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*“There is no one untouched. There is no one who can hear of this and not feel sorrow and grief. And we, the students, feel the pain so deeply that we cry...and cry...and wonder how, and why.”*  
—Mike Grant, 1970 Student Body President for The Parthenon on Nov. 18, 1970



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# Community to remember 75 with fountain ceremony

By **BLAKE NEWHOUSE**  
 THE PARTHENON

Preserving the discussion of the 1970 Marshall University plane crash team is essential for future students to understand the school's history, said Marshall President Jerry Gilbert.

"We need to know about the hardships that the Marshall family and the community went through," Gilbert said. "That history is intertwined with the present and by knowing it, we affirm the strength of character of our university."

On a cold, rainy night, Marshall University was forever changed after a plane carrying the football team crashed on Nov. 14, 1970, killing the 37 players, eight coaches, 25 fans and five crew members aboard.

To this day, it remains the single worst sports-related air tragedy in American history.

"Future students need to know the difficulty and pain the Marshall community endured and how, despite challenges, the university moved forward with determination and resolve to not be diminished or defeated by the terrible loss," Gilbert said.

The people of Huntington came together in the aftermath of the tragedy, attending funeral after funeral for weeks, grieving with one another over the loss of community members.

Marshall would eventually rebuild the football program in 1971, but it struggled, coming out of the decade without one single winning season.

However, in one of the most remarkable comebacks in sports history, Marshall football won more games in the 1990s than any other team in the NCAA, with a record of 114-25.

The Herd won the NCAA Division I-AA National Championship in 1992 and 1996, and closed the decade with an undefeated season in 1999.

"The resilient comeback reminds us of the power of coming together," Gilbert said. "We were united as a university family and as a community. As the Marshall family, we loved and supported each other in the tough times so that we could go on to reach levels of success that many thought were not possible."

The university's resilient comeback was the focus for the movie "We Are Marshall" released in 2006, which highlighted how head coach Jack Lengyel and the Huntington community came together to overcome the loss and rebuild their football team.

The portrayal of the tragedy allowed many in the community to find closure years after the incident.

Every year, at the opening of fall practice, Marshall football Head Coach Doc Holliday

leads his team on a mile-and-a-half run on 20th Street to the memorial at Spring Hill Cemetery so that each player, no matter where they are from, understands the importance of the crash to the community.

Gilbert said honoring those who lost their lives is inherent in the university's identity and community as a whole.

"It is important to never forget those who perished in the tragedy because we lost part of our university family," Gilbert said. "I think we should always remember and reflect on our family—past and present. It inspires us and binds us together."

Each year on the anniversary of the crash, the water is turned off to the Memorial Fountain to honor the 75 individuals who lost their lives in the tragedy.

The 49th Memorial Fountain Ceremony will take place at the Memorial Student Center at noon on Thursday.

The event's keynote speaker, Dr. Matthew Ralsten III, lost both of his parents in the plane crash.

According to Ralsten in a press release from University Communications, the incident had a particularly profound effect on his family, especially on him and his sister, Mollie.

"My sister and I lost both of our parents," Ralsten said. "The impact of such a loss is hard to describe, but we were

very fortunate to have been raised by our amazing extended family."

Ralsten said the ceremony allows the community to reflect on the tragedy, while also assessing the progress the university has made in the years since.

"The loss of the 75 lives that tragic evening included many of the leaders in our academic, business and political community, as well as the players, coaches, pilots and crew," Ralsten said. "The ceremony allows us to remember our loved ones while allowing us to also celebrate the amazing progress our school and community continues to achieve."

Though the ceremony only lasts for two hours, Gilbert said preserving the history of the 75 individuals who lost their lives in the tragedy is something that Marshall strives to do on an everyday basis.

"The 75 are part of the history of Marshall, and we will always preserve that history," Gilbert said. "Every year at the fountain ceremony, I feel the power of that love and support that comes from our common remembrance. It is amazing to be in the presence of the Marshall family on that day, and anyone that has experienced the ceremony knows how strong that feeling is."

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A member of the John Marshall Fife and Drum Corp plays at the 2018 Memorial Fountain Ceremony.

PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

# A message from Doc Holliday— memorial game

Students:

This week's Marshall football game has it all: Friday night lights, an opponent on an eight-game winning streak, Conference USA championship implications, national television and, most importantly, our annual memorial game for the 75. It needs to have as many students as possible, too.

We need you! We need as many of you in the stands Friday night and we need you to be as loud as possible. Louisiana Tech is 8-1 this season with a loss to nationally ranked Texas. They are coming a long way to Huntington, West Virginia, to play in Joan C. Edwards

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There are a lot of emotions when we play on the date closest to the anniversary of the 1970 plane crash. It is a night that is bigger than football.”

