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Three decades have passed, there's been time to heal but the tragedy will be...



photos by Mike Andrick

Above, a Thundering Herd fan stands in front of Burl Jones' "We are Marshall, From Ashes of Tragedy to the Glory of Champions" memorial.

Thundering Herd Coach Bob Pruett, left, speaks minutes before the unveiling of the statue. Several thousand fans gathered at Marshall Stadium for the event.

Planning and fund collections for the memorial began more than one year ago by a committee of Huntington community members.



## Memorial Bronze ceremony brings tears of joy, sorrow

by MICHAEL S. ADAMS  
reporter

Several thousand fans gathered in the cold Saturday at the west entrance to Marshall Stadium for the unveiling of the "We Are Marshall Memorial Bronze" to remember the 75 lives lost in the Nov. 14, 1970, plane crash.

Some watched with tears, others watched with smiles and some just held their hands over their hearts

as artist Burl Jones and committee member John Krieger pulled the green tarp off the memorial.

"We shouldn't take anything for granted," Morehouse said. "I can remember a time when we cheered for long passes, even if they were incomplete."

1970 Co-captain Nate Ruffin was present for the unveiling.

"It means a whole lot to the surviving members of the team," Ruffin said. "The statue is really

great to see."

Plans and the collection of donations for the memorial began more than one year ago by a committee of Huntington community members.

Coach Bob Pruett said his team saw it Thursday and it was "amazing".

"To imagine how a team can come from the depths of ashes to the awesome team we have today is a miracle of God," Pruett said.

## Forever remembered

30 years later, family members, professors, students remember worst tragedy in American sports history

by MICHELLE JAMES  
sports editor

They were roommates, students, family and friends. They came from different walks of life and from different parts of the country. But despite these differences, they were brought together by one thing — Marshall football. And on a foggy November night in 1970, they were joined forever.

When the Southern Airways DC-9 jetliner carrying 75 Marshall football players, coaches, faculty, crew members and fans went down just shy of the runway at Tri-State Airport on Nov. 14, 1970, a university, community and nation were shocked.

"Students were in shock when Kennedy was killed but not like they were when they lost their football team," said Bob Alexander, distinguished professor of management and a Marshall employee since 1958. "I remember looking out of the window in Old Main when Kennedy was killed and seeing students with handkerchiefs crying, but the night of the crash, there were hundreds crying. It was mayhem."

Alexander said he spent the majority of that dreary November night notifying victims' family members.

"I called four families to tell them their sons were not coming home," Alexander said. "It was the most difficult thing I've ever done. I remember one father said 'Have you looked everywhere? Maybe he got out and he's on the hillside somewhere.' I said, 'There are no survivors.'"

"It was a devastating night and days that followed, and it still hangs heavy on the hearts of all of us," he said.

### Memorial Service

The 30th Anniversary  
Memorial Service for the 1970  
Marshall football plane crash.  
When: 7 p.m. today.  
Where: Memorial Student  
Center Fountain.

Alexander lost his students.

Nine-year-old Keith Morehouse lost his father.

Gene Morehouse, the voice of the Thundering Herd and Marshall's sports information director, was among the 75 on board the plane.

"I was only 9 so it didn't really sink in," Morehouse said. "When the crawl came on the bottom of the TV screen, my mom kind of shrieked and went to the phone."

Back on campus, students were trying to make sense of the tragedy and figure out what was next.

"They didn't call classes off at first — so we walked in," said Dr. George Arnold, professor of journalism. "We went into our classes and just saw empty chairs. Many of the students started crying. Faculty members started crying, and they decided it was absolutely impossible to have class. The university administrators called off classes the entire week, as I recall. And most of the students went home."

Arnold said students who decided to stay on or around campus turned to The Parthenon as a way to honor their classmates and community members.

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### Those who died

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Charles Arnold  
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Patricia Vaught  
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Freddie Wilson  
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photo by Mike Andrick

Amy Jarrell, right, shows 7-year-old Lauren Ward her grandfather Parker Ward's name at the unveiling of the "We are Marshall Memorial Bronze."

## 'Ashes to Glory' documentary profiles crash on TV, Keith-Albee screen

by ELIOT PARKER  
reporter

It has been 30 years since Marshall and the Huntington community was devastated by tragedy, and the memories remain an important part of the community, past and present.

Three decades after the Nov. 14, 1970 crash, the community and the nation look back on the worst sports catastrophe in American history.

"Ashes to Glory," a two-hour documentary produced by John Witek and Deborah Novak, profiled the crash and the revival of the Marshall football program.

The documentary featured former players and coaches who were a part of the football program before and after the plane crash. In addition to former players and coaches, local sportswriters and survivors families were interviewed about their memories of that

fateful night.

The documentary begins in the late 1960s, a time when Marshall football was very different from what fans are used to seeing today. Following a two-year winless streak in 1968 and 1969, Marshall hired Rick Tolley to turn the struggling program around.

The Rev. Ed Carter, a player from the 1970 squad, said Tolley was a very stern coach.

"He was demanding and he

wanted you to give everything you had," Carter said.

Tolley's plan to rebuild the program included a nationwide recruiting campaign, which brought players to Huntington from as far away as New Jersey and Alabama.

"The coaches felt that we had a young team, but we needed some quicker, faster athletes," said Red Dawson, former offensive coordinator.

The documentary profiled the

out-of-state athletes and their first experiences being away from home.

Surviving athletes and former assistant coaches reflected on their first impressions of the Marshall football program during 1970.

"There were a lot of good ball players, but not enough of them," said Herald-Dispatch sportswriter Ernie Salvatore.

On Friday, Nov. 13, the Thundering Herd team traveled

to East Carolina for a Saturday afternoon game against the Pirates. It was the first time that Marshall had ever flown to an away football game.

