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Homecoming weekend

Homecoming activities spice up the weekend **Life, Page 4**

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Marshall avenges last season's loss to UTEP in homecoming win

Freshman running back Martinez accumulates career-high 116 rushing yards

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD
THE PARTHENON

From the first touchdown of the game, not even four minutes into the first quarter to the final scoring drive of regulation, the Thundering Herd played to avenge the Miners of last season's loss at the Sun Bowl.

Marshall (2-6, 1-3 Conference USA) won its first homecoming game in three years and denied UTEP (5-4, 2-3 Conference USA) yet another opportunity to clinch bowl eligibility, handing the Miners their third consecutive loss by a final score of 16-12 in front of 24,740 Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

"A win here at homecoming is a great win," said Marshall head coach Doc Holliday. "I thought it was a little sloppy at times. They hung in there. I told our team, 'I thought we took a step today.' I thought it was great to come in and get that win especially after what happened to them a year ago (in El Paso)."

After leading the entire game until the third quarter, the Herd exploded in the final minutes of regulation with unusual yet electric plays to overcome a late rally by the Miners. Just seconds following UTEP's only touchdown of the contest, Marshall sophomore defensive back Donald Brown intercepted what would have been a two-point conversion pass by Miner quarterback Trevor Vittatoe. Despite fatigue and nearly being brought down by a UTEP player who went for his foot, Brown sprinted 99 yards downfield to the Herd end zone to cut the Miners' only lead of the game to 12-9.

"I can't describe how tired I was," Brown said with a laugh. "Ninety-nine yards is a lot longer than you think it is, definitely when you've got somebody on your back. I tried to do a little jump and it worked (to avoid being brought down). Luckily, I stayed on balance."

That play was just as revitalizing for Brown's teammates, who could feel the tide turning after his race down field.

"It was a beautiful thing," said junior defensive end Vinny Curry, who recorded his ninth sack of the season in the win. "That definitely gave us a

lot of energy, a lot of momentum going in. We knew we were going to score after that one."

That momentum sustained despite a fleeting moment of concern when Brown jumped up to avoid being brought down.

"At first I thought he was trying to celebrate and I was like, 'Donald, what are you doing?' Curry said with a laugh.

The Thundering Herd's spark didn't end there, however. UTEP kicker Dakota Warren sent a 63-yard punt down field and true freshman running back Tron Martinez returned it for 37 yards, running into Warren as the stop was made. Marshall started its next drive — its final for the game — at the 44-yard line and inched to the end zone where junior kicker Tyler Warner sent an 18-yard field goal attempt through the posts. Instead of tying the game at 12, the field goal was dropped after officials penalized UTEP for roughing the kicker. Marshall was given an automatic first and goal at the one-yard line, and Martinez delivered yet again with the Herd's second touchdown of the game and seal the Marshall homecoming victory.

This was the finishing touch to an already decorated evening for Martinez, who led the Herd in rushing with a career-high 116 yards in 24 carries in his seventh game wearing Marshall green and white.

"I just wanted to come out here and prove a point that we can run the ball," Martinez said. "The offensive line helped me do that. We proved it tonight."

Those two consecutive fourth-quarter drives helped the Herd decide the game and stood out the most to Holliday, especially after UTEP took the lead.

"I felt the wind kind of coming out of the sails a little bit in the stadium and the whole deal (after UTEP's touchdown)," Holliday said. "All of a sudden, he (Brown) takes that two-point conversion. I thought that ignited us and ignited the fans. I really think the two biggest plays in the game were that and that kickoff return to put us in great field position to execute that final drive."

Despite struggling with the running



MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Freshman running back Tron Martinez looks to gain yardage in Marshall's 16-12 win over UTEP.

game all season, the Herd held the Miners to 87 rushing yards in the homecoming win. This was the third consecutive loss for a UTEP team that has failed to outperform its opponent in rushing yards in each of those contests.

"To hold that team to 12 points, a year ago they led the conference in total offense," Holliday said. "Offensively, I was happy we were finally able to run the football a little bit. Anytime you can run the ball like we did today, it makes it a whole lot easier to play action pass and do some things. We've got to continue to build on the running game, continue to play great on defense and work hard on our special teams."