—*Doc Holliday*

Stadium, where our football team has one of the best home winning percentages in college football. We need every single student to get a ticket and go – and bring a friend or two along. Our team feeds off of you. When they can look over and see their classmates packed in the student section, it fuels them.

We are in the thick of the Conference USA East Division race. Right now, we control our own destiny. If we win out, we will play in the Conference USA championship game on the first Saturday in December. This game could go a long way into deciding our conference championship this season. You could play a very big part in that.

That's what makes college football so special. The coaching staff is important. The players are important. Everyone talks about the quarterback and the leading tackler and the guy who makes the game-winning field goal. But our fans are difference-makers. We need a loud and rowdy environment. Students can bring that.

We hope to see you this Friday night. The pregame video and walk with our football team is a moving experience. There are a lot of emotions when we play on the date closest to the anniversary of the 1970 plane crash. It is a night that is bigger than football. It would mean a whole lot to our football program if you played a part in it.

See you Friday night. GO HERD!

*Sincerely,*  
*Doc Holliday*



PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

Head Football Coach Doc Holliday (right) participates in the 48th annual Memorial Fountain Ceremony on Nov. 14, 2018.

# International students struggle with employment complications

By **PHUONG ANH DO**  
THE PARTHENON

As non-citizens of the United States, international students can only apply for off-campus jobs in cases of severe economic hardship, according to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Just like many international students, Jummy Adegoke, a Marshall graduate student, was shocked to learn she can apply only for jobs on campus while she studies in the U.S.

"When I first came to America in 2016, I was so surprised that I cannot work outside of campus," Adegoke said. "There are jobs outside, and people begged us to take it, but I had to deny because I'm an international student. If they can let us work off-campus, that would be great; we can make more money. But rules are rules."

However, there are international students who take risks in finding off-campus jobs.

"I chose to work off campus at the beginning because I needed money at that time for living expenses and to

help my parents so they don't have to send more money for my expenses during living in the U.S.," said an international student who graduated from Marshall and prefers her name remain anonymous for fear of being penalized.

This student is among numerous international students who decided to work off-campus, even though they are aware of the fact that doing so is illegal. If international students work a job off campus, this will violate their visa status, and if they get caught working illegally, they face the risk of being sent back to their home country.

"I tried to apply to jobs on campus," the student said. "I just got one job, but they didn't pay really well, and I have to work a lot. So, I decided to work outside. I felt nervous at first, but when I worked there for a while, I felt comfortable, and I worked not really close to the campus, so I did not feel that much nervous anymore."

The majority of international students who study at Marshall are on an F-1 visa, a student visa that allows

a person to stay in the United States for education purposes. F-1 visa students can only apply for off-campus employment when they can show that new, unexpected circumstances beyond their control have created severe economic hardship, according to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Some of the situations may include:

- Loss of financial aid or on-campus employment (if the student is not at fault),
- Large increases in tuition or living costs,
- Substantial decrease in the relative value of currency the student depends upon to pay expenses,
- Unexpected changes in the financial conditions for a student's sources of financial support,
- Unexpectedly large medical bills not covered by insurance,
- Other substantial, unexpected expenses.

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# Organization aims to change culture of literacy throughout W.Va.

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**  
THE PARTHENON

The goal of Read Aloud West Virginia is to improve literacy among elementary school students in the state through reading.

"Read Aloud West Virginia's mission is to change the literacy culture of West Virginia by keeping reading material in the hands and on the minds of our state's children," according to the organization's website.

Founded in 1987 by a group of parents in Kanawha County, the nonprofit had a group of volunteers who started working on programs to help increase the interest of reading and books with students of all ages.

"Read Aloud is a 30-year-old, home-grown, West Virginia organization," Dawn Miller, operations director and 27-year volunteer, said. "[We are] dedicated to the idea that we have to motivate kids to read for fun. The kids who read for fun read more, and when you read more, you get better at it, and when you get better, everything in life gets better."

The program has volunteers who dedicate a portion of time from their week to go into local schools and read to a classroom of students.

"So, fifth graders, I would start off by reading 30-35 minutes at the beginning of the year," Miller said. "By the end of the school year, they'd beg me to stay. By the

end of the school, I was reading myself hoarse. I've had them hold me up to an hour, but it's really like 35-40 minutes. Pre-K and kindergarten may be 10-15 minutes."

While Read Aloud was once in 53 of the 55 West Virginia counties under the West Virginia Education Fund, the program faced reduced resources in the early 2000s, and by 2007, the number of participating schools had fallen to only four.

