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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 wonder how, and why.' - Mike Gant

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Restoration begun in wake of tragedy

It's hard to put a puzzle back together after it's fallen apart. But, it's nearly impossible to reassemble one that has heartbreakingly lost most of its pieces. However, that is exactly what Ed Starling, acting athletic director, has to do.

Starling has to replace 46 men who were vital pieces in the puzzle that was Marshall University's athletic department. However, he has three assistant coaches, 14 varsity players and 30 freshmen football players, who will serve as a foundation to build upon.

The initial steps toward restoration have already been taken by Dr. Donald N. Dedmon, acting president.

Dedmon has appointed Ed Starling, assistant athletic director, acting athletic director; Red Dawson, assistant coach and defensive coordinator, acting head football coach; and Joe Wortham, football team statistician, to help in the sports information office.

However, these appointments are not apparently permanent, for Monday Dedmon said he didn't know when the school would be able to begin to replace officials and members of the coaching staff.

One of the most poignant statements of those issued

came from visibly shaken Starling. "We have to get the ship floating again. A few boards have been knocked off, but she'll float again."

He also pointed out that basketball season is approaching and that his attention must be diverted into that area. But, he continued, "We'll definitely have a football team next season. This isn't the first time we've hit rock bottom. We've bounced back before and we'll bounce back again."

Starling's words were echoed by Dedmon. He said that Marshall may be "wiped out" now, but it would not stay that way for long.

Although the surviving varsity football players and the freshmen team voted unanimously to play the game, Dedmon vetoed the idea and said that due to existing circumstances the game would not be played.

Even though the game has been canceled, Starling told an OU official Monday not to write MU off as a football team. "We're not quitting, we're going to try to put the pieces back together and get ready for next year," said Starling in an emotionally racked voice.

When it's time to put the pieces together, Marshall

may want to seek permission from the National Collegiate Athletic Association to play freshmen players recruited this winter without penalty when the recruits would become seniors.

The disaster that occurred at Tri-State Airport Saturday night has prompted the use of many terms and phrases to describe the MU football department. Comments have ranged from the single word "star-crossed" to the view that "football isn't meant to be played at Marshall."

But, no matter how the situation is described, the same conclusion always prevails. The 1970 football edition of the Thundering Herd will never step on the field again. But, Dan D'Antoni, freshmen basketball coach, may have unwittingly said it best. D'Antoni, when asked by a student if he could be of any help, gave the student a look filled with sorrow and bewilderment and said, "I don't know what to do, all the ones who knew what to do are gone."

CHUCK LANDON
Staff reporter

Note from the editor

The first six pages of this edition of The Parthenon are intended to replicate the Nov. 18, 1970, edition of The Parthenon - the first edition published after the plane crash. As the years go by and current students are born further away from the time of the tragedy, we hope to bring

students a feeling of what it was like to be a Marshall student during this time. The stories and photos in these first six pages were all published in 1970 and showcase the thoughts and feelings of the campus community after the tragedy.

"There is no one untouched," said Mike Gant.

And looking around at the 7,000 people attending the community memorial service at the field house, he was right.

A silence hung as deep as the feelings of the whole university city. It was unlike any other event that took place in the huge auditorium--the basketball games, the concerts; the dances. But the boosters were 'still there. Only this time their heads were bowed, their cheeks tearstained, and their thoughts turned to prayer.

"We cry and cry, and wonder how, and 'why,' said Gant: "Something is missing. .. and we feel it so very deeply. We shared that which is the most precious thing we have to share ourselves."

Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. eulogized

No one is untouched

the football team as "beautiful young people." He said the members of the squad had dedicated themselves to Marshall, to us, and to the state of West Virginia."

Acting President Donald N. Dedmon reminded mourners that "life doesn't vanish without leaving a mark."

And those who died did leave a mark with us--a mark of excellence. On our hearts, in our minds, and around our campus.

The Rev. Charles H. Smith grasped the emotions of the audience in the scripture "for every time there is a season."

Throughout the service, the grim silence was disturbed only by uncontrollable sobs as well as soft, silent crying. Families, friends, students and community members joined together in the services.

But everyone took note of the one

certain delegation that entered seconds before the memorial began.

Representatives of East Carolina University entered with a sad reminder of the previous day--the game football. Their president, Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, watched solemnly from the platform.