UTEP kept the ball for 34:43 — almost 10 minutes longer than the Herd — and led in passing (229 yards compared to 138 by the Herd). However, the Miners were penalized nine times for 71 yards and fumbled the ball four times — the third one recovered by Marshall senior linebacker Mario Harvey — while the Herd committed no turnovers in the contest. Vittatoe — who had been battling an ankle injury in previous weeks — connected for 22 completions and one interception in 42 passing attempts while Herd senior quarterback Brian Anderson completed 13 of 26 passing attempts. The total yardage was almost even for both teams — 316 in 78 plays by UTEP and 313 in 60 plays by Marshall.

Another contributing factor to Marshall's success in the win was how the

Herd athletes approached the game. For the entire week of practice, the mindset was different.

"That was something we were missing throughout the season," said junior defensive back Omar Brown. "We weren't really having fun. We didn't have that passion out there. Today, we brought it."

The Herd's second win of 2010 was not only meaningful to the athletes but to the program as a whole in the Holliday era.

"I keep telling the kids to live right, to do the right things, don't flinch, the plan's in place," Holliday said. "We're asking a lot of these kids off the field. We're asking more of them in the weight room than they've ever been asked. When you continue to push them and continue to say 'we're doing the right thing, don't flinch,' and all of a sudden you get a victory it just reinforces what you're trying to get done."

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Notes

° Marshall's win is its first homecoming win since 2007, when the Herd broke a seven-game losing streak in a 34-21 win over Rice.

° This was Marshall's first win over UTEP since 2006, when the Herd defeated the Miners 49-21 in UTEP's only other visit to Huntington.

° New York Giants running back and former Marshall player Ahmad Bradshaw was honored on the field in the first quarter after the Herd's first touchdown.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

Airbrush T-shirts kick off homecoming celebrations

Sports

Women's basketball vs. West Virginia Wesleyan
7 p.m. | Cam Henderson Center

Cross Country - C-USA Championships
All Day | Tulsa, Okla.

Men's Soccer vs. UAB
Wednesday | Birmingham, Ala.

Entertainment

Trans-Siberian Orchestra
Thursday | Charleston Civic Center

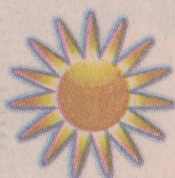
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey: Illusionation
Thursday | Big Sandy Superstore Arena

Community

Election Day
Tuesday | U.S.

On campus

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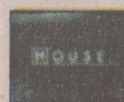
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"We live in hard times

not end times."

Jon Stewart, during his closing statement at Saturday's Rally to Restore Sanity in Washington, D.C.

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Homecoming win should carry over to other sports

We need to apply the excitement of a homecoming win to winter sports

On Saturday, the Thundering Herd won their second game of the season. This homecoming win was a much needed win to boost the hopes and spirits of the Herd nation, as a lack of wins had diminished hope.

It was the first homecoming win the Herd has seen in three

years.

It allowed the Herd faithful to have a good reason to celebrate on a day when alumni visited the school to support and cheer on the Herd.

The Marshall community should take the enthusiasm of finally receiving a win into

the winter sports season.

On Friday, The Parthenon will print its annual winter sports edition. The basketball teams begin their season this week with the women's team playing West Virginia Wesleyan and the men's team playing an exhibition against Concord University.

The basketball season is a new opportunity for students and fans to cheer. The men's

team will start a new season under a new head coach, who has said he hopes to improve on the Herd's success.

The swimming team has already competed this season with impressive wins and finishes in the past few meets. The swim team needs to be given the same amount of support and receive the same amount of excitement as the other sports teams throughout the year

It is important that we as fans become involved in these sports. Any team will tell you that when the crowd and fans are behind them, it improves their level of play. This means more wins and even more excitement for these sports.

Who knows, maybe the men's basketball team will make it to March Madness.