In 2008, the program was transferred back to the initial Kanawha County chapter where rebuilding began. The program is currently in 29 counties and continues to grow, according to the website.

As the program continues to grow, Read Aloud is continuing to seek volunteers, college students included, according to Miller. She said she had started volunteering in a similar way and time in her life.

"A colleague had read about Read Aloud in the paper and it sounded interesting," Miller said. "I'm a writer, a reader and I care about education and these people were saying, 'You could read to kids. It's fun and it's good for them.' I was a young reporter at the time, and I was looking for what my volunteer work could be. I was looking for something that could always be compatible with my day job."

Miller said the organization welcomes volunteer readers of all ages and highly encourages college students to get involved

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—*Dawn Miller*

because of the benefits they receive aside from working with the children.

"One, assuming they're traditional aged college students, they're young people. Which means they're going to be parents here in the next five, 10, 15, 20 years, and the knowledge and experience they gain by doing this is going to help them in their families," Miller said. "Another benefit is completely unintended, but when you show up every week to read to 15-25 little kids, you learn to read the audience. Our readers become much better public speakers. It's not a part of the program, but I know from personal experience and others. It is a good resume builder, too."

Marshall University President Jerry Gilbert has been a supporter of Read Aloud and said everyone should participate if they are able.

"We've always known that reading to children is important for their development, but now the research is showing it has an even more significant impact on brain development," Gilbert said. "I am an avid supporter of Read Aloud WV and encourage everyone in the Marshall community to get involved."

Those interested in becoming a Read Aloud volunteer may visit [ReadAloudWV.org](http://ReadAloudWV.org).

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# Marshall to open state's first commercial compost facility

By **HANNA PENNINGTON**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Marshall University's Sustainability Department plans to open West Virginia's first commercial compost facility this spring, continuing its progress toward a greener campus and city.

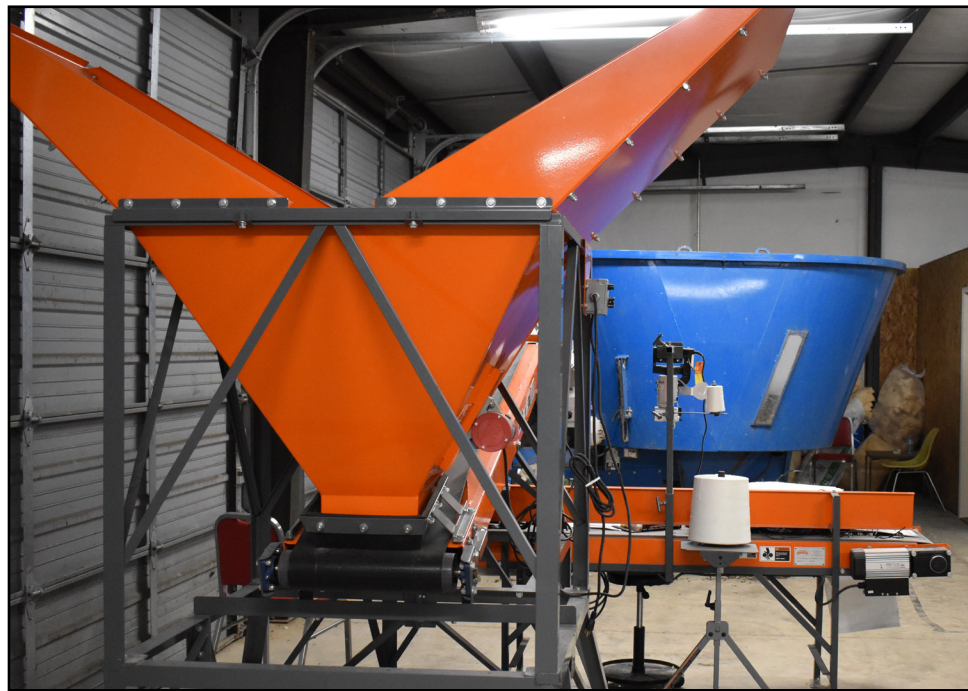
Sustainability Manager Amy Parsons-White said the idea started small when she began looking into creating a small compost bin in the campus garden.

"I thought, well, it's silly that we're paying for our own dirt, and it's turned into a large-scale compost facility," Parsons-White said. "We got a large donation from a community member, and that kick-started everything."

The facility is located in Marshall's University Heights area on Norway Avenue in Huntington and will contribute to the university both environmentally and financially.

"We're going to save tons and tons of methane production, and we're going to save a lot of organic material going to the landfill when it could be used," Parsons-White said. "Financially, we're going to save money in waste haul, purchasing soil and amendments on campus, but also we're going to make money on the other side by selling it instead of paying for our garbage hauled off; we're going to turn that into a profit."