As the plane returned to Huntington that evening, Captain Frank Abbott, who had never flown into Tri-State Airport, missed the runway approach and the plane slammed into the mountainside.

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# Artist conducts workshop, speaks on art of ceramics

by SARA E. PAYNE  
reporter

Ceramic artist Malcolm Wright will present a lecture on "Functional Ceramic and Sculpture" at 7 p.m. today at the Huntington Museum of Art (HMA).

Wright's work can be seen in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the Idemitsu Museum in Tokyo, Japan.

He will conduct a two-week workshop in HMA's studios on "Japanese Wheel Throwing Techniques and American Extruding/Hand-building Techniques" from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. today through Friday.

"We are always having something going on here at the Huntington Museum," John Gillispie, HMA's public relations coordinator, said. "Some scholarships are available for this workshop, so we

invite students to participate in the event."

Without scholarships, the registration cost for the five-day workshop is \$175 for university students, \$125 for art instructors, \$210 for museum members and \$225 for non-museum members.

Wright's visit is part of the Walter Gropius Master Artist program.

Wright studied in Karatsu, Japan, for two years with Tarouemon Nakazato, who was born into a family of 12 generations of potters, according to a news release from the HMA.

Tarouemon has been honored as a national living treasure in Japan, according to the news release.

The HMA is displaying Wright's work through Jan. 7. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling 529-2701 or by visiting the HMA at 2033 McCoy Road, Huntington.

# Fair may help students get jobs

by SAEED ALSHAHRANI  
reporter

Opportunities for full-time and permanent jobs will be offered to students from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center at the Health and Human Services Career Fair 2000.

The fair is sponsored by the Career Services Center.

"We encourage our students to attend the fair even if they are not looking for a job this

semester," Joe Marshman, career counselor, said. "It is never hard to get your foot in the door."

Marshman said the fair is an opportunity for both students and agencies to meet and talk about job opportunities. He said it is good for students to make connections and to network and talk to different agencies.

The employers will look for nurses and other employees in health care and social agencies. "We have got 45 employers

from all parts of the state," Marshman said. "We have a couple from Kentucky, Ohio and Morgantown."

Employers such as Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital, Charleston Area Medical Center, West Virginia Housing Authority and the U.S. Air Force will have representatives present.

The opportunity to meet and talk with employers is beneficial for recent graduates and for those seniors about to enter the work force, Marshman said.

Seniors who are majoring in nursing, exercise physiology, physical therapy, radiation, respiratory therapy, health information tech, medical assistant, counseling, psychology, social work, communication disorders, communications, management and marketing may attend the fair.

The fair is free to eligible students.

Additional information is available by contacting Marshman at the Career Services Center at 696-6432.

## President of the College Board, former Gov. Gaston Caperton, is to speak today at MSC

Gov. Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board, will discuss his "Dialogue on the Future" at 2 p.m. today in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Caperton, governor of West Virginia from 1988 to 1996, had a comprehensive plan to improve the state's education system.

As president of the College

Board, Caperton helps students make the transition from high school to college.

He received the Computer-world Smithsonian Award in 1996, gaining recognition for the state's advances in education technology.

The discussion is open to the public.

Additional information is available by contacting

## Church offers its responses to Christianity questions

by ANNA L. MALLORY  
reporter

Central Christian Church is offering a seminar at 7 p.m. today in response to questions or concerns some students may have about the Christian religion.

The seminar is titled "What's God Got to Do With It?"

David Chaffin, pastor of Central Christian Church, said, "This is an opportunity for people who have had limited experience or a bad experience with the church to ask questions."

The seminar will be given three more times — Friday,

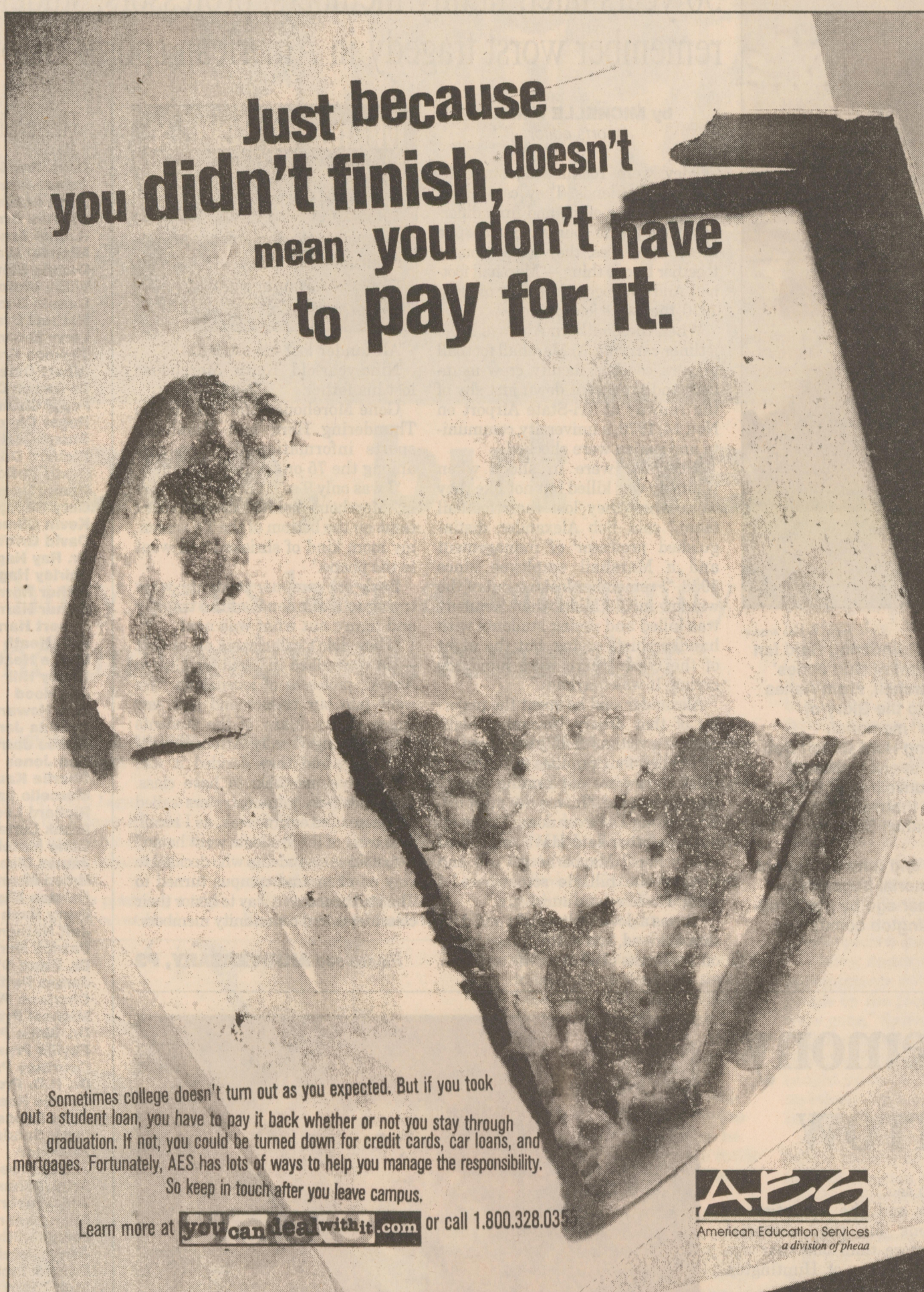
Monday and Dec. 2.