Ohio University President Claude R. Sowle and provost Robert Savage headed a party of officials from that school. Secretary of state John D. Rockefeller IV' was present to share in the mourning.

The service ended with a prayerful song and then another gaping silence.

"O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home."

Amen.

TOMMIE DENNY
News editor



Memorial held

Approximately 600 people attended memorial services Tuesday at 2 p.m. for Rick Tolley at the Campus Christian Center.

Although only the immediate family, close friends and athletic department personnel were allowed in the chapel, nearly 300 persons attended. Many of them stood.

A reported 200 persons were in the lobby of the Christian Center listening to the service and about 100 were standing outside listening to the service through an outdoor speaker.

The service was conducted by Rev. Hardin W. King, Presbyterian campus pastor, and Father Robert T. Scott, Catholic pastor.

Father Scott's address consisted of the topic "thank God for sports." "God plays a major part in nearly all athletes'

lives," he said.

In a testimonial to Rickey Dale Tolley, Father Scott said, "Rick Tolley ate, slept and drank football every day and night of his life. It's somewhat fitting that he should die with his boys."

Tolley was born at Mullens and graduated from Mullens High School. He received his B.S. degree at Virginia Polytechnical Institute, Blacksburg, Va., and his Master's degree at the University of Virginia, where he was an assistant baseball coach.

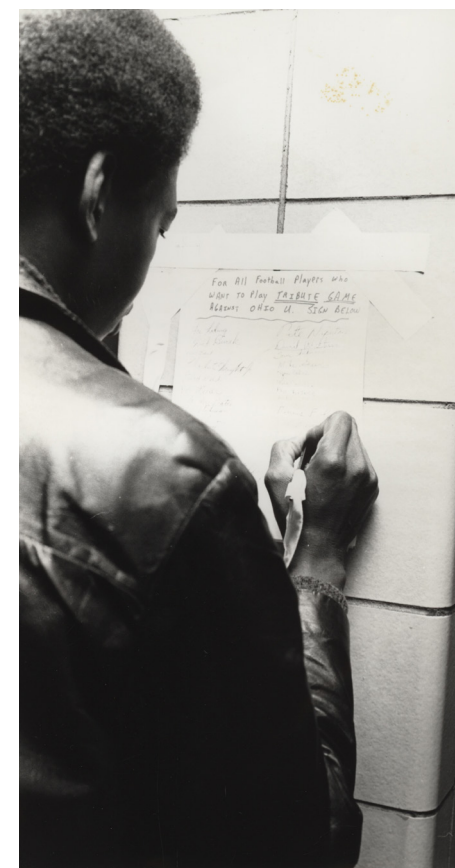
After graduation, he coached at John Battle High School, Bristol, Va.; was assistant football and head baseball coach at Ferrum Junior College, Ferrum, Va.; assistant football coach at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., and came to Marshall from Wake Forest.

To the President of Marshall University Dr. Donald N. Dedmon, Mrs. Nixon and I want to express our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the victims in the tragic air crash.

There is but little comfort in words at a time like this. But our thoughts are with those who grieve the loss of their loved ones. We pray that God may arm them with the strength and courage to bear the anguish of a misfortune that touches the hearts of all their fellow citizens.

RICHARD NIXON

The remaining Marshall football players voted unanimously to play the game against Ohio University the week following the plane crash as seen in this photo, the university president vetoed the vote.



Sympathetic nation sends messages

Over 131 telegrams offering sympathy and condolences have poured into Old Main since Saturday night's disaster.

Telegrams have been received from all over the nation, ranging from California to New York.

The bulk of the messages have been sent by Marshall University alumni, athletic departments and education officials. Many have been received from public officials also.

John D. Rockefeller IV had this to say "All West Virginians are stunned and shocked and share your grief this morning. It is my hope that the spirit

that typified this group of outstanding young men will sustain relatives and loved ones and the entire university community at this tragic time."

W. Shale Kerby, who works for the city of Wichita, sympathized with Huntington "My deepest regrets over the tragedy which has befallen your community. Because I am with the city of Wichita I have some understanding of the impact this will have on Huntington. My thoughts are with you and your city."

North Carolina Governor Bob Scott said "The people of North Carolina mourn the tragic loss

office. The families of those who died are in our prayers."

