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Downtown Huntington lights up for the holidays

By MEG KELLER
THE PARTHENON

The city of Huntington celebrated the lighting of the 26 foot tall Christmas tree at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Plaza Tuesday night.

Members of the Cabell Midland High School Collegium Musicum sang Christmas themed tunes and carols before Mayor Steve Williams addressed the crowd.

The First Lady of Huntington, Mary Williams, had the honor of flipping the switch to light the tree.

Alena Mendoza, a senior at Marshall University, said she heard about the event through Facebook. Mendoza said she was told there would be “free hot chocolate and good voices to listen to,” and therefore, she could not stay away.

For local residents Stephanie Wood and Dodie Bond, the sense of community and pride created by this event is why they returned for a second consecutive year, they said.

“This event definitely means a lot, especially because people these days don’t seem to want to go out and do community things,” Wood said.

Wood said she likes being able to go out and be with people she shares her community with.

Bond said she liked the tree lighting ceremony, calling it “special because it is for our people in our town.”

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Campus organizations represented through new SGA branch

By HANNAH GRAHAM
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Marshall University’s Student Government Association had its first House of Representatives meeting Nov. 27. The House of Representatives organization came together for the first time after a long semester of debating how it would exist and the specifics of this new branch of SGA.

Marshall University President Jerry Gilbert made an appearance at the event to express his pride for the leaders of the organizations present.

“It’s so encouraging to see young leaders with such drive to get involved,” Gilbert said. “You all have a lot to be proud of.”

Representatives from official campus organizations met to discuss the mission of the House and responsibilities of participants. The House of Representatives is an executive committee that operates with the intent to get student organizations involved in Marshall’s SGA. The committee has no legislative powers, as law-making and funding still rests in the hands of the Senate.

Elle Sheen, the president of the Marshall University Anime and Manga Association, said she appreciated the idea behind the House of Representatives for what it did in terms of providing opportunities for on-campus organizations.

“I represent a club with a really niche interest, so a lot of the people in my organization are less involved on campus,” Sheen said. “Platforms like this give us all an opportunity to come together and get more involved.”

The House of Representatives was one of the initiatives pushed by Student Body President Hunter Barclay and Student Body Vice President Hannah Petracca in an effort to make SGA a more inclusive organization.

“We really want you guys to feel welcome up here with student government,” Petracca said. “We’re here so we can build a relationship with you guys and hear your concerns. We want to help your organizations thrive.”

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Quoits is the game Marshall University students and faculty participate in yearly in celebration of John Marshall’s birthday.

“Quoits is an old game that goes back until at least the 1700’s,” President Jerry Gilbert said. “It pre-dated John Marshall. It was his favorite game, and he played it weekly.”

The game and its rules are similar to horseshoes; players will throw a quoit and try to get on or as close to a spike as possible.

“Quoits typically, but not necessarily, will have a box at either end of the quoit field,” Gilbert said.

The box is three feet by three feet, and it has the spike, which is the target for the quoit. The quoit is a round disk with a hole in the middle, made of metal and weighs three to five pounds.

“It is a pretty heavy disk, and it is probably about eight or 10 inches in diameter with a hole in it that is about two inches in diameter,” Gilbert said. “There is plenty of room for it to go on the spike that is in the box, that is the pit.”

The quoit is rounded, as it has an up and a down side.

“You can think of it like a Frisbee in the sense that it has a top and a bottom,” Gilbert said. “The quoit is not shaped exactly like that but it has a top and a bottom.”

The goal of the game is to land the quoit in the pit with the top up and get closest to the pin.

“If you can get on the pin, that is the best location you can get,” Gilbert said.

Players will create teams and stand on either ends of the field. The distance between each pin is 21 feet, or seven yards. Each team of two will have a member on each end creating Team A and Team B. One team will have an A player and B player on one end playing against an A and B player on the opposite team.

“Quoits has a huge historical significance to the university. It is a great way for the university to celebrate and recognize constitutional week.”

“When I play with Maurice Cooley, I stand on one end of the court and he on the other,” Gilbert said. “I am playing against one of the two team members we are playing against, and he is playing the other. If you have a very strong player and one not strong player, the strategy of how you might pair up with the other team depends on your motives. You can pair a strong against a weak player or two weak players together. There is some strategy on how you pair them up. I always let Maurice handle that.”

