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Growing up in Huntington, I have learned to make moments matter. This is a small town with big city energy. Walking down the streets of downtown you will see both friend and stranger. Restaurant owners will learn your name and know your order. Local business owners will welcome you with open arms.

Community. This title was awarded to us in a contest that lasted over three years, and once you hear that announcement about some new restaurant or new business. This city teems with life, and, when I became a Marshall student, I only felt all the more connected to my city and its community. During the fall, there is a feeling that you are a part of something much bigger than yourself. And once you hear that chant, there is a feeling that you are a part of something much bigger than you.

This is where I grew up. One of the most wonderful things about growing up here is seeing the city grow along with me. I have watched downtown Huntington come to life right before my very eyes.

In the past several years, there has been this excited energy surging through a town that was once deemed defeated. There is growth and change and vibrancy. Pullman Square and Heritage Station and surrounding the area. We have challenges, but I have considered this America’s best community for college has been a good one.


Franklin Norton can be contacted at norton18@marshall.edu.
Dear Student,

I have a feeling this is going to be a good year for Marshall. I hope you have that feeling, too. Your time at Marshall is going to be one of the most incredible periods of your life. Your time as a student at Marshall, you will mature mentally, socially, professionally and ethically. It is going to be an amazing journey!

I hope that every one of you will earn your degree during your time here. I pledge that if you will faithfully attend class and work diligently, with a sense of purpose and pride, you will earn your degree during your time here. I believe each of you will stand a great chance of graduating. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of going to class. If you have no class absences in your first semester, your chances of successfully graduating are exponentially higher than if you regularly skip or miss class. So go to class and regularly study your coursework materials and you will be successful!

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Class materials are always available to you through support and spirit for the students attending the college. Sheds are a key aspect of the college experience. In fact, there is a tradition of referring to the alumni of Marshall University as "sons and daughters of John Marshall." As you progress through your studies, I hope you will read the Marshall University Creed in the Student Handbook or on the website and aspir to "embrace the core values of John Marshall’s character: independence, initiative, ethical integrity, and commitment to community through association and service.

We are an open and affirming university community where all people and all ideas are welcome. I welcome you with the spirit of Marshall— a spirit of family where everyone resides in a focused and committedworthy of respect.

Best wishes for success, Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert, President, Marshall University

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By MATT JARVIS
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Welcome to Marshall! My name is Matt Jarvis and I hope the honor and privilege of serving as Marshall University’s 89th Student Body President. I want to personally welcome you to your new home and Marshall University. This year, we have a part of every single student and every campus and becomes a son or daughter of Marshall University. Words cannot describe the fondest memories of serving as Marshall University’s 89th Student Body President. Matt Jarvis.

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Welcome to the Family

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The PARTHENON: We are Marshall

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"The middle of Huntington, West Virginia, isn’t a river town. This river town is a story of the college that exists here. The story of Marshall College will stay with you throughout the town. The people of Marshall make this time stand still.”

Members of the 2016 football team visited the plane crash memorial before a game last November.
Grindstone Coffeeology now serving Austin's Ice Cream

By FRANKLIN NORTON

What’s a birthday without ice cream? For Austin’s General Manager Tim Ruff, it’s not only a special day but also one that makes him think of the past and the future. Ruff said the ice cream shop hopes to continue that level of partnership with Marshall’s residence halls, as the truck sits at Foundation Hall in the afternoon.

The class, which began June 5 and will continue until July 12, was only one of the two on the left that was the icing on the cake for the partnership between Austin’s and Marshall’s residence halls. John Richardson has been teaching upholstery courses since 1975. Richardson previously taught an upholstery class at Marshall Community and Technical College for two years before he began teaching at Marshall.

Richardson explained that the partnership with Austin’s is an important addition to the Grindstone Coffeeology business, as they have been looking for ways to attract more people on warm summer days. “We’ve been trying to think of other ways to get to the whole community that isn’t looking for coffee on a hot day or a warm summer day,” Richardson said. “I’m very impressed with what we could have done here, especially on our birthday!”