The organic waste taken from campus will be brought to the facility and turned into fertilizer with the help of multiple



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West Virginia's first commercial compost facility is located in Huntington and is set to open this spring.

pieces of equipment and a worm bin, which will house 50,000 earthworms.

The new facility will also benefit the community, Parsons-White said, by working with the Marshall Gro Recovery Program.

"The program is based on the Gro Model; it's a nature-based fellowship, and they work with people that are in recovery and use emotional intelligence development and working in nature to help people grow emotionally," Parsons-White said. "That's a

big piece that's missing in a lot of recovery fellowships; if you don't grow emotionally, there's a higher rate of relapse."

Participants in the program will work in the compost facility or community gardens and upon completion will have the option to receive job training to become master gardeners or certified compost workers.

"It's strengthening the community," Parsons-White said.

Parsons-White said the compost facility

at University Heights is phase one of a more long-term plan to convert the University Heights land into an agriculture-hub.

"The College of Science and the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment are in the planning stages of a new major on campus: specialized urban agriculture and sustainability," Parsons-White said. "Phase two will involve putting in a hydro-house for year round vegetable production and three greenhouses, so we will actually grow all of the plants that you see on campus instead of having to order out."

Parsons-White said Coalfield Development has stepped in and committed to providing a pop-up market for the area as well.

"We could take food stamps through that, so we could sell fresh produce to the community in an area that's actually a food desert," Parsons-White said.

The Sustainability Department is also working with Stepping Stones Home for Boys, a child welfare provider in Wayne County, in building a tiny home community.

"They're building green houses and gardens, and we get to go out and help them," Parsons-White said.

Residents at Stepping Stones will also be offered free job training at the new compost facility as they are willing and able to work.

Funding for one additional piece of equipment is needed before the facility can officially open its doors in 2020.

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# Students raise funds, awareness to combat human trafficking

By **JULIANNA EVERLY**  
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By selling bracelets and baked goods, two Marshall University students are beginning to raise money and awareness for combatting the problem of human trafficking in the area.

The idea originally came to sophomore nursing major Olivia Sweeney from a theme at her church camp, where each cabin competed to raise money for missionaries around the world.

"My cabin was raising money for missionaries in Thailand who were fighting human trafficking, but we did not end up raising any, so I came up with the idea to sell bracelets with a few of my friends from the camp," Sweeney said.

Sweeney, as well as sophomore elementary education major Ashley Marano, also said the idea for starting a

fundraiser to combat human trafficking developed after Sweeney attended a "Night of Awareness" at her church for a human trafficking relief center in McDowell County, West Virginia called Zera House.

Zera House provides victims of human trafficking a place to heal, according to the organization's website.

The house also offers transitional housing for victims once they go through the program.

The organization helps survivors get jobs and adjust back into a normal life, as well.

"Zera House is helping combat a problem that we don't think about being around here, but since it is somewhat local, I feel like people are more likely to help out," Sweeney said.

Sweeney got the idea for making bracelets after she learned to how to make them one summer at her

church camp.

"I learned how to make bracelets at my church camp a few years ago and have been making them ever since," Sweeney said. "They're easy to make and something that people like to wear, so I thought that would be a good thing to do."

In addition to bracelets, the duo are also selling baked goods made by Marano.

The two said the ultimate goal is to raise awareness for human trafficking in the area and help Zera House in whatever way they can.

"We ultimately want to bring awareness about how big of a problem trafficking is and be able to help the victims have a chance to heal from being exploited," Marano said.

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# We Missed Jeff Today...

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**\*Editor's Note: This piece originally ran Nov. 18, 1970.**

Jeffery Nathan or Nathan Jeffery?

I remember the first day in the beginning reporting class. Was that student's first name Jeffery or Nathan?

They both sounded like first and last names.

The name stood out. At that time – in September, 1969 – it was because of the unusual ring of the name alone.

But in a few days Jeffery became Jeff. The name didn't stand out anymore just because of the "ring" of the name. Jeff Nathan was something special.

In Journalism 201 beginning reporting, students do very little actual reporting for the University newspaper. Work is mostly confined to classroom exercises.

I made a special notation beside Jeff Nathan's name in my class book early in the semester. It was to remind me he was doing something special.

"He writes stories" was the note to myself. Its a reminder that Jeff did more than required. He was not satisfied with writing only the required articles. He was out covering news events, interviewing and writing stories for publication.

The next semester came Journalism 202 – advanced reporting. This is the class where aspiring journalists really begin to get their feet wet. They write for actual publication.

The class requirement – two stories a week.

Again Jeff was something special.