STACI STANDIFORD
JUST FOR LAUGHS

Halloween scare

It all started with the words, "You guys want to go on an adventure?"

Never mind that it was Halloween night and already dark.

I hate scary movies, and I only need one reason: they scare me. I don't like being scared, so I don't watch them. The only



STACI STANDIFORD
COLUMNIST

ones I've seen to date are The Ring and Gothika, both viewed in the ninth grade. Oh, and Wrong Turn, but anyone from West Virginia knows that doesn't count.

Halloween for me usually means TV specials, candy I shouldn't eat, small town festivals and orange and black. Depending on what day it falls on, it might

mean studying and going to bed early, or if it is a weekend, just hanging out with friends.

But this Halloween, my roommate Molly took me to meet a group of her friends. She hadn't been feeling that well, but we went anyway. I met Erin, who was the chef for the evening, serving about 10 of us spaghetti. I thought that's all we were doing.

Instead of just hanging out and playing games in the living room, we piled into our cars and drove toward Erin's house in the country. Again, it's dark on Halloween night. We stop at what seems like the middle of nowhere, and Erin told us we're hiking up the hill to an orchard. With the moon shining brightly, we could see the ground in front of us — the muddy, wet ground. Not knowing we were "going on an adventure," I wore tiny tennis shoes (not for hiking or keeping out moisture). They are also not good for jumping over huge puddles, walking cautiously on thick logs or crossing a small pond. By the time we reached the top of the hill, my feet were freezing from the muddy water that had seeped through the thin material. I was out of breath and sweating more than I wanted to be and I felt hot and cold at the same time, but the view we found was worth the climb. Without trees blocking the moon, the whole field was lit. The sky was so dark without any other source of light casting a glare on it. The stars shone brighter and even looked bigger than they did in town.

After the climb back down the hill, Erin went inside her house to get some glasses of water for us. Because there were about 10 of us and Erin could only carry about two glasses at a time, I said I would drink after someone who didn't finish their water. Molly and Erin were both close to me when I said that, so I made it more specific and said I would drink after the one who finished first. Erin drank about half the glass of water and handed the rest to me. Molly was still working on hers.

I know what you're thinking: this Halloween experience was anything but scary, but the next day, Molly was diagnosed with the swine flu. Talk about a (scary) close call.

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- Graduation



RESULTS

Are you planning to vote this November?

- Yes.....72%
- No23%
- I don't know.....5%

Congressman running for re-election focuses on jobs

BY JUSTIN PRINCE
THE PARTHENON

Nick Joe Rahall II is an incumbent congressman running for re-election in West Virginia's 3rd Congressional District.

A veteran to the campaign trail, Rahall is in a race against former Supreme Court justice Elliot "Spike" Maynard.

Rahall, who is in his 34th year as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, said that he believes his experience makes him the better candidate.

"I have put the seniority the people have given me to work," Rahall said. "As chairman of the National Resources Committee and vice chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, my seniority can continue to deliver, and that's the advantage I have."

Rahall, a native of Beckley, W.Va., graduated from Duke University in 1971; upon his graduation he attended graduate school at George Washington University, according to his website. After graduate school, Rahall went to work as a staff member for the late Senator Robert C. Byrd.

Rahall then went from being a member of Byrd's staff to congressman without holding any other office, according to the website. He was elected in 1976, after Ken Hechler vacated the congressional office.

In all his years of service, Rahall said he feels this may be the most important time for West Virginia.

"These are crucial times for this state," Rahall

said. "The issue right now is jobs, jobs, jobs. By concentrating on three specific foundations, we can set the stage for immediate jobs and sustainable jobs. Those three things are what I call the three Ts: transportation, technology, and tourism."

The 3rd Congressional District, which Rahall currently represents, is the district that Marshall University falls in. Rahall said this means that the race for this district could have major implications to not only the students who live within the district, but all students attending the institution. Once again, Rahall said he feels like he is the best candidate to represent the Marshall community.

"The success of any economy, community or quality of life resides in education," Rahall said. "I worked to pass the largest investment in college aid in American history to increase Pell Grants. Students will also get help repaying loans with \$1.5 billion that allows for a cap on their monthly payments."