Each session will begin at 7 p.m. Preregistration is required. Registration information is available by visiting the church's Web site at <http://huntingtoncentral.org>.

Although it is titled a seminar, it will be conducted more in a roundtable discussion format, Chaffin said. He will be the moderator while those who attend the session may feel free to discuss their problems.

Those attending may enter through the back parking lot entrance. The church is located at 1202 Fifth Ave.

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# Quilt honors 1970s victims

by NICOLE R. PICKENS  
reporter

A former Marshall student has designed and produced a quilt based on an editorial cartoon called "America Weeps" that was published in the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer after the crash to honor the victims of the 1970 plane crash.

"For the last seven or eight years I've wanted to do something," said Barbara Christain, a 1971 graduate of the School of Education.

Christain donated the quilt to the Athletic Department in July, she said.

"We think it's wonderful," Daniel W. O'Dowd, associate vice president for athletic development, said. "It's a great piece of work as well as a nice tribute to the people who were on the plane in 1970."

Christain lived in South Hall, now Holderby Hall, where many of the football lived, she said.

"We shared a common lounge there, so we got to know a lot of the fellows that way," Christain said. "We'd sit down

there and play cards or listen to the jukebox or whatever."

Christain said dealing with the news of the crash was difficult for the South Hall residents.

"We were just destroyed," she said.

Christain said she made the quilt to work through her grief and her unresolved issues.

"I shed a lot of tears making it," she said.

Christain donated the quilt to the Athletic Department so it could help others, including students and Huntington residents, work through their grief as well, she said.

"I think a lot of us buried our grief and didn't deal with it."

"I wanted to do something, and I had all these ideas going through my head, but none of them seemed to be just right. Of course I knew about the cartoon — I have it framed on my wall. One day I just happened to put the two ideas together," she said.

"It was a perfect vehicle. I wanted it to be somber and classy and not flippant at all, and the idea worked perfectly

in my book," she said.

The quilt's design is very similar to the cartoon.

The cartoon shows an empty Fairfield Stadium, where the team played.

Christain added color to the black and white cartoon and included the names of the 75 victims in the sky, she said.

"I used thread that was a shade or two lighter than the background so that from a distance you really don't see the names, so it doesn't detract from the overall design, but you can read the names when you get close to it," Christain said.

Christain said the cartoon's creator gave her permission to use the design in February.

Christain gathered materials for the quilt all winter and started on the quilt in April.

The quilt took three months to complete. Christain worked on it in the evenings during April and May. After the school year ended, she spent about eight hours a day on the quilt until it was finished, she said.

The quilt will be displayed in one of the Athletic Department's buildings, O'Dowd said.

A location has not been chosen, he said, but they are considering hanging it in the football facilities building or the Cam Henderson Center.

## Lone locker remains at Fairfield

by NICOLE R. PICKENS  
reporter

The faculty and staff of the Forensic Science Center decided when they moved in to honor the former occupants of the building.

The Forensic Science Center used to be the locker room for Marshall's football team at Fairfield Stadium.

One of the lockers that used to be in the building sits in the

hallway. It contains a football helmet and jersey donated by Coach Bob Pruett.

A plaque hangs on the front of the locker. It says, "We honor the lives of those Marshall University student-athletes, coaches and friends whose lives were lost on November 14, 1970 and whose presence once graced this building. Marshall University Forensic Science Program Faculty and Staff."



## Anniversary

■ From page 1

"What happened among journalism students — particularly, those who worked for The Parthenon — was that they didn't want to go home," Arnold said. "They wanted to do something as a memorial to those who died. So they asked us if they could put out a 12-page special issue of The Parthenon. In the next three days it grew to 48 pages. Students just did a fantastic job."

Arnold said it wasn't just journalism students who contributed to the memorial issue.

"Word got out on campus that we were doing this special issue, and students from all over campus came over and turned in poetry," he said. "It wasn't just journalism students. It was anyone on campus who wanted to contribute something."

"They didn't know what to do,

but they wanted to do something, and The Parthenon gave them another outlet," he said.

Chuck Landon, who was a sports reporter for The Parthenon in the fall of 1970, remembers the dorms as a place of sadness.