I don't need to look back at the class register. I can well remember what Jeff did. But it's there in the class records – five, six, seven stories a week.

Reporting 202 was more than a class to Jeff.

Jeff not only covered his own assignments, but was always available, anxious and ready to do whatever else was needed.

He became a major part of The Parthenon.

Editors picked him "reporter of the week" several times.

At the end of the semester there was no doubt in any editor's mind as to who they would pick for "reporter of the semester." They went through the process of discussing all the top writers, but they knew who it had to be. Jeff.

And Jeff carried the title well.

To some the honor of being one of the "reporters of the week" didn't mean that much.

But to Jeff it did. He was proud of it.

"You know many people recognized my picture in the paper and said 'you're the reporter of the week,'" Jeff once remarked.

Then came last spring.

Jeff was one of the first to sign-up for a reporting summer internship on a daily newspaper. He wanted to be near home during the summer so he worked for the Marietta, Ohio, newspaper.

It was no surprise last September when Jeff was one of the first students back on campus anxious to start the new publication year with The Parthenon.

Jeff was a natural to be sports editor.

Again, he wore the title well.

Some often joked with Jeff that he should install a bed in the newsroom. He was almost always there except when covering an assignment. He was there long after his paper had gone to press. He was working on a sports column for the next day –perhaps another "Fearless Fosdick" prediction on college football game outcomes.

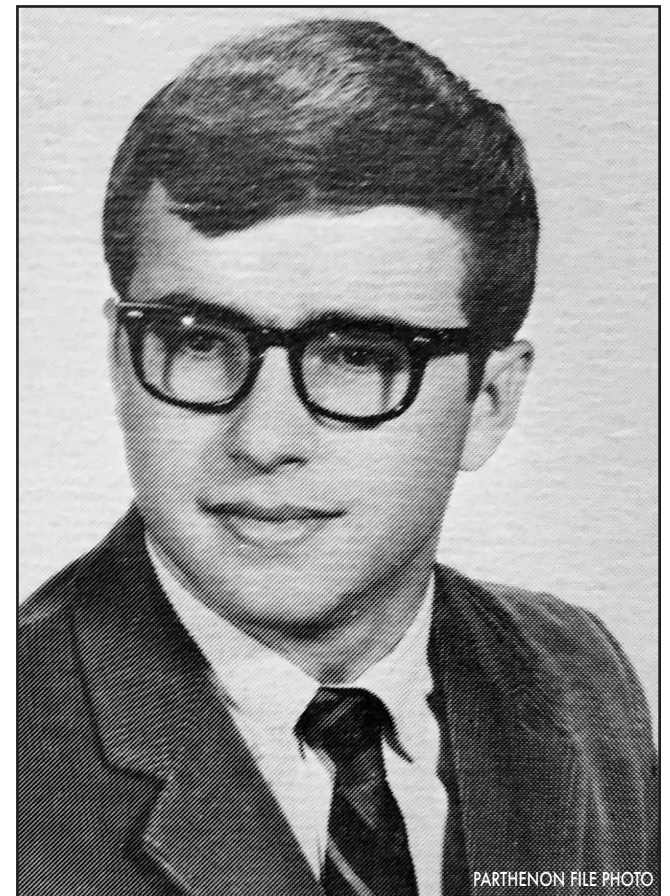
"We should call this Jeff Nathan edition," one copy editor commented one day when Jeff had written about half the copy for that day's newspaper.

Then came the Oct. 8 disturbance near campus.

This had nothing to do with sports, but Jeff was one of the first ones on the scene to cover for his newspaper. He joined the handful of other editors working all night to put out a special edition.

And the Thundering Herd football team – Jeff stood by them all the way.

The record was three wins and six losses.



The Parthenon sports editor Jeffery Nathan died along with 74 other community members on Nov. 14, 1970.

Jeff as "Fearless Fosdick" predicted a win almost every week. The two times he didn't, he had The Herd losing by only three points and then he hoped he would be wrong.

"Miami-20, Marshall-7 – I hope I'm wrong," he wrote, "but Miami's defense appears to be too much for The Herd. Miami's the pick, but with all the spirit generate by the 'Buffalo Babes' watch for a possible upset."

Sports editors for the school paper are expected to go to all the home games and some away games, but few have made it to every game.

Jeff did.

## Herd to play memorial game under Friday night lights

By **BRIGHAM WARF**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Thundering Herd will take the field to face off under the Friday night lights in a Conference USA battle against Louisiana Tech in the annual 75 game, which honors the lives lost in the 1970 Marshall team plane crash.