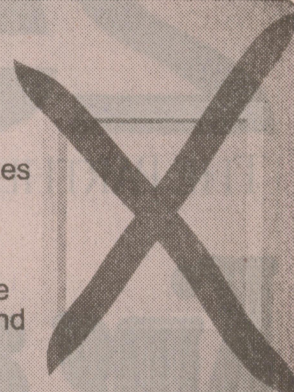
With the election just one day away, candidates are making their final push toward election. Whoever wins the congressional race for West Virginia's 3rd District will head to D.C. Rahall said he believes he is the candidate that can make the difference West Virginia needs.

"I believe I have been an advocate for our state and people," Rahall said. "I have been a steady hand for coal and a champion of the coal miner. I have fought to protect our seniors, our veterans and our children, and I hope to continue to do that for this great state."

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10 Election Coverage

Editor's Note >> The Parthenon is featuring a series profiling candidates for state House of Delegates, U.S. Senate and Congress races for the West Virginia general election Nov. 2. Marshall University lies within the 15th House of Delegates district, and 3rd Congressional district, whose candidates will be profiled.



Rahall receives more than \$1 million in contributions for campaign

BY JUSTIN PRINCE
THE PARTHENON

Nick Joe Rahall II, an incumbent congressman running for re-election, received more than \$1 million in campaign contributions.

According to the Federal Election Commission's website, Rahall received \$1,078,640 for his campaign as of Oct. 13, and more than 57 percent of that money came from political action committee contributions.

PAC contributions are from private groups organized to elect political candidates or advance a political issue. Rahall also received about 40 percent of his campaign money from individual donors. The other 3 percent came from miscellaneous sources.

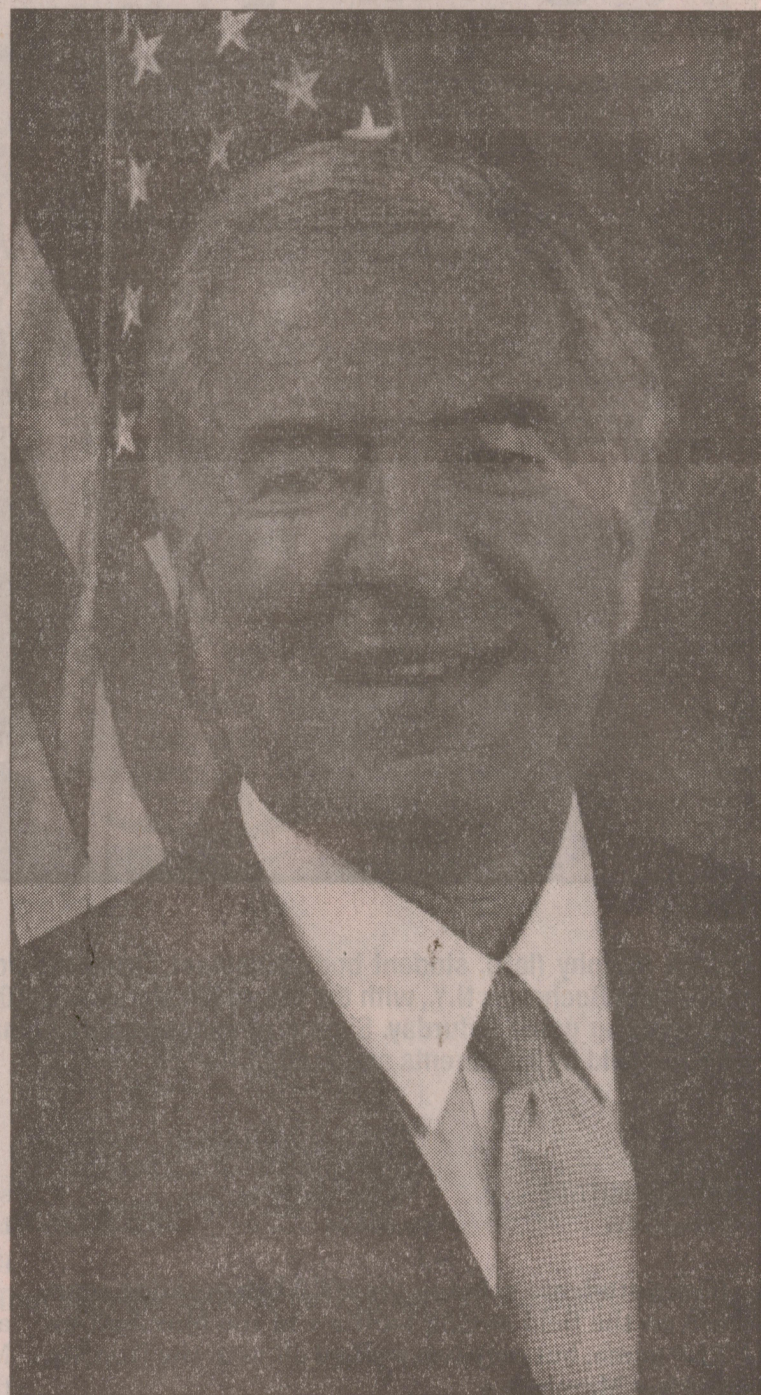
"The range of my campaign contributions show that