"I lived in South Hall [now Holderby] where all the players lived, and the dorm almost turned into a funeral home," Landon said. "The parents all came in and they knew that their sons were dead but until they could be positively identified, which was very difficult, if one football player lived with another football player, and both of them hadn't been positively identified, then the rooms were sealed until both had been positively identified."

"So a parent might be sitting there knowing his son was dead and had been identified, and they couldn't pack up his belongings and take them home yet," he said. "So day after day they would sit there in the lobby of the dorm. It was almost like a funeral home."

Landon said the impact of the crash was felt long after the victims' family members returned home. "For weeks after that, we might be sitting in the dorm room playing cards or whatever and all of the sudden you would hear a girl crying or screaming in the hall, and we'd go out and she'd be sitting on a chair, crying outside of one of the players' rooms, knocking on the door, and we'd have to call the paramedics to come get her and calm her down," he said.

There have been several documentaries broadcast on stations such as ESPN and PBS in the week leading up to the 30th anniversary of the plane crash. Throughout Huntington, the word "closure" has been mentioned.

Keith Morehouse doesn't like that word. "I don't expect people to understand unless they were here," Morehouse said. "If they want to use the word 'closure' that's fine. But for those of us who lost family, I don't think closure is possible. I don't think you want closure when you lose a parent."

## Film

■ From page 1

Images of the plane wreckage on fire passed across the screen quickly and frequently, and a sequence of shots of emergency personnel arriving on the scene followed the crash scenes.

As the background music became somber, the documentary shifted to the emotions and first moments of survivors as word of the crash began to spread.

"I was on a dinner break and

when I came back, the guys were huddled around the radio and they said a plane had crashed," Salvatore said with tears in his eyes.

The first hour of the documentary was over, and shots of the crash site were superimposed on various campus and city buildings.

The final shot showed a view of Huntington from the Ohio River with portions of the fiery plane wreckage displayed above the view of Huntington.

The second hour of the documentary focused primarily on reassembling the football team, including inviting walk-on players to try out and hiring a

new coaching staff.

"In the early days after the crash, we practiced against each other."

"Sometimes we looked good and sometimes we didn't," Dawson said.

Many people in the community, including the families of those killed in the crash, spoke of the excitement and emotion of Marshall's first home win over Xavier, 15-13.

Coach Bob Pruett spoke about the football program, past and present.

"From the ashes of where we were, to the glory of today is a miracle, and I am thankful for that," Pruett said.

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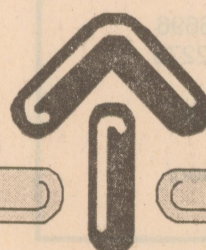
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## HER view

### There is more to Marshall football than recent glory

"The team of the '90s."  
If you spend enough time at Marshall University, you are bound to hear that phrase at least once.

**MICHELLE JAMES**

sports editor

And for good reason. The Thundering Herd football team has a long list of accomplishments this decade:

- 2 Division I-AA National Titles
- 3-time Division I-AA national runners-up
- First-ever top 25 ranking
- First-ever top 10 ranking
- 2-time Motor City Bowl Champions
- 3 Mid-American Conference titles
- 2 Heisman Trophy finalists
- 114 wins — more than any team in the country

It would be difficult for anyone to argue that all of this success is not impressive, but the most important part of the success is often lost.

People have a tendency to look at the numbers Marshall has put up in recent years and think of that as the only way of measuring success. I like to measure Marshall's success in a different way.

I was raised on Marshall football. I bleed green. I grew up watching the "Herd" basketball and football teams. Marco signed my cast when I broke my arm in fourth grade. I learned the words to "Sons of Marshall" when I was 4 years old. I'm also the daughter of a 1971 Marshall graduate.

My dad was a Marshall student when the DC-9 jetliner carrying most of the Marshall football team crashed Nov. 14, 1970. My birthday is Nov. 15 and as far back as I can remember, my dad always got sad the day before.

I didn't understand why he cried for a long time, but when I was old enough to understand, he started telling me the stories.

I've heard many stories about the football players who lived on his floor in his dorm back when Holderby was South Hall. I've also heard stories about Marshall football in the years following the plane crash.

My dad died in April, but the love for everything green and white he instilled in me is still very much alive.

When people talk about Marshall football, I wonder if they realize that after the crash there was talk of ending the football program.

I wonder if they realize just how much the football program has gone through.

Like I said, I bleed green.

But when I think of Marshall football, I think of more than just the number of wins and titles the team has earned over the past decade.

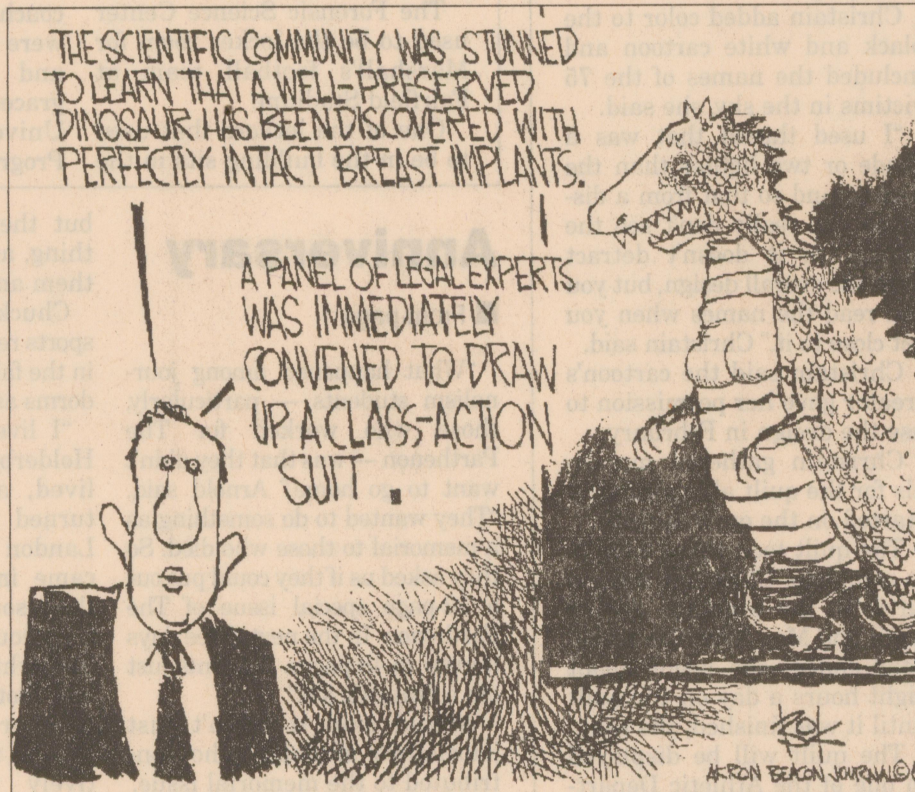
When I think of Marshall football, I think of the number 75.