The game is played until one team has reached the score of 21. The typical score is one, and this occurs when a disk is thrown closest to the pin, within a diameter of one quoit from the pin.

“You have a three foot box,” Gilbert said. “When you end up way away from the pin, further away from one diameter of the quoit, you do not get any points.”

When checking the score, first determine if Team A or B is closest to the pin and whether their quoits are in legal play. Legal play means they have not touched the ground before they went into the pit, or they have not hit the sides of the pit before landing inside of it. The team closest to the pin gets the point.

“If you have another quoit on your team that is also close to the pin, you get two points,” Gilbert said. “If you happen to lean the quoit against the pin, you get two points, and if you are actually on top of the pin, meaning you have done a ringer, which is when the hole of the quoit is on the pin you would get three points. That is all assuming the quoit is right side up. If it is upside down it does not count no matter where it is.”

There are different ways to throw the quoit. Some players use a throw similar to a flying disk, which is from the side. Some players throw it straight on to the pin, some players flip it and have it going end over end as it heads towards the pin.

“It is a big risk because you never know if it is going to land up or down,” Gilbert said. “That is probably not a good strategy. I like to do a modified Frisbee where you give it a little bit of a spin as you come off. I’m not very
SDS promotes education, activism

By DOUGLAS HARDING
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s Students for a Democratic Society encourage students and locals to have productive conversations about issues such as colonialism and socialism.

“Students for a Democratic Society is a group for the curious,” John Ross, a junior philosophy major and president of SDS, said. “Part of our ideological conviction is to do anti-racist work in the community, like renaming Jenkins Hall, and to support those kinds of conversations.”

The movement to rename Jenkins Hall, a building on Marshall’s campus named after a Confederate general and slave owner, was initiated by SDS members earlier this year and has received substantial attention from students, residents and local media.

I ideological perspectives differ amongst members of the group, Ross said, and their meetings are a place for discussing common goals and objectives and ways to achieve them.

“We try to focus more on our agreements than our disagreements,” he said.

Maggie McGhee, a sophomore geography major and member of SDS, said she joined the group because she is eager to learn and gain experience with organizing people, and because she supports the group’s main objectives.

“I recommend anyone who cares about other people to join SDS,” McGhee said. “I think a lot of people receive support from our group, especially other minority groups in the area.”

Another focus of SDS, McGhee said, is to provide a space for leftists to get together and talk about issues important to them while educating people about history and current events.

“We want to highlight history so we can move forward and create our own history,” McGhee said. “We can’t just sit here doing nothing and being apathetically indifferent to the struggles of minorities while those in power are exploiting them.”

Ty Mayle, a first-year social work major, said he decided to join the group after attending one of their Ice Cream Socialist events in which members meet interested students for free ice cream and informative conversations.

“I’m just happy to be in a group with people working toward a common goal of positive changes we want to see,” Mayle said.

SDS is currently focused on promoting local movements for change which they feel are within the group’s means, he said.

“We want to make things happen,” Mayle said. “We are doing as much as we can to help.”

In addition to Ice Cream Socialists and weekly meetings, another of the group’s regular events is called DECAF: Discussing the Elimination of Colonization and Fascism. DECAF includes members and anyone interested drinking coffee and having productive conversations on Friday mornings.

SDS’s weekly meetings occur at 6 p.m. Thursdays in Drinko Library for students and faculty to view.

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Thomas said she hopes the showcase is to start conversations on campus and to show students with mental illnesses and mental disabilities that resiliency can come in many forms and work to inspire all. Eligibility for being considered for this exhibit is open to all current students, faculty and staff at Marshall.

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Open submissions for mental health art show

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The upcoming art show, “Don’t Call Me Crazy-- Resiliency Through Art” is still accepting work from artists for its comprehensive exhibit next semester. Visual artists at Marshall University are able to submit works of visual art of any medium that revolve around the theme of mental health and mental illness awareness, in order to bring attention to issues of stigma and social acceptance. Students can drop off their works Nov. 29 and 30 in Drisko Library from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sabrina Thomas, the director of the showcase and Instruction and Research Librarian at Marshall, said she is optimistic about the ability of the show to generate important conversations.