Maybe the most touching telegram came from the East Carolina university physical education Department "The hearts and prayers of the staff members and students in the East Carolina University physical education department were with the administration, faculty, staff, students and parents at Marshall University as we share the grief and loss of your fine people. At such a time, it is difficult to accept such a tragedy; yet, we must look beyond today to ask for what purpose. Please accept our

humble prayers and sympathy and reassured that the lives of players, coaches, staff and Huntington citizens shall live forever in our memories. We pray that this bond of grief shared by our Universities shall become a bond of friendship and achievement as we work to overcome the problems of mankind.

God bless you; your people at Marshall, parents and friends of the University and the citizens of Huntington in this tragic loss."



NEARLY EMPTY SPECIAL SENATE MEETING
SENATORS MEET TO DISCUSS COMING TOGETHER

'Need to be Together'

The Marshall Student Senate met for a special meeting Monday at 2 p.m. to obtain student opinions on several subjects concerning the tragedy of Nov. 14.

Madeline Stover, Beckley senior and vice president of the student body, said that the meeting was called because they felt "they needed to be together, working together as brothers and sisters. We are all deeply hurt."

Mike Gant, Huntington junior and student body president, made the following statement at the special senate meeting Monday.

"The tragedy which occurred Saturday evening is an event which will not be easily erased from our memories. All of our most sincere efforts cannot convey the remorse and sense of loss which all students of Marshall must feel at this time.

"We extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of the 75 players, staff, Huntington citizens, as well as the crew of Southern Airways, whom we have lost. Student Government also wishes to extend to the

families of the deceased any assistance which we can provide during their time of need."

The floor was then given over to the discussion of whether to keep the school closed until after Thanksgiving break. Mary Martin, St. Albans senior, said "life has to go on. There should be normal procedure of classes but unlimited cuts."

Chuck Pettit, Huntington junior said that he felt it was "too soon." Maybe we could have them by Monday of next week. It's going to be hard going to classes knowing that some of the seats are going to be empty."

John Womack, Nitro sophomore, gave the opinion that "no one is emotionally able. Some of those going home have already said they won't be back until after Thanksgiving."

Dr. Constantine Curris, dean of student personnel programs said, in reply to a question, there are no rules or regulation dictating the number of days the university has to be in session. The decision is Dr. Donald Dedmon's, acting president, and all recommendations should go to him.

No formal recommendation was made on that point and Gant said he only wanted to get the consensus of the students so he could report it to the faculty and administration.

On the subject of whether to play the Ohio University game scheduled for Saturday, Senate decide the decision should be left to the administration.

The only formal recommendation made was by John Womack. His resolution read:

"Be it resolved: The Marshall University Student Senate does herewith make the following formal request of the West Virginia Sports Writers Association: That the players, coaches, athletic staff and sports reporting personnel who died in the tragic plane crash at Tri-State Airport on Nov. 14 be inducted into the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame posthumously."

The resolution was unanimously adopted. Discussion of any kind of memorial was postponed until the next session which was not named.

My thoughts-- What I saw

It was a cold dreary day when I visited the crash site where our football team and many other cherished people died.

On the way to the site thoughts ran through my mind of what I would see and especially thoughts of the people I knew and the memories I had of them.

There were feelings of grief and fear as we drove on Rt. 75 toward the crash area. When we arrived there were about 45 cars lining the road and people out of their cars just staring and asking many questions. People pointed out the site where the plane struck the tree tops and many just stared at the clump of trees that partially hid the wreckage.

There was still a feeling of disbelief that something like this could happen to Marshall. I know when the Wichita team plane crashed there was a feeling of sympathy but the grief for our team which all the students are experiencing cannot be explained, only felt.

When we arrived at the area about 100 feet from the crash the state police were there to check the press and authorized people who came to the wreckage.

As we walked up the road there were burned areas where the wreckage had been hurled but this was nothing like the crash site where the mass of rubble was unbelievable.

The first glimpse of the main area was through the broken trees, where the plane had come down. There were approximately 10 men in blue uniforms there who were later identified as National Transportation Safety Board officials.

About 60 feet from the area there was a trailer, and across from it a house. The thought of being that close to the wreck the night of the crash was horrifying.

While walking through the mass of metal, various personal objects could be seen that were partially burned such as cigarette lighters and tubes of lipstick.

It was so hard for me to imagine how everything happened and my shock and sorrow was so much greater as I was standing there.

Many parts of the plane, such as wires and technical equipment were under the mud where I guess they were forced when the plane crashed.