Seventy-five Marshall players, coaches, faculty, crew members and fans were killed on a foggy November night in 1970.

Many schools and communities would have given up on their football teams when faced with a tragedy such as the plane crash, but Huntington didn't. Marshall didn't.

Marshall football is often referred to as the Team of the '90s, but I like to call it something else.

The Marshall Miracle.



## HIS view

### Plane crash should never be forgotten

**MICHAEL ADAMS**

guest columnist

I never got it. Over the past 10 years of watching Marshall football, I could never really grasp the true story of the plane crash and what it meant to Marshall University.

I wasn't even alive at the time. When the discussion came up between colleagues, I would be the first to say, "It is time to let it go."

But after surrounding myself in the events of the weekend — the dedication of the memorial, the documentary on ESPN and "Ashes to Glory" — I finally understood how it felt.

I talked with several people last week who were associated with the crash in some way. Many of them could tell I knew nothing about it or couldn't grasp the true feeling behind it, but they went ahead with their stories anyway. I listened with as much attention and curiosity as I could.

In my journey, I talked to Nate Ruffin, a member of the 1970 team. Circumstances prohibited him from making the fatal journey. By talking to him, you can see the hurt still there.

Imagine, waking up beside your roommate Friday morning, and then Saturday evening, when he was supposed to be back, he wasn't there. That's something that many lived through Nov. 14, 1970.

I received an assignment from my internship employer to attend the unveiling of the bronze memorial Friday afternoon. I questioned it, "Why wouldn't you want someone who was alive to be there?"

After some persuasion, I went. I stood beside Ruffin as the festivities went on. As Tom Palmer played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes, I looked at Ruffin and a tear fell from his face.

Then it hit me. This community was so devastated over losing a football team that was as much an asset to Huntington as the hearts of generations of families that have lived here for centuries.

When WSAZ sports anchor Keith Morehouse stood in front of thousands of people and told his story, I began to feel the pain that many have felt for 30 years.

When the impressive "We Are Marshall Memorial Bronze" was uncovered and Marching Thunder member Brian Dunfee played the alma mater on the trumpet, with Ruffin humming every note, I shed a tear.

To see so many people — who lived through that night and can remember what they were doing when they found out — still stand-

ing beside Marshall and cheering for those 75 lives that were lost is truly amazing.

Coach Bob Pruett said, "To come from the ashes of tragedy to the championship glory we are today is truly an act of God."

Morehouse said at the end of his speech, "Don't take anything for granted, because it may not be here tomorrow." Morehouse was only 9 years old when he lost his father in the crash.

Many of us take the current football team for granted. We expect them to win every week, and when they don't it is like a mortal sin.

But in 1971, with a football team full of freshmen and walk-ons, many fans didn't expect them to win, and when they did, it was like winning a bowl game. To take a look at it from someone else's standpoint, you see what these 30,000 fans cheer for today.

The fans line up each weekend, not just to cheer on the current team, but to still cheer for those 75 people who lost their lives. They cheer the teams that struggled to build the program to what it is today. And they stay through snow, sleet, rain, cold weather, losses, victories and illness.

Today's students can't even stay through an entire football game.

So, for those students who may not fully understand what the crash means to Marshall and its football team, let me make a simple challenge to you — go to the memorial service tonight at the fountain. Watch those around you, with hurt and sorrow still in their eyes, and see why they are still here.

Take a look at the picture of the 1970 football team in the Memorial Student Center and try and imagine what the school lost, and how hard it must have been to build the team we have today from almost nothing.

The surviving players could have left, but they didn't. They stayed, knowing they weren't going to be good.

There is something to be said for the courage of teams of the past, to the teams with the glory on their shoulders and many teams to come. This is an aspect of Marshall University that should never be forgotten or shut up in a history book.

So the next time, someone says "It is time to let it go," I will say "It should never be let go of."

## HER view

### Help children less fortunate than you

**ERRIN JEWEL**

guest columnist

Our holiday break is only a few weeks away, and most students' major worries include cramming for finals, scheduling classes or worrying about what to buy grandma for Christmas. These problems may seem like life-or-death situations to us, but to children in war-torn, third-world or natural disaster-ridden countries, concerns like these are trivial.

Many things we take for granted, such as having indoor plumbing, going to bed with a full stomach and being safe from war, are terrors to children who only imagine what it is like to live in the comfort we expect.

Fortunately, we may bring a little hope to children in desperate situations by participating in Operation Christmas Child, a non-profit charity organization that delivers shoeboxes filled with holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. Operation Christmas Child delivers more than three million boxes to underdeveloped countries each Christmas, and about 20,000 come through the Huntington-area distribution center.