“Our goal with this art showcase isn’t just to display beautiful works of student art throughout Drisko Library, although that is a benefit,” Thomas said. “We want people to look at those works of art and have conversations about mental health, because those conversations are so important to have, and they aren’t had enough.”

The artwork will be displayed in Drisko Library from January 14, 2019 through May 10, 2019. Throughout this time, selected pieces will be hung and set up throughout Drisko Library for students and faculty to view.

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Marshall football to play final game of regular season at Virginia Tech

By MORGAN GRIFFITH
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The Marshall University football team (8-3) looks to add one more win to their regular season record as the Herd travels to Blacksburg, Virginia, to take on the Virginia Tech Hokies (5-6) Saturday at noon at Lane Stadium.

"Offensively they will be a handful, and on defense they are going to force you to throw the ball and make some plays," Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said. "We are anxious to play and see what our guys can do."

The matchup was originally not on either team's schedule, but due to canceled contests Sept. 15, both teams were given the opportunity to play a 12th game. While Marshall is already bowl eligible, the Hokies have a chance to become eligible with a win Saturday.

It will be the 13th meeting between the two teams, with Virginia Tech winning the last eight. The last time the two teams met, Virginia Tech won 29-21 in triple overtime at Lane Stadium in 2013. Throughout the series Marshall has never scored more than 21 points on the Hokies defense.

Virginia Tech's defense has only three returning starters and has seen 11 different players make their first career start this season. Sophomore linebacker Rayshard Ashby leads the Hokies with 85 total tackles and ranks fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) with 8.5 tackles per game.

Ashby has help on defense with redshirt senior defensive lineman Ricky Walker, who registered seven tackles, two tackles for a loss and a forced fumble during last week's win over the University of Virginia.

On offense, the Hokies are starting redshirt junior quarterback Ryan Willis, who has played the last eight games in place of an injured redshirt sophomore Josh Jackson. Willis has completed 57.4 percent of his passes while throwing for 17 touchdowns and eight interceptions giving him a 130.9 pass efficiency rating.

He also ranks fifth in the ACC in passing yards per game (218.5).

Willis has several weapons, starting with redshirt sophomore Damon Hazelton who is averaging 67.7 receiving yards per game. Hazelton is a transfer from Ball State, and his eight touchdown catches are tied for most in the ACC. At running back, senior Steven Peoples is the Hokies' leading rusher with 682 yards and five touchdowns.

For the Herd, the defense has not allowed a 100-yard individual rusher this season. Junior linebacker Omari Cobb is one of eight players in college

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Marshall athletics staff member involves family in day-to-day profession

By SYDNEY SHELTON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall Athletics is a family. Ever since the 1970 plane crash that took the lives of 75, Marshall Athletics has been a family that pulls together through the ups and downs of life. Most people, when they hear Marshall Athletics, think of stadium filled seats on a fall Saturday afternoon or the sound of the pep band playing before a basketball game.

What people do not think about are the families of the hardworking people who make all of the athletic events run smoothly.

Jason Corriher is the assistant athletic director for media relations for Marshall Athletics. He can be found at most sporting events updating statistics, introducing coaches at a press conference or working late in his office preparing for upcoming events.

"There isn’t a lot of time away from here," Jason Corriher said. "It is a 9-to-5 job but then there are games and competitions. Those happen at night and weekends are full of more competitions and practices. It is a 24/7/365 job. It is a passion, it has to be. But in pursuit of that, it is important to make time for your family."

Kim Corriher, Jason’s wife, works from home handling government projects and grant funded programs for a group of hospitals in Southeast Ohio. Along with that job, she is also a part of the Marshall University faculty, where she works at the H.E.L.P. Center as a learning specialist and academic tutor. She also teaches a UNI Class.

"I like my husband," Kim Corriher said. "I like him a lot. It is fun that we get to be in the same place, we both have really busy schedules so it is convenient."

There was a time in Jason and Kim’s life when they had decided, because of the demand of their professions, that they were not going to have kids. After coming to Marshall, they reevaluated that decision and changed how they had felt in the past.

"It was going to happen, this was the time to make that happen," Jason said. "It was the best decision that we have ever made because we are so lucky to have Gaffney as our son, and we are so lucky that it is here at Marshall that we were able to do that."