The airline team from Atlanta, Ga., was working with the remains of the plane trying to determine the cause. When asked if the cause of the crash had been determined, a flight captain of the company said, "We have found various clues but we have not put them altogether yet."

I had originally gone to the site to report the facts of the crash, but after I arrived I realized all the known facts had been reported and the only thing left to report were my thoughts and the grief and sorrow I felt.

GARY RAMSEY
Staff reporter

Why the University must go forward

"We can best honor those who died by returning to school for this is the way they would want it." Dr. Donald N. Dedmon, acting president, said in his decision to reopen classes Wednesday.

"I think the students would recognize that the greatest honor they could do their colleagues is to make every effort to attend classes. We are all in grief, but we have no alternative—we must go on."

"The University must go forward. We feel the families would want it that way."

Thus Dr. Dedmon has directed the University to carry on, to keep the University open, to honor those who died in the air tragedy Saturday.

Dr. Dedmon felt his feelings could best be summed up in his statements before the memorial service at the Memorial Field House Sunday.

Here is the text of his statement.

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates: and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates: even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

My heart is full of grief as I weep with you. It is not easy to speak of the unspeakable sadness which consumes us all. Our sense of loss is overwhelming. Marshall is experiencing her saddest hour.

We cannot soon forget that horrible picture framed by the broken pines of a West Virginia hillside, but another picture comes to my mind which I know I shall never forget either—a happy picture. It was the picture of your loved ones and mine—a picture which revealed the best that there is in man. There in a Fairfield Stadium dressing room a little over a week ago sat Marshall's players and paced Marshall's coaching staff.

The invitation to speak to our boys greatly honored me and what I saw moved me deeply. Our coaches walked among the benches and had a quiet, private word with each. I never could have believed had I not been there how badly our boys wanted to win that day two openly wept, others were ill from the tension. There were white students and black students but they all wore the big green. The game marked a signal point in their life. Small in number but incredibly determined in spirit, they meant to win that final home game. And win they did—magnificently! It is that picture I want to begin to recall this evening. Marshall is better for having had them all!

Perhaps you, like I, would be comforted by the answer of Wernher Von Braun, Inventor and Space Expert, to the question: "WHY I BELIEVE IN IMMORTALITY".

TODAY, more than ever before, our survival—yours and mine and our children's—depends on our adherence to ethical principles. Ethics alone

will decide whether atomic energy will be an earthly blessing or the source of mankind's utter destruction.

Where does the desire for ethical action come from? What makes us want to be ethical? I believe there are two forces which move us. One is belief in a Last Judgment, when every one of us has to account for what we did with God's great gift of life on the earth. The other is belief in an immortal soul, a soul which will cherish the award or suffer the penalty decreed in a final Judgment.

Belief in God and in immortality thus gives us the moral strength and the ethical guidance we need for virtually every action in our daily lives.

In our modern world many people seem to feel that science has somehow made such "religious ideas" untimely or old-fashioned.

But I think science has a real surprise for the skeptics. Science, for instance, tells us that nothing in nature, not even the tiniest particle, can disappear without a trace.

Think about that for a moment. Once you do, your thoughts about life will never be the same.

Science has found that nothing can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation!

Now, if God applies this fundamental principle to the most minute and, insignificant parts of His universe, doesn't it make sense to assume that He applies it also to the masterpiece of His creation—the, human soul? I think it does. And everything science has taught me—and continues to teach me strengthens my belief in the continuity of our spiritual existence after death. Nothing disappears without a trace.

Our heart goes out to you and you have all our prayers.



portrait of a campus that died...



We missed Jeff today...

Jeffrey Nathan or Nathan Jeffrey? I remember the first day in the beginning reporting class. Was that student's first name Jeffrey 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 Jeffrey 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. It was 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 perhaps another "Fearless Fosdick" prediction on college football

game outcomes. "We should call this the 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.

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--1 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 generated 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.

RALPH TURNER
Instructor in journalism

All's too quiet - Jeff isn't here

The newsroom is busy today, just like every day. The task is a little different. We're putting out a paper, but it's not a regular paper. We have the sad task of putting out the memorial edition of The Parthenon. The first of its kind, and hopefully, the last. It was sports and we needed our sports expert, Jeff Nathan. But Jeff wasn't here and we were floundering without him.