The Public Relations Students Society of America encourages you to assist children who are in need of basic necessities by donating a shoebox filled with items such as new toothbrushes, washcloths, socks, toy cars, hard candy, dolls or other items. You may drop them off at Old Main 213 or Smith Hall 321 through Thursday. After Thursday, shoeboxes may be dropped off at local churches

until Sunday. Groups of individuals may also volunteer at the Huntington-area distribution center until Monday.

Several student groups including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Chi Omega and Phi Mu sororities; Mu Alpha Theta (history honorary); the Society of Professional Journalists; and the Advertising Club have graciously made contributions to the project by filling shoeboxes, donating resources and volunteering time at the distribution center.

OCC is a non-denominational Christian charity sponsored by Samaritan's Purse that fills shoe boxes with gifts and non-denominational specific Christian literature and sends them to children in 70 countries including Sudan, Kosovo, Guatemala, Lebanon, India and Vietnam. Detailed information is posted on the national Web site ([www.samaritan.org](http://www.samaritan.org)) about how to pack shoeboxes, what to put in them, how many are collected, where they go and a short video clip of recipients.

If you would like more information, please contact me at 525-6190, 696-3958 or at [jewell4@marshall.edu](mailto:jewell4@marshall.edu).

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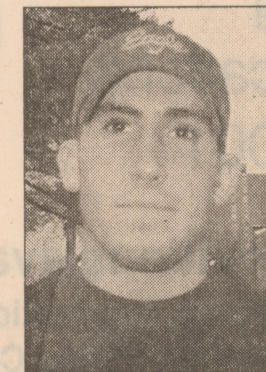
"I also saw the ESPN documentary on it, which was good, but I thought this one was much better. I just really liked the way that they interviewed the people. I knew some of the people that they were talking to because I went to school here at the time of the plane crash. It brought back a lot of memories, not all good."

— Selah Wilson,  
manager of accounting



"I thought it was wonderful. It was touching. For those of us who were here in that era, it had to have special meaning for us. We were here. We were here all through that tragic time finding the families, making the phone calls, attending the services. It was very hard."

— Jill Chapman,  
supervisor of admissions



"I thought they did a really good job on it. They gave me a lot of information that I didn't know about Marshall. I thought everyone died in the wreck. I didn't know there were some people that lived. It just showed a lot of the history at Marshall I really didn't know about."

— Matt Odenthal,  
criminal justice graduate student from Johnstown, Pa.  
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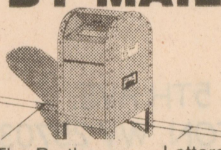
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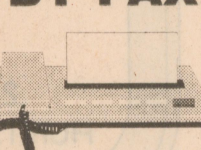
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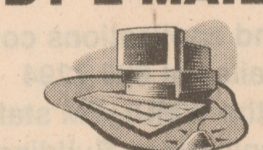
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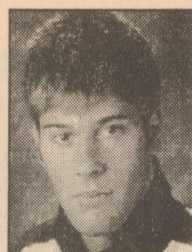
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## Soccer honors

Men's soccer co-captains Taly Goode, right, and Wayne Bennett were named to the 2000 Mid-American Conference All-Tournament team. Goode, a senior goalkeeper, and Bennett, a junior defender, led the Thundering Herd to the MAC semifinals.



# Putting the 'Herd' on

## MU takes back MAC East with 51-31 win

by J. GREGORY SCHUPAK  
reporter

The emotion in Marshall University Stadium Saturday night came from more than the Thundering Herd's 51-31 victory over Mid-American Conference rival Miami (Ohio).

Before the game, the monument honoring the 75 people who died in the Nov. 14, 1970, plane crash was unveiled. The football team rode that emotion to their fourth straight MAC Championship berth.

Marshall Coach Bob Pruett said the effort was comparable to efforts given in past years by the Thundering Herd.

"I felt like this was the first game we played on both sides on the ball," Pruett said.

Marshall had Miami reeling in the first quarter. Sophomore tailback Franklin Wallace had 113 yards rushing, sophomore quarterback Byron Leftwich had 123 yards passing and senior receiver Nate Poole had 102 yards, all in the opening period.

Wallace scored on a 55-yard run on the Thundering Herd's fourth play of the day before a season-high crowd of 30,419.

With the win, Marshall clinched its fourth-straight MAC East Division title and MAC