"This game is the most important game we play every year," Head Coach Doc Holliday said. "It is the only time you put that black jersey on, the only time you put that '75' on your helmet and when you do that,

you strap up a little tighter and prepare a little harder."

This season the game falls against the top team in the West Division of C-USA, LA Tech, meaning the stakes are high for the matchup. The winner of the game between Holliday's squad and LA Tech would potentially have home field advantage for the Conference Championship game.

LA Tech has a record of 8-1 and has yet to lose a conference game. The sole loss of the season came in their first game against nationally ranked No. 10 Texas, 45-14.

Currently, LA Tech has the 13th best scoring offense in the country with 44 touchdowns while averaging 38.1 points per game.

"They do just about everything right," redshirt senior linebacker Tyler Brown said. "Their quarterback is a really good player, and they are two-to-three deep at running back and just a good football team all around."

Fifth year senior quarterback J'Mar Smith for the Bulldogs has thrown for 2,483 yards and 14 touchdowns so far, bringing a challenge to the Herd's

secondary yet again.

Marshall had an extra week to prepare for LA Tech coming off of its second bye of the season in which they focused on player health and planning its attack for the highly skilled Bulldogs football team.

"What makes them unusual is that on each level of their defense they have one or two guys that are pretty solid across the board," redshirt sophomore Brenden Knox said.

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# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: THE 75

Each print publication, The Parthenon sports staff chooses a Marshall University athlete worthy of receiving the title of “Athlete of the Week.” While this recognition is almost always awarded to a player with outstanding performance in their sport, the recipient also displays what it means to be a part of the Herd.

Each recipient represents their team, athletics and the university. While we know that not all 75 people killed in the Nov. 14, 1970 plane crash were athletes at Marshall, we as a staff would like to honor each of the victims by naming them “Athletes of the Week.” Those who lost their lives 49 years ago were members of the Herd family and continue to bring the university community together in their honor. Today and forever, we remember.



## IN MEMORY

**Capt. Frank Abbott**  
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## EDITORIAL

## More than just football, fountains



PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

A photo of the 1970 Thundering Herd football team at the 2018 Memorial Fountain Ceremony.

It's about more than just football. It's more than just a fountain. Forty-nine years ago, Marshall University suffered a loss that shook us to our core when 75 members of our family perished in the deadliest sports-related tragedy to date. The crash of Southern Airways Flight 932 forever changed our university.

Each year, hundreds of students, community members and others impacted by the tragedy gather around the Memorial Fountain for a ceremony and the symbolic shutting off of the fountain. We could have honored those 75 precious lives for a few years or even a few decades and moved on, but we continue to remember, because it's the right thing to do and because, for us, it means so much more than a ceremony. Many younger generations may wonder why we continue to remember and conduct a ceremony year after year—the answer, though, is simple. It's not only about remembering a tragedy, it's a celebration of family, of life and of Marshall's rise from the ashes.

It was more than just our football team who lost their lives; it was husbands, mothers, brothers. It was an entire flight crew. They lived and worked at Marshall and in Huntington. They touched the lives of others throughout our community, campus and the country. Although the pain of this loss will never truly subside, we can continue to honor them, not only on Nov. 14 of each year, but each day.

The Fountain Ceremony is a somber dedication to

those we've lost, but it also is a reminder of the hope, love and community that will always live on. Watching the water in our Memorial Fountain run dry represents that dark day, and in the spring, when the water flows once more, it is a representation of life beginning anew and of hope.

Current Marshall students cannot comprehend experiencing the aftermath of the crash. We cannot picture an empty, quiet campus, nor can we imagine the tears and heavyheartedness that came with the tragedy. The Huntington and Marshall communities suffered, and they suffered greatly.

We cannot help but wonder, how would we react if this happened today? What would we do, and how would we come together and honor those we lost?

We cannot treat the tragedy as simply something that happened in the past. We also cannot leave it in the past, or else we'd let the memories of those who died slip away. If we keep it alive, we honor them, and we can heal. Let's not forget that this was less than 50 years ago. Many of those who were directly affected are still with us today.

We need to pay our respect. We would want others' respect and compassion if the tables were turned.

If you are unable to attend this year's Fountain Ceremony, which is Nov. 14 at 12 p.m., at least take some time to stop and remember.

For now, never forget that we are Marshall. We are

# COLUMN: Filling the role, legacy of sports editor



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By **SYDNEY SHELTON**  
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Sports editor: as a beat writer in the fall of 2018 I knew that one day I wanted to hold that title. I knew that with that title came great responsibility, but it wasn't until the Memorial edition of the paper that year that I knew just how much.