For Austin’s General Manager Tim Ruff, the partnership with Grindstone is important for expanding the brand. “I’d say there’s a lot of people in Huntington that don’t make it down this way, or have never been downtown to Grindstone. When people come downtown and see Grindstone on the corner of 5th and Market, they want to come in,” Ruff said.

Ruff said the ice cream shop hopes to continue to expand its reach with their eyes on the Marshall University area in particular. Currently, Grindstone is the only place near Marshall where Austin’s Ice Cream can be found, as the truck sits at Ritter Park in the mornings and evenings, and outside of the Marshall University Foundation Hall in the afternoon.

Austin’s Ice Cream is an institution, not only in Ceredo, but the tristate area, Richardson stressed. “I’ve told people in the past, if you never never ever go to another chair, you’re probably going to have your names on the wall at some time in your life and you’ll know what to look for,” Richardson said.

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**2017 Marshall Football Schedule**

9/2, 6:30 p.m.  
vs. Miami (Oh)  
Joan C. Edwards Stadium

9/9, 6 p.m.  
at NC State  
Raleigh, N.C.

9/16, 6:30 p.m.  
vs. Kent State  
Joan C. Edwards Stadium

9/30, TBA  
at Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

10/7, 6 p.m.  
at Charlotte  
Charlotte, N.C.

10/28, 2:30 p.m.  
v. Old Dominion  
Joan C. Edwards Stadium (HC)

10/20, 7 p.m.  
at Middle Tenn.  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

11/03, 6 p.m.  
at Florida Atlantic  
Norfolk, Va.

11/11, 6:30 p.m.  
v. W. Kentucky  
Joan C. Edwards Stadium

11/18, TBA  
at UTSA  
San Antonio, Texas

11/25, 2:30 p.m.  
v. Southern Miss.  
Joan C. Edwards Stadium

**Marshall football gameday advice**

By NICK HERRICK  
FOR THE PARTHENON

As I enter my Senior year of college, I look back over the past three seasons of Marshall football. I have seen a near perfect season, a C-USA Championship, a big win over Purdue at home, a Heisman winner play against the Herd and so much more. While those moments are memorable, the best part of it all has been soaking up on gameday, grabbing a Tudors biscuit with some friends and heading to all the tailgate spots all over Huntington.

My advice to freshmen on gameday is simple: Get out and enjoy all that Marshall gamedays have to offer. From the events put on by Marshall clubs like CAB or organizations, there’s always something to keep you entertained until kickoff.

One of my favorite activities on gameday when I was a freshman was seeing all the different ways people would tailgate. Some were simple with a Marshall tent and some burgers and hot dogs, and some were massive and almost a little too over the top. Some people play games, like cornhole, and some will do something else to draw a crowd. I think my favorite was a tent with karaoke and an auto-tuned mic. That made for some interesting covers to “Thunderstruck” by AC/DC. (Get ready for that to become your new favorite song.)

Getting out early on gamedays and exploring the tailgate lots is the first step to a successful and fun gameday. The next step is to get to the stadium early. As a freshman, I sat front row at every game with a group of friends and I must say, it was one of the best decisions of my college career.

By getting to the stadium early, you get to meet other fans, get a quality spot and you get to see the team warm-up. As the opposing team practices in front of you, get a little rowdy. Get in their heads. When the Herd is in front of you, get loud, start a few chants, call out individual players and let them know you support them.

As a fan in the stands, and especially in the student section, you have a job to do. Be the iconic student cheering section that college football teams thrive for. Throw the opposing team off their game and pump your team up.

Marshall football has a rich history of traditions, and the fans and students are the most important part when it comes to continuing these traditions. As a freshman, get out on gameday, find all that the city and school have to offer, cheer on the Herd, and be ready to answer every time you hear a loud “WE ARE...”

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