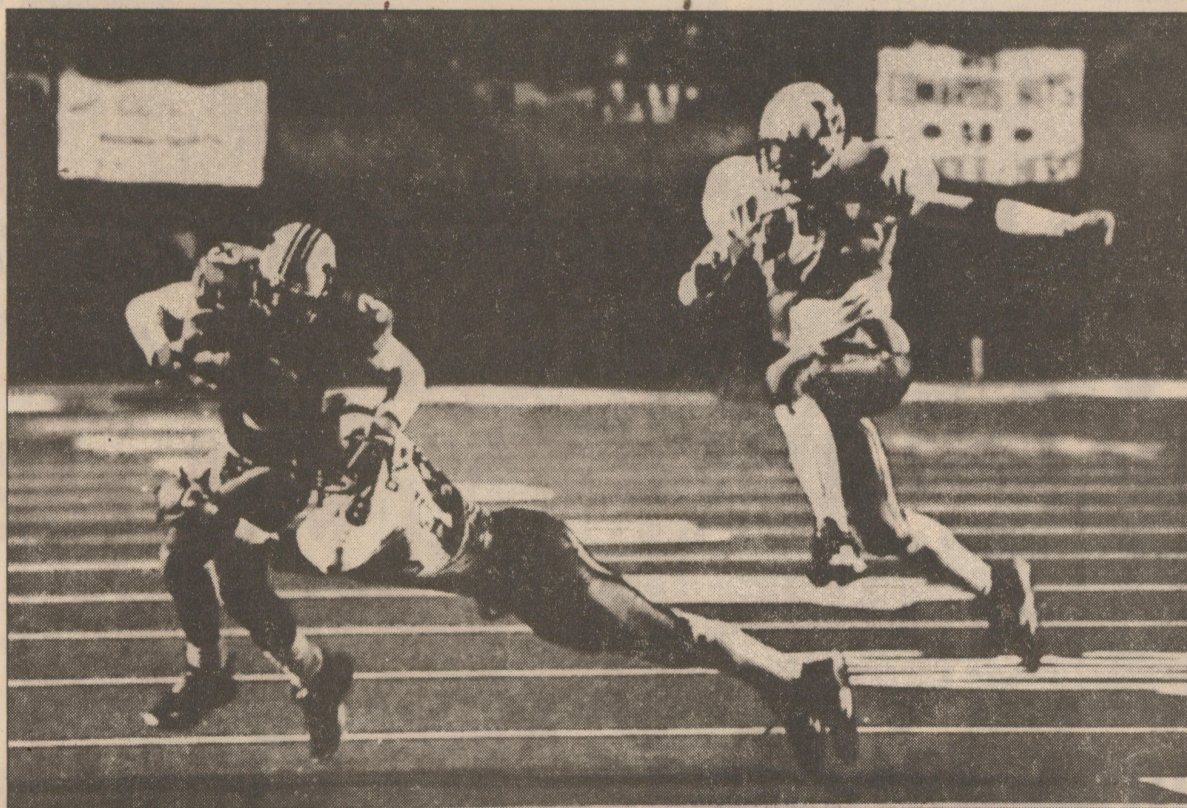


photo by Mike Andrick

Nate Poole, 3, and the Thundering Herd extended their season by at least one game with Saturday's win. The MAC Championship is scheduled for Dec. 2 at Marshall University Stadium.

Championship appearance.

Miami Coach Terry Hoepfner said his team was not ready for Marshall.

"We did not have them ready to play," Hoepfner said. "They are a championship team and they beat us. Now our goal is to have a winning season."

Senior left guard Jimmy Cabellos said the line and the team are coming together.

"Coach challenged us, saying that we needed to be able to run the ball to take pressure off Byron," he said.

Leftwich finished with 290 yards on 21-of-33 attempts and three touchdowns — including

a 70-yard shovel pass to Wallace.

Leftwich, who has battled an injured shoulder all year, credits the offensive line.

"The line did a great job," Leftwich said. "We knew that one of these games we were going to get clicking and we were going to put a lot of points up on some people."

"Running the ball helps a quarterback. We just have to maintain our emotions and execute our plays so it carries over to next week," he said.

Wallace finished with 116 yards on nine carries, plus the 70-yard catch-and-run.

On Senior Day, Poole pulled off one of his best efforts in the title-clincher. He caught nine Leftwich passes for 123 yards, including a 12-yard score as the Herd improved to 6-4 overall, 5-0 in the MAC East. Miami dropped to 5-5, 3-2.

"From where we've come from halftime of the Toledo game until now is something else," Pruett said. "Our players are doing a great job of coming around."

"We said early we had a chance to get back where we were," Pruett said. "A true champion should be able to defend their title."

## Hurricanes hurdle Seminoles in most recent BCS standings

The Associated Press

No debate this week. Miami moved ahead of Florida State into second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings. "Good," Miami coach Butch Davis said Monday. "The world is as it should be."

Oklahoma (9-0), with its come-from-behind 35-31 victory over Texas A&M, remained first in the standings that determine who plays in the national title game, while Florida State (10-1) fell to third after a less-than-dominating 35-6 win over Wake Forest (1-8).

Miami (8-1), with its 35-7 victory over Pittsburgh (5-4), moved ahead of Florida State by .48 points, thanks to the Seminoles' drop in the

strength-of-schedule category and the Hurricanes' improvement in the computer ratings.

For two weeks, Oklahoma, Miami and Florida State were 1-2-3 in the AP media poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches polls.

Last week, there was much debate over why the Seminoles were ahead of the Hurricanes in the BCS standings, despite Florida State's 27-24 loss to Miami on Oct. 7. More changes are coming next week after Florida (9-1), fourth in the BCS standings, plays at Florida State Saturday.

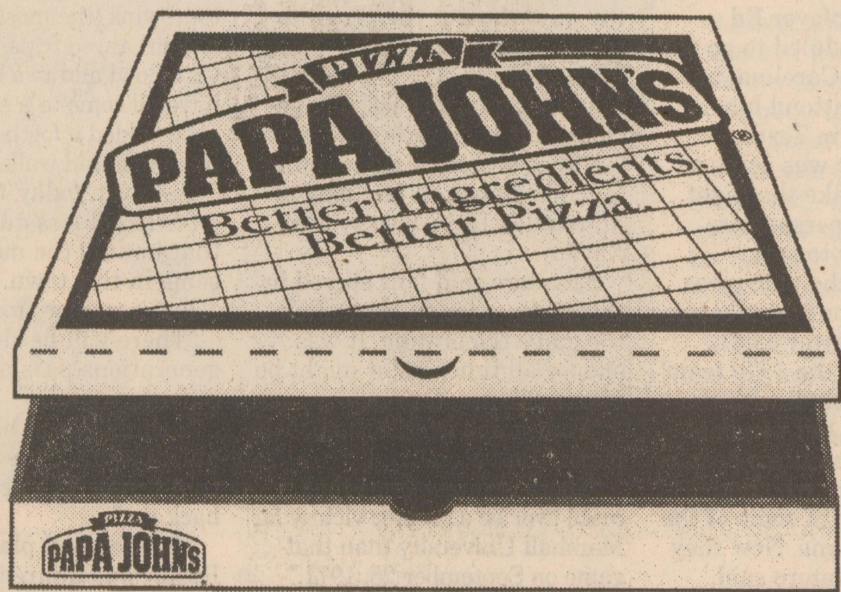
The teams that finish 1-2 in the final BCS standings released Dec. 3 will play in a national title game in the Orange Bowl Jan. 3.