Jeff Nathan was the sports editor for the Parthenon in 1970. Jeff did more than just cover sports, he told stories. Jeff went above and beyond to uphold his duties as sports editor. Jeff even went as far as to travel with the Thundering Herd football team to cover the games. Jeff lost his life in the plane crash of 1970 that killed players, coaches and support staff.

After reading the words that Ralph Turner wrote about Jeff, I realized that filling the position meant that I had to honor the life that we had lost. I know

that I will never live up to the legacy left by Jeff, but I strive to work as hard as I can to get close.

Since obtaining the position of sports editor I have stepped back many times and tried to put myself in his shoes. His week probably started just like my weeks do. Attending press conferences, preparing for travel, making sure reporters are covering the events that are at home and packing for travel to the football game.

That week Jeff Nathan sat in the last football stadium he would ever see, he wrote about a loss that at the time everyone on that plane thought was a terrible one; not knowing that what Marshall would lose on the flight home was far bigger than that game.

It is difficult. I knew coming to Marshall would be different than attending

a normal university because of the bond that is formed around this tragic event. But Thursday, Nov. 14 is a difficult day for me now, especially being in the position that I am.

I know I didn't personally know anyone that died in the crash, I didn't have any family or friends connected to someone and I am not even from West Virginia, but going to Marshall University means that I am connected. My life has forever changed and now this day will always be a sad one.

We may never understand why that happened to our wonderful university and those 75 people, and we don't know what tomorrow will bring. But we are Marshall and we are a family, no matter where we're from.

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# COLUMN: Veterans Day is about more than just parades

By **AMANDA LARCH**  
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Every Veterans Day there are parades, a few tributes and dedications during football games, sales at every major department and furniture store and movie marathons on cable networks. We may be honoring some vets from our homes at these parades and games, but what about those who do not have homes? Or the ones living in veterans' homes, like the one in Barboursville? Do we help and care or even acknowledge them the rest of the year?

Each year, my wonderful mother organizes a Veterans Day drive at her work, and each year, she receives less and less donations. Each year, I see a few posts on social media about students writing letters to soldiers overseas. Is this all Veterans Day is anymore and all it represents? We take one day a year to reflect on those who have served our country, and after 24 hours we go about our normal lives as if those brave and sometimes broken soldiers make no difference the rest of the year.

Memorial Day we do (or at least we should) visit and decorate the graves of those fallen ones, those taken from us and those who made it out alive and were never the same, but Veterans Day we need to honor and spend time with those still with us. It's when my mother takes her meager box half full of donations to the veterans' home in Barboursville, and when I was a child, I would go with her. I knew, even then, it was much more than just a day off from school. My father, both my grandfathers and most of my great uncles have served in the

military. In my blood I carry their bravery, and I am reminded of their sacrifices daily.

"If everyone could just go to a dollar store and buy one item, it would make a difference," my mom says sadly, and I agree.

And it does not have to be today, this week or even this month, either. In the dead of winter, the full bloom of spring or sunny dog days of summer, veterans need us. We needed their service, and now they need us. Spend time, volunteer, donate supplies, whatever is possible. My mom always tries to buy games and books for them as well. Comfort those who are alive before they become another gravesite decorated only at Memorial Day. We can learn from them, and in turn, we can teach them.

I must admit, I am ashamed that I have not contributed more these past few years to our veterans, but I am eager to change that. I have lost my grandfathers; I can no longer thank them out loud for what they have done for this country and for me. But I can get to know strangers and thank them for their service, and maybe they'll remind me of my grandfathers. Maybe they're in need of a visit from their grandchildren.

It doesn't matter your political stance or affiliations, it doesn't matter whether or not you agree with the wars we have fought; it may not have mattered to these soldiers either, as some had no choice but to go into battle. Others may have willingly joined, not knowing what to expect and not returning home in one piece.



Amanda Larch's mother and father, Sandy and Biff Larch, shortly after they married in 1986. Her father served in the Army and was stationed in Germany.

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Amanda Larch's grandfather, Okey Miller, middle, served in Korea, with his brothers Preston and Harley Miller on his left and right. Preston served in the Army as a cryptologist, and Harley served in World War II in the Army Air Corps.

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What matters is that they feel as honored as they should be. They fought and served, and that is something I cannot say I have ever felt like I have had the courage to do, no matter if it runs through my blood. The West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville

is not far from Marshall, and your veteran relatives may be even closer than that.

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**\*Editor's Note: This column originally ran on Nov. 11, 2018.**

## EMPLOYMENT cont. from 4

The International Students Services Office at Marshall has made an effort in preventing students from violating the law.

"We advise all F-1 and J-1 students during mandatory orientation, various workshops and personal advising sessions about the proper steps to securing authorized employment," said Lesli Burdette, associate director of admissions for International Student Services.