A month and a half after Gaffney was born, he attended his first Thundering Herd football game.

"I distinctly remember the very first football game after Gaff was born," Kim Corriher said. "He was not happy. In the beginning it was really hard, partially because he was a baby. There were some folks in the press box that were not happy about him being there."

However, his presence in the box gives off a different atmosphere now.

"You get through that," Kim Corriher said. "You adapt and now it is a different story. Now I think there is a lot of people who delight in seeing him."

Gaffney is in the press box or around the court most game days, but instead of crying like he did as a newborn, he can be found telling jokes.

"My mommy says it is really nice to do jokes because it makes people happy," Gaffney Corriher said. "It makes people laugh, the first joke that I ever told was the mermaid joke. ‘What do mermaids wash their tails with? Tide!’"

Gaffney’s first joke was told to previous football player Kaare Vedvik in a hotel lobby at the New Mexico Bowl in 2017.

"From there it just started rolling," Kim Corriher said.

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Men's basketball succumbs to Maryland in first loss of season

By SYDNEY SHELTON
THE PARThENON

The Marshall men's basketball team lost Friday 104-67 to the Maryland Terrapins at the Xfinity Center in College Park, Maryland.

“That wasn’t a game, that was a trouncing,” Marshall men's basketball head coach Dan D’Antoni said. “They played extremely well, they punched us in the mouth and we didn’t get back up.”

The Herd moved to 4-1 on the season and Maryland improved to 6-0.

Marshall held a 24-23 lead with just under nine minutes left in the first half before Maryland took the lead on a 3-point shot by freshman guard Serrel Smith Jr. off a Marshall turnover. Momentum shifted in Maryland’s favor for the remainder of the half and Maryland outscored Marshall 27-14 in the remaining minutes of the half.

Overall, Maryland shot 35-for-61 (57.4 percent) from the field, 9-for-16 (56.3 percent) from beyond the arch and 25-for-36 (69.4 percent) from the foul line. The Terrapins outshot Marshall in every category. The Herd shot 25-for-73 (34.2 percent) from the field, 8-for-31 (25.8 percent) from beyond the arch and 9-for-14 (64.3 percent) from the line.

Maryland’s junior guard Anthony Cowan Jr. led the team with 26 points and freshman guard Eric Ayala had the best shooting performance for the Terps. Ayala scored 20 points and shot 6-for-8 from the field, 5-for-6 in 3-point range and 3-for-4 from the line. Additionally, Maryland’s sophomore forward Bruno Fernando had a double-double with 18 points and 16 rebounds.

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“[Williams] was ready, he was playing our stuff and it worked for him,” D’Antoni said. Conversely, Marshall senior guard Jon Elmore scored a season-low six points on three rebounds, and three assists. However, Elmore’s six points propelled him to third place in all-time scoring in Marshall program history. He is just 15 points shy of becoming the third player in program history to reach 2,000 career points.

The Herd returns to the Cam Henderson Center to face William and Mary Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Copa Libertadores final to be played outside Argentina

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Fearing more fan violence, organizers have decided that the postponed Copa Libertadores final between two Argentine rivals should be played in another country.

The second leg of the final — the biggest game in South American club soccer — had to be called off on Saturday when visiting Boca Juniors’ bus was attacked en route to River Plate’s stadium and at least six players were injured.

South American organizer CONMEBOL announced Tuesday that the game will now be played outside Argentina on Dec. 8 or 9, although a new venue has yet to be picked. The first leg finished 2-2.

The decision has yet to be validated by the soccer body’s disciplinary committee, and Boca’s club president Daniel Angelici said he will appeal all the way to the Court of Arbitration for Sport “if needed.”

“We do not accept to play any match until the court decides and we do not agree that dates have been set because we are not ready to play a final,” he said after the meeting at CONMEBOL’s headquarters.

Miami has been touted as a possible host for the game, while Paraguay and Brazil have also offered to stage the highly anticipated derby between the Argentine archrivals.

River Plate’s President Rodolfo D’Onofrio said his club should not be blamed for the attack.

“We have to play this match. River is not guilty of what happened, the security system failed,” he told radio La Red of Buenos Aires.