the people believe in what I've done and what I'm going to continue to do," Rahall said.

Rahall's PAC contributions came from a variety of companies and groups, ranging from the National Air Traffic Controllers association to the Patriot Coal Corporation. The largest of these PAC contributions came from a series of corporations who together donated a total of \$5,000, such as American Electric Power and The United Transportation Union.

The congressman also received donations from at least one person residing in almost every state in the union. His largest individual contribution was a donation of \$2,400.

"A large portion of my campaign financial support comes from organized workers, who each payday contribute a few dollars into a fund," Rahall said.



FILE PHOTO

Rahall said he made sure all of his information was reported accurately so the public can have the information at their hands.

"All my information from every single contributor is truthful and available to the public," Rahall said. "The same can't be said for my opposition."

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The Marching Thunder plays at the homecoming parade.

Candidates not profiled support affordable health care and alternative energy sources

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The Parthenon has run a series of candidate profiles leading up to the Nov. 2 midterm elections. Because of staff size, The Parthenon was unable to interview two candidates: Matthew Woelfel, Democrat for District 15 and Elliott "Spike" Maynard, Republican for 3rd District House of Representatives.

According to his website, Woelfel supports alternative energy in addition to nonrenewable resources.

"There is no reason that our state cannot become a leader in the campaign for their development," according to the website.

He also supports additional funding for treatment of drug addicts and punishment of corporations that

hire undocumented workers. Woelfel is anti-abortion.

On Maynard's website, he is described as a "strong conservative voice." According to the website, Maynard is against "the government takeover of healthcare," but supports affordable health care measures for seniors and is against Medicare cuts. He opposes cap and trade and wants to reduce the national deficit. He also supports trying terrorists as enemy combatants in military tribunals and is against "giving terrorists Miranda warnings and other civilian criminal rights."

In addition, The Parthenon did not obtain interviews with Dale Stephens, Democrat for District 16 and John Raese, Republican for U.S. Senate. Stephens was not willing to participate in an interview, and a spokesperson for Raese said Raese was not available for an interview in person or by phone.



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Katie Fowler and Josh Sime, Miss and Mr. Marshall, pose with Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp and last year's Mr. and Miss Marshall after being crowned at the homecoming game against UTEP on Saturday.

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King and queen crowned at homecoming game



Patrick Murphy (left), student body president, presents Josh Sime, criminal justice major from Rochester N.Y., with the title of Mr. Marshall 2010 at the Marshall University homecoming game Saturday. Sime was sponsored by Alpha Sigma Phi and escorted onto the field by his parents and brother.



Marshall University president, Stephen J. Kopp, crowns Katie Fowler, public relations major from Logan, W.Va., Ms. Marshall 2010 at the homecoming game on Saturday. Fowler was sponsored by the Office of Recruitment and was escorted onto the field by her parents.