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Women's soccer player Amanda McMahon has broken two school record. She was named First Team All-MAC and MAC Newcomer-of-the-Year, and she's just a freshman. Find out more about this incredibly talented player.

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# Gone, but never forgotten

## Thirty years later, a community and university still remember

by **MICHAEL S. ADAMS**  
reporter

Nov. 14, 1970 began as a normal day for former Herald-Dispatch executive sports editor, now sports columnist, Ernie Salvatore.

Salvatore was planning a trip to Cincinnati to cover Paul

Brown's first game against the Cleveland Browns the next day. He went to dinner that night just before 6:30 p.m.

When he came back, reporter Lowell Cade was at his desk, and others were crowded around a radio.

"It reminded me of the Kennedy thing," Salvatore

said. "I asked what was going on, and they said there was a small plane down at Tri-State Airport, but there were no more details.

"Marshall was not our immediate concern."

Several planes were scheduled to land at Tri-State Airport that night.

"There was an Eastern Airlines flight that was going to land about the same time. Finally, someone said 'What about the Marshall plane, because nobody has heard from them,'" Salvatore recalled. "No one knew what to think."

A call came into the newsroom, and the caller asked to speak to Salvatore. When he picked up the phone, the caller asked if the name John Young sounded familiar.

"I picked up the phone and said, 'John Young? He is a freshman tight end for Marshall,'" Salvatore said. "The caller said, 'He is dead.' That is when we knew it was the Marshall plane."

At 7:47 p.m. on a foggy and rainy November night, the Southern Airways DC-9 chartered passenger jet carrying 75 Marshall University football players, coaches, staff and fans was returning home from a loss to East Carolina when it crashed into the side of a hill about one mile from Tri-State Airport in Kenova.

The plane exploded into a giant ball of fire and killed everyone on board.

The loss felt by the 9,100 students enrolled at Marshall in 1970 was tremendous.

"Unless you were here, you can't understand what that felt like," WSAZ sports anchor Keith Morehouse said.

Morehouse's dad, Gene, was killed on the plane. Keith was only 9 years old when the crash occurred.

"It teaches you not to take anything for granted. Live life for every day," Morehouse said.

1970 football player Ed Carter was scheduled to go on the trip to East Carolina, but had to leave to attend his father's funeral in Texas.

Carter said he was going to come back to make the flight, but had a little persuasion from his mother to stay.

"She told me the plane was going to crash four days before it happened," Carter said.

Salvatore said the 1970 team humanized Marshall with the rest of the state, but personal losses touched countless people.

"I knew doctors who had appointments with some of the people on the plane. Now they were gone," Salvatore said.

"Some people just don't know how that felt, but now they are caught up in the Marshall mystique. Look at how many fans travel with the team now."

After the crash there was talk of putting an end to the football program altogether. The facilities were not adequate for the needs of the team. Winning seasons were scarce.

In the 1970s more attention was put toward Marshall's basketball team than its football team.

Also, the Thundering Herd was put on probation for 125 NCAA recruiting violations and thrown out of the Mid-American Conference.

"A few of us talked about leaving the school, but we determined that we would stay and help rebuild this program for the players that died," Carter said.

Salvatore said, "Fairfield Stadium was a terrible thing for a state-supported institution, so the argument began. I took the stand and said there were 75 lives invested in this program."

"Suddenly it became apparent."

In the fall of 1971, new head coach Jack Lengyel was assigned the task of rebuilding a football program from almost nothing.

The Young Thundering Herd played its first game against Morehead State, and lost to

the Eagles, 17-7.

"Lengyel was the third choice," Salvatore said. "He is the guy who put the program together and saved it."

On Sept. 25, 1971, former Marshall quarterback Reggie Oliver hit wide receiver Terry Gardner with a game-winning touchdown on the last play of Marshall's 15-13 victory over Xavier.

Salvatore said fans stayed in the stadium for an hour after the game celebrating. It was one for all time, and it might be Marshall's greatest victory ever.

"That game is still the benchmark," Salvatore said.

"There isn't any game that could ever be a greater victory for Marshall University than that game on September 25, 1971."

Thirty years have now passed since the worst tragedy in sports history.

The newly rebuilt football team finally got its first winning season in 1984 when it went 6-5.

Marshall continued to win, and in 1987 head coach George Chaump led Marshall to the NCAA Division I-AA Championship. Marshall lost that game by one point.

In the 1990s, Marshall football has made its name as a premier football program. Two Division I-

AA Championships, two Heisman Trophy candidates, five conference championships, 114 total wins (the most in the nation), three trips to the Motor City Bowl and two bowl wins have all come to a school that once fielded a football team with freshmen and walk-ons.

But even today, there is still a feeling of loss and tragedy that haunts the memory of some in this town.

It is a memory too big to let go. "There will be closure as the generations pass along," Salvatore said.

"I think it will have a very quiet closure . . . something that people will always look back on."

1970 football player Nate Ruffin was injured a week before the trip to East Carolina. Ruffin was left behind with a couple other players.

Ruffin said he knows the players are always going to be with any team that plays at Marshall.

"Sometimes, I get the feeling of guilt because I wasn't there," Ruffin said.

"But their memory will always be here through memorials or as spirits with the students and athletes."



The plane crash Nov. 14, 1970, is still remembered as the worst sports tragedy in history. Seventy-five people lost their lives.



The emptiness of Marshall's classrooms reflected the feelings of a community and university in the fall of 1970.