D’Onofrio also disagreed with CONMEBOL’s decision to strip River of the right to host the final at the Monumental de Nunez stadium.

“It can’t be that a River-Boca will not be played (there) because see COPA on pg. 10

Herd football week 13 report card

STAFF REPORT
OFFENSE: C+

Only 14 of the Herd’s 28 points were scored on this side of the ball. Isaiah Green threw a pair of touchdown passes to Tyre Brady, who is closing in on a 1,000-yard season and has nine TD receptions this year. Green did throw a pair of interceptions and both were ill-advised throws that never should’ve been attempted. Brendan Knox went over 100 yards on the ground and continues to be a bright spot for the Marshall offense after starting the season as the fourth running back on the depth chart. The offense did enough last week, but Bud Foster’s lunch pail defense presents a much different and more physical look than FIU’s porous defense.

DEFENSE: B+

There were definitely some low points for the Marshall defense, which allowed 190 rushing yards, including a 37-yard run by Napoleon Maxwell. Those numbers were both season-highs allowed by the Herd, which entered the game fourth in rush defense. The Herd had some bright spots as well, forcing two turnovers by an FIU team that entered the game with only 10 turnovers, including an interception that was returned for a touchdown by Omari Cobb. Marshall has now forced 11 turnovers in its last five games.

SPECIAL TEAMS: A-

The Herd blocked a punt for a touchdown and blocked a field goal that wound up being the difference in the score. Robert LeFevre improved off his last few games, averaging nearly 45 yards per punt with a long of 53. This grade would have been an A or an A+, but Justin Rohrwasser missed a chip-shot 25-yard field goal, which is inexcusable.
The situation at the border is one of the most tragic, unsettling, confusing and difficult challenges our country has faced in a long time. We have heard of the immigrant caravan, comprised of around 5,000 migrants fleeing poverty and in search of better lives in the United States. Passions escalated on Sunday when migrants attempted to rush the border illegally, prompting the use of tear gas on the crowds, which included rock throwers and barefooted children. This is more complex than any side can state.

“I think it’s so unprecedented that everyone is hanging their own fears and political agendas on the caravan,” said Andrew Selee, president of the Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank that studies immigration. “You can call it scary, you can call it hopeful, you can call it a sign of human misery. You can hang whatever angle you want on it.”

We have heard claims with no evidence that there are criminals in the caravan, with intent to harm the nation’s interests. We have heard conspiracies that the caravan is being funded by democratic billionaires looking to destroy democracy. And there have been flat out lies all around about the nature of the caravan and its purposes.

The migrants are seeking asylum in the United States, which is a legal form of immigration. But the migrants who, for whatever reason, whether out of anger or just pure desperation, only seem to escalate the fears that many on the political right have about immigrants, also leading some seeking asylum to doubt their chances of entering legally.

“The migrants are seeking asylum in the United States, which is a legal form of immigration. But the migrants who, for whatever reason, whether out of anger or just pure desperation, only seem to escalate the fears that many on the political right have about immigrants, also leading some seeking asylum to doubt their chances of entering legally. “What happened yesterday harms all of us,” Oscar Leonel Mina, a 22-year-old father from San Salvador, said of Sunday’s border clash.

We have to refrain from generalizing. Of these thousands of people, there are mothers who desperately want a better life for their children. There are children being carried to strange lands because their homes are no longer safe. There are husbands and fathers trying everything to protect their families. In these issues of desperation, we must think we do the same thing for our families, if in their shoes.

But on the other hand, there really just may be those who intend to do harm. But surely we can’t punish the thousands who truly are searching out a better life in our country for the possible few who may not exactly be saints.

We just have to do better. We have to figure out a system that protects and provides for the least of these, because they are people. Humans. Yes, our national security must be protected, but not at the cost of tear gassing babies.

It’s a complex matter with complex solutions, so let’s stop jumping to conclusions. Be thoughtful.
**My Melanin is NOT your makeup**

**By LILLIE BODIE**  
**THE PARTHENON**

The Kardashian phenomenon in the rise of the social media hits the peak of white civilization wanting to inject their bodies and darken their skin. In the grand scheme these characterizations assemble the natural elements of an African-American woman. Though these women may want to appear as an African-American, they do not want to be labeled as being “black”. Once labeled the crisis is to lose their white privilege, their superiority, and the component that gives them the ability to be at an advantage in America's society.