Not one knew the players and their numbers, no one knew what was in the sports files, no one knew anything--except Jeff and Jeff wasn't here. Jeff was a lively person, the most lively I've ever known. He was always on the go--somewhere. He rushed everywhere he went and it was a job to keep up with him. But he managed to get it done. When he was a reporter, he turned in three times as many stories as anyone else.

He even got the title "reporter of the semester." We used to kid him unmercifully about that one. I came into the office Friday morning like I always did. And there was Jeff, on the phone, just like he always was. This time it was to the sports information director of East Carolina. Jeff didn't have his tickets yet and he was worried because he thought he wouldn't get to go to the game, something he wanted very much to do. Friday afternoon I went out of town.

As I was waiting for the cab to pick me up, Jeff walked by. He was in a hurry, as usual. This time he was coming back to the office to see if his tickets had gotten here. He was very excited about the upcoming plane trip. He was exalting over the fact that he had gotten his expenses for the next two out of town trips and now he was going to spend it.

Then the cab came and he went his way and I went mine. And now Jeff isn't here anymore His absence is greatly felt by all of us.

MARTI VOGEL
Managing editor

Jeff played the game well

Jeff Nathan is dead! Thursday, I saw him at The Parthenon offices, live and vibrant. Why is he dead? Why did the crash happen?

The questions come easy, the answers do not. Thoughts are muddled at a time like this. You pray for the immortal soul and for a fair judgment on that day of last judgment. But you still do not understand why his mortal life was snuffed out so quickly and so terribly.

One line keeps running through my head. It was written by Grantland Rice, the greatest sports writer of all-time, "When the One Great Scorekeeper comes to mark against your name, win or lose it matters not, it's how you played the game." Jeff Nathan played the game well. Jeff worked hard, always trying to win, but knowing how to lose. And he felt deeply.

He loved Marshall and West Virginia. Through his spirit and drive it seems he wished to make his adopted home state a better place. He did. Students and teachers do not usually get to know each other outside the classroom situation. For me, this was not the case with Jeff Nathan.

Only a few weeks ago I went over to Gullickson Hall and played a pick-up basketball game with him. We had several times eaten lunch together and discussed future story possibilities. There seemed little of the stilted relationship which is so common between student and teacher. I will never forget Jeff--he was a friend.

CARL DENBOW
Instructor in journalism

Vince Carelli Honors His Father During 52nd Memorial Fountain Ceremony



A crowd gathered outside the Memorial Student Center for the 52nd Annual Fountain Ceremony. Photos by Shauntelle Thompson



University President Brad D. Smith speaks during the ceremony.

By **TAYLOR ISAAC**
STUDENT REPORTER

As Vince Carelli—who was a day shy of his third birthday—crawled into bed, he looked toward the tearful face of his mother and asked why his father had not come home yet. She pointed to the framed picture of Jesus Christ above the toddler’s bed and explained how his dad had gone to be with him now.

“But I don’t want Daddy to go away,” Vince Carelli said. “I love him.”

The night before—on Nov. 14, 1970—Southern Airways Flight 932 crashed into a hillside as it approached the Tri-State Airport in Wayne County, West Virginia. Vince’s father, Al Carelli Jr., alongside 74 other Thundering

Herd coaches, teammates, staff, supporters and flight crew members, perished in the accident.

Fifty-two years later, Vince Carelli stood proudly alongside the Marshall and Huntington communities at the annual Memorial Fountain Ceremony to reflect on the night that changed his and so many others’ lives forever.

“My perspective of Marshall and all that we honor today is a little different,” Vince Carelli said. “I have no memories. I don’t remember my dad. My perspective is through the eyes of people my dad impacted.”

Before the crash, Al Carelli Jr. accepted a position as the offensive line coach for Marshall’s Thundering Herd football team. He moved his family from New

Jersey to West Virginia with plans to start a new life. Three months later, Al Carelli died in the worst sports tragedy in American history.

Documenting every step for her boys was Vince Carelli’s mother, Marti Carelli-Gilbert. Four days after the crash, she began writing letters to her sons to preserve the memory of their father. These letters would later be published in her book titled “Halftime.”

“The sole purpose of my mother writing that book was so that my brother—who was three months old at the time—and I would know our father and who he was,” Vince Carelli said.

In the years after the passing of his father, Vince Carelli continued to carry on his father’s legacy. Every time he returned to Huntington, he was reminded that

he carried his father’s spirit and love of football with him.

“There is no doubt in my mind why football is so ingrained into who I am today,” Vince Carelli said. “My dad loved coaching football so much. He always wanted to coach college football—that was his dream.”