BY KELSEY DUTTINE
THE PARTHENON

Seven students voted to the 2010 homecoming court stood on the field during halftime of the Marshall vs. UTEP game, but only two walked off with the title Mr. and Miss Marshall.

Katie Fowler, sponsored by the Office of Recruitment, won Ms. Marshall, and Josh Sime, sponsored by Alpha Sigma Phi, won Mr. Marshall.

"I'm just feeling so overwhelmed right now," said Fowler, senior public relations major from Logan, W.Va. "It just means a lot that I was voted Miss Marshall by so many people on Marshall's campus."

Fowler said she was escorted on the field by her parents and wasn't nervous until her name was declared as the winner of Ms. Marshall 2010.

"I wasn't nervous until they announced my name," Fowler said. "I had butterflies and my legs started shaking and I thought, 'shouldn't this be in reverse?'"

Josh Sime, senior criminal justice major from Rochester N.Y., said he was humbled and honored to have won Mr. Marshall.

Sime said he was escorted onto the field by his parents and brother and felt a rush of excitement after his name was announced as Mr. Marshall 2010.

"I wanted to be able to represent Marshall," Sime said. "I feel like Marshall has given me so much over the years and thought I could use this opportunity to give back to the school."

Miranda Rosiek, Ms. Marshall 2009 and graduate student from Oak Hill, W.Va., said the new Miss Marshall could expect to attend various activities throughout the year.

"They can expect to feel so honored and just be really excited about a year of activities that will make them love Marshall even more," Rosiek said.

She said it was important for all students to care about who won Mr. and Ms. Marshall because they would go out and be a public symbol for Marshall.

"They should care who wins because it's everybody's school, so you just want someone good to represent you," Rosiek said.

Raymond Cousins, Mr. Marshall 2009 and senior international business major from Gallipolis, Ohio, said Mr. and Ms. Marshall were responsible for helping students get more involved.

"If they see students not giving Marshall enough credit, they have to be the ones to step up and tell them the great aspects of Marshall," Cousins said.

Sime and Fowler celebrated their new titles by watching the game with their families.

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Mr. and Miss Marshall after being crowned Saturday.

Alumni Run began homecoming festivities

BY ASHTON BIAS
THE PARTHENON

The 15th annual Marshall Alumni 5K Run began the homecoming celebrations Saturday outside of the Cam Henderson Center.

Matt Weber, race director, said the race was a success and 221 people participated in the run.

"We had a great turnout," Weber said. "There were alumni that came all the way from Alabama and Florida."

The race started and finished on Third Avenue.

Robert Bayless, participant from Hurricane, W.Va., said he ran the race for his daughter, who attends Marshall. He said the race helped get him moving for homecoming festivities.

"It gets people in the city early," he said. "It's a wonderful way to start the morning."

Participants could choose to walk or run the 5K through the streets of Huntington.

Karen Leatherman, junior physical education and health major from Wordensville, W.Va., dressed up as Spider Woman for the race.

"I love running and I love dressing up," she said. "The race was the day before Halloween, so I got to do two things I enjoy."

Leatherman dressed up as Super Woman for another race she participated in. She said wearing a costume helps add fun to the race.



Mitch Charles, Marshall alumnus from Huntington, and his daughter, Emilie, ran the 5K side-by-side to spend quality time together.

Kat Williams, a history professor at Marshall University, placed third in her age group. She said she loves running.

Williams said she thinks having the alumni run the morning of homecoming is a great idea.

"People can come and run the race and still have time to go home, warm up and be back in time to tailgate and cheer on the Herd," she said.

One dynamic duo ran the whole race side-by-side. Mitch Charles, a Marshall alumnus from Huntington, and his daughter Emilie Charles, a fourth grader at Huntington St. Joe, ran the race together.

"Somehow she always ends up beating me," Mitch Charles said.

He said the race was a great opportunity

to spend quality time with his daughter and support Marshall at the same time.

Emilie Charles placed first in her age division. She said she always beats her dad across the finish line.

"I always seem to finish a few steps before him," she said.

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