This image is desensitized to a younger audience that this is the way you want to look, this is sexy and this is “cool”. Youth should not experience struggles with body image or any woman. Social media has begun a spiral of this classified image. Women have begun utilizing photo shop and other methods to form their bodies to have thicker hips and fuller lips.

Women would rather spend thousands of dollars reconstructing their face, frying their hair, and dying their skin then love themselves for who they are within. With money comes freedom to look however you want in today's society.

Many say they get surgery because it makes them happy, because they feel better about themselves. But there's the underlying issue that these women do not want to be called black, because once you have been established as being black you're rights to being white are thrown out the window.

What if black women were to bleach their skin, and lessen their buttocks or decrease their lip size? She then would be trying to identify as a white woman, and this would generate an issue.

“Look, I'm almost as dark as you!”

This phrase has been said to me throughout my whole life. Because there's humor in looking like an African American, but there's no empathy with the everyday components of having melanin.

I was questioned, “You're black and you're a woman. Hard, huh?” I answered, “Yes and no.” Being a biracial woman in today's society puts me at an advantage of open mindedness and diversity, but disadvantages me in the common clause that “I am different.” Which leads me to believe that these women are mocks of what they wish to be. But is that black?

“Can I touch your hair?”

Mesmerized by the thick texture, the way the hair zigzags and kinks up at the end, everyone has reached out before even asking to feel my hair. Truthfully, it's compelling and hysterical at times, especially since they want it. They do not know the everyday struggle putting a comb through this hair or fixing it just right.

Statistics show that White Americans are the racial majority in the United States. And according to the World Population Review 93.5 % of the population in West Virginia are Caucasian. So being biracial and a woman in Appalachia isn't uncommon but it's unseen especially in the media and it has broadened my perspective on both races. No matter if my mom was white, I was always looked at as black; there was no in between. I've seen both sides of my family reaction to race and even me. Growing up not knowing where to fit in was my life, but now that ignorance is my wisdom.

So as an Affrilachian woman seeing images of women across the internet trying to identify under these characteristics doesn't make me angry but upset that women are held to such standards in 2018 and are insensitive to what they are doing.

Women should love themselves the way they are and not subject to the stereotype of what makes a woman sexy. Because what makes a woman sexy? Social media has increased self-image issues upon women and brought out such insecurities that create this need to be something they are not.

Put the phone down and your money away because this façade will soon pass, but race will always be an element in society. Instead of comparing yourself to something you're genetically never going to be, love your uniqueness and differences.

My Melanin is not your make up and your white privilege is not mine.

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**LET ME BE FRANK: On Food**

**By FRANKLIN NORTON  
MANAGING EDITOR**

This past weekend I took a trip to Nashville with friends, where searching out good food was a priority. I have found that some of the best moments, the best conversations with the greatest laughs and the most meaningful tears occur at a table, with the clinking of plates and the sipping of drinks.

Eating is a vital part of life—obviously. We need food for nutrients, energy and sustenance. But there's more to food than just survival. If it was just that, then why would we so often choose to do it together? There is an intimacy that comes with eating good food together.

Even the Bible reveals that one of the things Jesus did after walking out of the grave was cook breakfast on the beach for his friends (John 21:1-14). There's something about a meal together.

But like many good things, there is a dark side to the food we eat. I was troubled to see a report from the American Medical Association that the national obesity rate is approaching 40 percent. That's nearly half the country weighed down and diseased by a part of life meant to bring joy and satisfaction. Instead, food for many has become the enemy, and what's worse, is that so many of us don't know how to get out of the cycle.

In a fast-paced world we have ditched the dinner tables with our families for drive thru lanes and we have abandoned real, fresh food for processed conveniences. We're eating ourselves to death.

Marilyn Briggs from Ecoliteracy writes, "poor diet and physical inactivity are responsible for as many premature deaths as is tobacco—more than 1,200 deaths a day. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) identifies diet as a 'known risk' for the development of the nation's three leading causes of death: coronary heart disease, cancer; and stroke, as well as for diabetes, high blood pressure, and osteoporosis, among others...yet fewer than one-third of schools provide thorough coverage of nutrition education related to influencing students' motivation, attitudes, and eating behaviors."