Following in his father’s footsteps, Vince Carelli played as quarterback for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he majored in business. He has enjoyed an over-30-year career in insurance.

Carelli now resides in Chattanooga with his wife, Tamra. Their daughter, Lauren, attends Belmont University in Nashville and is a member of the women’s tennis team.

The story of the 75 who lost

their lives on that rainy night are intrinsically tied to the story of Marshall University today, according to Marshall University President Brad D. Smith. He also shared how the plane crash personally affected his upbringing.

“I was six years old on that tragic night when the sirens wailed and the mountain near my home burned,” Smith said. “I was a junior attending Marshall University when the Thundering Herd football team achieved their first winning season following the tragedy. And I stand humbly before you today, a proud son of Marshall, and the first alumnus in 185 years to return home to serve her as the president of this amazing institution.”

Birke Art Gallery Relocates to Visual Arts Center

BY LUCY BELL
STUDENT REPORTER

The Birke Art Gallery has found a new home at the Visual Arts Center displaying art for all who visit downtown Huntington after hosting guests at its campus location for almost 50 years.

This past May, members of the School of Art and Design proposed bringing all three of Marshall University's art galleries under one roof. After seven months of planning and remodeling, the Birke Art Gallery will reopen to the public in its new space on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

When the galleries were separated, it could sometimes take up to two weeks to cycle in more artwork after the previous show closed, leaving one or both galleries empty.

According to Gallery Director Jamie Platt, the Birke's relocation allows for a constant display of art.

"I am most excited that people will be able to come in and be inundated with art to look at and that there will always be art to look at," Platt said. "It is heartbreaking when we have to tell guests that there is nothing on view. It's almost like saying, 'Get out,' and we don't want anyone to feel unwelcome here."

Combining the galleries creates many possibilities for future artists and show concepts, Platt said.

"One of the things that I hope we are able to do is create a giant show with multiple parts that utilize all of the galleries at once," Platt said. "We can create simultaneous events where there are opening celebrations for all of the shows or two of the shows at the same time."

On its opening night, the new Birke Art Gallery will host its inaugural show, the Foundations Review Exhibition. These exhibitions feature a collection of works from the School of Art and Design students and serve as many students' first look into exhibiting their work in professional settings.

"The Foundations Review Exhibition is always a big deal because, for many students, it's the first time they have their work displayed in a gallery setting," Platt said. "These shows are monumental for students because the work looks so different when it is in the hallway of the school than when it's in a gallery space. It is a big step for these artists because this is going to be part of what they do in their professional careers."

Cabell County Republicans Win Big in Midterm Elections

BY MATTHEW SCHAFFER
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Republicans swept major races in Cabell County's midterm elections on Tuesday, Nov. 8, earning wins on the federal, state and county levels.

Among these wins, Republicans ousted long-incumbent Democrats Jim Morgan and Bob Bailey through nominees Liza Caldwell and John Mandt in the races for County Commission Districts 1 and 2, respectively.

In the race for the U.S. House, incumbent Republican Carol Miller defeated her Democratic opponent, Lucy Watson, for the first Congressional District seat while District 2 was won by fellow incumbent Republican Alex Mooney.

The District Delegate races saw Republican victories as well, as Daniel Linville won his uncontested race for District 22, Evan Worrell defeated Karen Nance for District 23, Patrick Lucas defeated Ally Layman in District 24 and Matthew Rohrbach won the 26th district over Sydnee McElroy.

Meanwhile, Democrats won through Sean Hornbuckle's uncontested win in District 25 and incumbent Ric Griffith's win over Republican candidate Jeff Maynard for the 27th Delegate District.

The election also determined two state senate races. Republican incumbent Eric J. Tarr ran unopposed to secure his seat representing District 4 in the West Virginia Senate, while incumbent Democrat Mike Woelfel defeated Republican Melissa Clark for representation of District 5 in the state senate. Coy W. Miller, meanwhile, won the race for the Cabell County Board of Education.

Cabell County saw incumbent Woelfel also win uncontested as circuit clerk, while Republican Scott Caserta defeated incumbent Democrat Phyllis Smith for Cabell County Clerk.