The unidentified student worked off-campus for roughly eight months and then decided to stop as she said taking a risk to violate the visa status is not worth it.

"After graduated, I looked back the time that I worked, I don't think it was worth it," the confidential student said. "I also realized that when

I worked like that, I didn't have enough time to study. After all, I don't think it's a good idea to do that. As they have stated in the law, and you shouldn't go against it. I learned from my mistake that we shouldn't do it. Even we can make more money, but if we get caught, we will have to pay much more."

Adegoke said she believes if international students are patient, they can find on-campus jobs that are suitable for them.

"You don't want to get in trouble with your status just because some money," Adegoke said. "I believe if you walk around on campus, there will something somewhere available for you."

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After dropping its first conference game of the season, the Thundering Herd has yet to lose a game, going 4-0 clicking on all aspects of the game. The Marshall defense will need to have a big game facing the high powered Bulldog offense, but the Herd offense will need the young playmakers such as freshman wide receiver Broc Thompson and others to produce yet again, since LA Tech is particularly good at stopping the run.

"The biggest thing is the young guys still making plays on the outside," Knox said. "Getting into a groove early on with the offensive line and feeling good about themselves early is big."

Marshall vs. LA Tech will kickoff Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. EST at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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# LGBTQ+ Office provides safe space, resources for students

By **TAYLOR SPEIGHT**  
THE PARTHENON

Providing a comfortable place for students to browse for clothing, the LGBTQ+ Office is seeking community donations of lightly used clothes and other items for their “trans closet” in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

Shaunte Polk, program director of the LGBTQ+ Office, said that despite the closet having the name “trans closet,” assistance is offered to anyone in need, and everyone is always welcome to the office.

“We strive to make sure that our office is welcome to any and every one to help learn about what our office has to offer and to just hang out,” Polk said.

Polk said the “trans closet” was created after hearing concerns and personal experiences from students who have had issues going shopping in public places



The “trans closet” located in the LGBTQ+ Office provides clothing for all students

due to public harassment or fear. Options for students include new or lightly used casual clothing, jewelry, make up and more.

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“We usually have all business casual clothing that we line up according to season. Nothing is by gender,” Polk said.

Along with clothing, Polk said that chest binders will also be available to help assist students with items other than clothing. Polk said she loves the “trans closet” because it is for everyone and everything is free. Students are welcome from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Safe space training is also offered by request on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community to help others gain more insight on how to better communicate with people of different sexual orientations or gender identities.

Donations are accepted in the office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students interested in finding more information may contact Shaunte Polk

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## International Festival showcases cultures from around the world

By **PHUONG ANH DO**  
THE PARTHENON

Food, culture and fashion from around the world attracted guests to the 56th annual International Festival on Saturday, Nov. 9 in the Memorial Student Center.

The event is the largest and longest-running international festival in West Virginia that encourages students and community members to explore and learn from different cultures and traditions, according to Jyotsna Patel, program coordinator for the Office of International Student Services at Marshall.

“The festival is to unite people and learn about different cultures and tradition,” Patel said. “This year, we have more than twenty countries tabled.”

Students from different parts of the world participated in the festival and brought their unique cultures and country-specific items. I-Hsin Huang, a student from Taiwan, said the event is a chance for Taiwanese students to introduce their country to the world.

“This is a good time to promote our country,” Huang said. “Our country is pretty small,

**“The festival is to unite people and learn about different cultures and tradition. This year, we have more than twenty countries tabled.”**

**- Jyotsna Patel**

I believe that after this festival, there will be many people (who) know about Taiwan. And also, today I wear our traditional outfit, and many people take picture with me, and I feel very warm and cozy this day.”

For many people, the festival is not only a place to connect people of different backgrounds together, but also a place where local friends can ask questions without making others feel offended.

“I’d been an international student advisor, so I love to visit cultures when I can’t travel,” Kathy Eckstames, a visitor, said. “I believe an event like this, it bridges one culture with another culture. And this is a safe space to be able to ask questions of another culture. The people are very open and willing to open the questions no matter if they’re (about) their symbols or details. It provides good fellowship across cultures.”

Ben Powell, a Marshall visual arts major, said the festival has advantages for both the international students and the community.

“It gives international friends the chance to showcase their cultures to people from here in West Virginia, and it’s good for us because we should have interest to coming up to things like this to be able to learn more,” Powell said.

Many performances and entertainments had been showcased to feature international dances, music and a fashion show with traditional clothing.

“This year we have more entertainments,” Patel said. “We are really happy with the turn out today. We have more people from different areas than just the tri-state region this time.”

The international festival is organized by the Offices of International Student Services.

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