There are trends in our society that we have adopted as normal that need to be re-examined. We need to eat together—eat with our kids and show them real foods and healthy eating. Schools must teach thorough and comprehensive nutrition literacy, maybe even at the collegiate level. Especially at the collegiate level. This is an epidemic that needs to be addressed, through education and great care.

Virginia Woolf writes in A Room of One's Own that, "one cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."

Let's get back to our tables, back to our kitchens, cooking real, nutritious and delicious food for each other. Our bodies will be grateful, as well as our souls.

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It’s a great game. Its rules date back to a time where it was supposed to be a game of civility where you would not talk about anything controversial. You only talked about pleasant things. It was a way to get people to play against each other in a light-hearted fashion and not discuss the negative subjects of the day.

“Quoits has a huge historical significance to the university,” Cooley said. “It is a great way for the university to celebrate and recognize constitutional week. It is also a great way to show comradeship and friendship among staff, faculty, and administrators here at the university, to come together for a fun experience throughout the week. It certainly is an honor personally to be selected as the president’s partner. And it does not matter whether you win or lose; being the president’s partner is a big deal. I hope as we build or recognition, the more our students will become familiar with the game of quoits.”

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Green has help from redshirt senior wide receiver Tyre Brady who had five receptions for 45 yards and two touchdowns during last week’s win over FIU. Brady has 890 total receiving yards and nine touchdowns this season. Freshman running back Brenden Knox made his first career start versus the Panthers, where he totaled 109 rushing yards, making it his third consecutive game leading the team in rushing yards.

A Marshall win would be the first against Virginia Tech since 1940 and would prevent the Hokies from becoming bowl eligible, snapping a 25-year streak for the Hokies.

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some people caused a disaster,” he said. The two-week delay gives time for Boca players to recover from the injuries suffered when their bus was attacked. River fans hurled rocks, bottles and wood at the bus, shattering several windows. Boca captain Pablo Perez was injured in one eye, while others were affected by tear gas and pepper spray used by police to disperse the River fans.

CONMEBOL President Alejandro Domínguez said "the conditions to play in Argentina are not right.”

“Football is not about violence, it is decided with goals,” he said. “Football is not what we saw on the weekend. That is a disease that needs to be eradicated.”

This is not the first time a big game between the two sides has been marred by violence.

Three years ago, CONMEBOL disqualified Boca in the round of 16 of the Copa Liberta- dores after River players were attacked with pepper spray on the pitch of Boca’s La Bom-bonera stadium.

The chaotic final is a blow to CONMEBOL’s efforts to clean up its image after several of its top executives were caught in corruption scandals, some associated with Copa Liberty- dores broadcasting rights.
Gaffney is known as the ‘joke kid’ to many people throughout the Marshall community. “To be able to make people smile to make people happy,” Jason Corriher said. “I think that if he can add just a little silver of positivity and make someone chuckle or make someone smile, then that’s okay.”

The jokes are something that Gaffney and Kim do together. You can often find her walking behind him through the gym telling people jokes. Kim also uses social media as a platform to give birthday shout outs with Gaffney jokes to people involved in Marshall Athletics. In the past few weeks, they have even reached out to a member of the FAU football team who was injured while playing in the football game against Marshall.

“There will come a day when the jokes will stop,” Jason Corriher said. “It won’t be as fun or it won’t be as funny. But I hope that is a while before that happens because I do enjoy hearing them and seeing them and hearing how much others do, as well.”

While Gaffney’s favorite sport is football, he is stuck between wanting to be a NASCAR driver or a professional football player when he grows up. Some of his favorite athletes include Chase Hancock, Jon Elmore and Shayna Gore. He looks to possibly attend Marshall one day and he credits that to the fact that he made Doc Holliday laugh one time.

The Corriher family both credit Marshall University, Marshall Athletics, athletic director Mike Hamrick to allow them to bring Gaffney to athletic events.

“They bleed green,” Hamrick said. “Jason works very hard, and his wife and Gaff are always around the program and that is good, that is healthy, and that is what I want. I want everyone tied in and dedicated to the program.”