Additionally, all four amendments on the ballot in this election were voted against by voters. These measures included Amendment 1, which would have stripped the state court's power to intervene in state House of Delegates or Senate impeachments; Amendment 2, which would have allowed the state legislature to determine or repeal property tax rates; Amendment 3, which would have allowed for the incorporation of churches; and Amendment 4, which would have required legislative review for decisions made by the board of education.



The Birke Art Gallery is being moved to a new location in the Visual Arts Center downtown.

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Marshall Basketball Legend Searches for Hope During Harsh Prison Sentence

BY JOHNATHAN EDWARDS
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One of the premier stars of Marshall University basketball in the 1980s has spent the last three decades in and out of the Georgia prison and jail systems, leading some of the player's former connections in the Huntington area to launch a new movement to seek out his freedom.

James Woodrow "Skip" Henderson Jr. led Marshall basketball in points per game in each of his four seasons with the Herd in addition to leading the team in steals in his final three seasons.

In the early 1990s, Henderson started down a bad road and began to tailspin. Fueled by the use of alcohol and drugs, he took his first dive into criminal activity. Two separate arrests between 1991 and 1992 – with convictions of burglary, robbery and forgery – sidelined Henderson's professional aspirations.

These first two strikes on Henderson's record put the aspiring court general in sight of the law, but the crushing blow came on Sept. 24, 2001, when Henderson was arrested for a third time. In a drug-fueled tirade following what Henderson blamed on the recent death of his wife, Henderson hijacked a car at gunpoint and kidnapped the driver long enough to rob a nearby convenience store. After conviction, Henderson was put in jail, and he wouldn't be leaving this time.

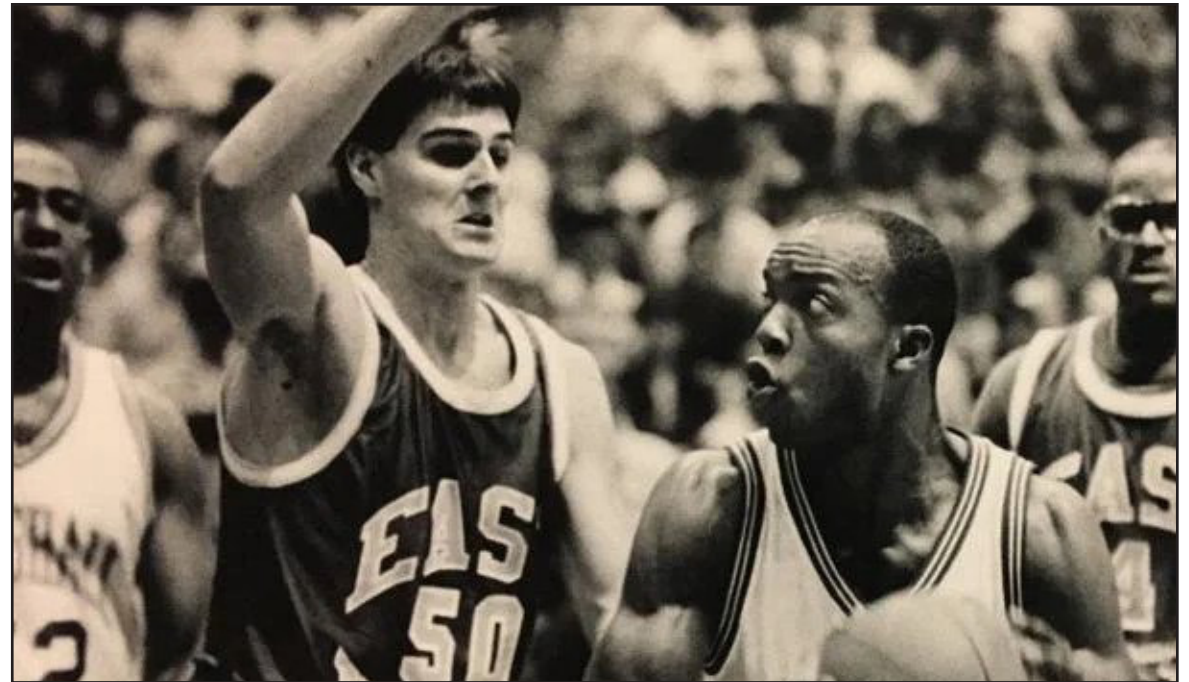
"The only person Skip ever harmed was himself," former teammate and mentor Robert Epps said. "People in other states have killed multiple people and gotten out in a shorter time than

Skip."

