,” “The Days and Nights of Transylvania Mania,” and “Take Good Care of My Baby.”

Forest was impressed by the talent of the cast and the professional lighting and music. “There’s a lot of energy on the stage,” Forest said.

“Mel Brooks has always been one of my favorites,” Forest said. “I’m a huge fan of his work.”

The Marshall Thundering Herd football team for two years, since he was 16, has seen the live show before, but enjoyed the Friday night performance.

“I’ve seen the play before, but it’s a lot more funny and entertaining this time,” Forest said.

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