Jason and Kim Corriher said they are thankful for the experiences that Gaffney is gaining by growing up around college athletes.

“A lot of the student athletes around here understand that Jason gives a lot of time to the program,” Kim said. “The student-athletes are tremendous with Gaff and they really are embracing him being around.”

As Gaffney grows up, they said they hope he continues to take advantage of the opportunities around the Marshall community.

“I just hope that he is mindful of these opportunities,” Kim Corriher said. “And what a really cool experience that it was. It is kind of a tough world and if you can be appreciative and thoughtful of all the good things then life is a lot easier.”

Playing sports at the college level might not be where Gaffney ends up but the Corriher family has hopes that he will at least get to experience what it is like to be a part of a team at Marshall.

“I believe that what he will get and what he had gotten is the sense of being part of the team, teamwork,” Jason Corriher said. “Being able to see that from the inside. As he gets older, I’m not going to force this on him. I’d like for him to get experiences in athletics and in support roles and things like that but if he is drawn to another area or interested in another area then I want him to pursue that. He is going to figure out what he wants to pursue, what he is interested in and what drives his passion. That is the path I am going to encourage him to pursue.”

From Athens, Ohio, where Jason previously worked, to Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, Jason credits the entire region to be a part of their home now.

“We have spent 12 years in this part of the country,” Jason said. “Even if you are not a sports person you understand how important Marshall athletics is to everybody in this area. To be able to see it firsthand and to have your child grow up in that area. In an area that feels that way about the people who support this great university, that is immeasurable. You don’t find it everywhere, and it has been a truly great experience and I hope one that can continue for a while.”

Gaff wants to ask, “How do baby birds learn to fly?” They just wing it.

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While Isabelle Rogner, a Marshall University alumna from Lewisburg, West Virginia, now lives and works in California, she looks back fondly on her memories of Marshall. Rogner contributed two things to the university to help future students: assisting with the addition of the Green Machine bus and helping to create the College of Business’s Innovation Center.

“Building the Green Machine bus at Marshall University was a super fun project that has had lasting impact on both the students and the community,” Rogner said. “I was also part of the team that brought the Innovating for Impact event to Marshall, which was the catalyst of the College of Business’s Innovation Center.”

While at Marshall, Rogner was involved with teams and organizations.

“During my time at Marshall I was on the women’s cross-country/track team,” Rogner said. “I also was involved with student government as the vice president my senior year.”

Rogner gave advice to incoming freshmen.

“Be a ‘yes’ man,” Rogner said. “You’ll have enough time to sleep when you’re dead. Take advantage of all the opportunities you have to get involved at school.”

Rogner majored in international business and economics, with minors in political science and marketing.

Graduating from Marshall, Rogner took a job at Intuit as Business Operations Analyst. An average day for her brings an assortment of different activities and fun challenges, she said.

“My days vary between talking to Intuit customers about their experiences being self-employed or small business owners, to creating strategy presentations for our general managers,” Rogner said. “All days include emails upon emails and loads of excel. Intuit’s mission of powering prosperity around the world creates an ideal state that makes me excited to wake up everyday to work toward. I can feel the commitment and passion the company puts towards the focus of the customer benefit, not the profitable solution. I’m also surrounded by some of the most talented, brilliant, hard-working people in the world.”

Intuit is located in Mountain View, California. Rogner met Intuit’s Chairman and CEO Brad Smith once before at Marshall.

“Brad Smith told me about Intuit over burgers in Harless Dining Hall during the spring of my senior year,” Rogner said. “I knew it would be my new home after just learning about the company’s mission and values.”

Living in California, she said there are endless possibilities for activities and things to do outside of work, and she likes to participate in many healthy outdoor activities with friends and her dog.

“I love spending my time in the outdoors either skiing, hiking, running or biking with the amazing tribe of women I’ve met in California, and of course with my golden retriever, Charlie,” Rogner said.

Rogner said she wished she had taken a culinary class while at Marshall.

“I am struggling to cook out in the real world,” Rogner said. “Takeout is my new best friend.”

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Isabelle Rogner poses with her dog, Charlie, while skiing in California. Rogner is an alumna from Marshall University who now works at Intuit in Mountain View, California.

Isabelle Rogner is crowned Miss Marshall in 2016 at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.