Henderson, who at that point was close to graduating from Marshall, dropped out two months before he walked the stage. His original hopes of being taken early in the NBA draft faded away as he went undrafted. Henderson signed onto a minor league team only to be kicked off due to drug problems. The promising star, despite his shining potential, is currently serving life without parole in Smith Prison in Georgia, a maximum-security facility. Due to Georgia laws at the time of Henderson's third apprehension, he received life without parole. According to state law, if an individual is arrested and found guilty of crimes three separate times, the person will receive a life sentence.

During Homecoming weekend, fliers advertised the saying "Free Skip Henderson," and a petition circulated around campus that students at Marshall and residents of the Huntington area could sign. Research led to the discovery that the campaign was being run by journalist Shelly Ridgeway from the greater Washington D.C. area in tandem with West Virginia lawyer Tim Dipero. Both have ties to Henderson and have been working to find a way for him, now 57 years old, to be released after serving 21 consecutive years for generally nonviolent crimes.

Being a beloved student-athlete in the 80s who is now in Georgia's Smith Prison, which is known as one of the most dangerous prisons in the country, Henderson has tried to use his limited resources to get the word out. He has used a petition, fliers and budding media interest to make sure his college



Skip Henderson playing basketball with the Marshall team during his academic career. Photo courtesy of the Herald-Dispatch

community knows of his intentions. In a passionate letter to the Marshall and Huntington community with the full text attached as a side bar, Henderson says, "From day one, the Herd community made me feel like family."

After nearly 30 combined years in jail and prison, Henderson feels as if he's learned his lesson.

"If I do get the chance to be free again, I just want the life I have left to be prosperous," Henderson said in his letter.

Dipero will be at the Memorial Student Center Wednesday morning, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with another chance for students to sign the petition in an effort to help out Skip Henderson.

When basketball was taken from me because of bad choices I made, something that I love and have played since I was about 5 years old—and then came the deaths of my dad, mom, and my wife—it was too much for me and I didn't know how to deal with it all. I'm not making any excuses. I let drugs take over my life to try and take away all the shame and pain I felt. In reality, it only made things worse. If I had it all to do over again, knowing what I know now, I would talk to someone and get some counseling.

These 30+ years in jail and prison have given me the time to find myself and educate myself on my addiction and how to overcome it.

If I do get the chance to be free again, I just want the life I have left to be prosperous. I want to try and reach out to whoever will listen—especially our youth—and share my testimony and my experiences, in hopes that I can make a difference in somebody else's life.

Go Herd... forever!

Skip Henderson

An excerpt from a letter written by Skip Henderson to the people of Huntington, West Virginia.

Marshall Health Provides Veterans with Free Dental Care

By TAYLOR ISAAC
STUDENT REPORTER

Honoring West Virginia troops and their families, Marshall Health provided dental services that practically everyone can smile about.

This Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Marshall's Dentistry & Oral Surgery Department held "Stars, Stripes and Smiles," an event that provided free dental care to over 50 West Virginian military members.

Comprehensive dental treatments are something that many military families are unable to afford and therefore go without, according to

Marshall Health oral surgeon Dr. Raj K. Khanna, "Our veterans and military personnel have given so much to our country," Khanna said. "This event is a great way to give back to them a healthy smile they can be proud of."

With the help of local agencies, Marshall Health was able to identify members of the military, both active duty and retired, who required dental care for themselves and their immediate families.

The event ran from open to close in the Marshall Dentistry & Oral Surgery suite at Cabell Huntington

Hospital.

\$80,000 was awarded to Marshall Health by the Highmark West Virginia Charitable Fund for Health to provide individualized care for these veterans. Services ranged from exams, x-rays, extractions, fillings, dentures and more.

Improving the well-being of individuals who reside in all 55 counties in the mountain state is Highmark West Virginia's mission. The organization prides itself on collaborative and replicable efforts that support programs across multiple counties.



Marshall Health worked to put on the Stars, Stripes and Smiles event.

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Marshall Wins the '75' Game Against Appalachian State

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall gets its first FBS home victory of the season after defeating Appalachian State 28-21 in the annual '75' game Saturday, Nov. 12.

Herd football head coach Charles Huff said that prior to the game, he told his team to make the '75' proud.

"I took the pressure off the guys; I said whatever we do, just make sure when we walk off that field that the 75 are proud of how we played," he said.

"I think our herd brothers and sisters in heaven are proud of what we did tonight."

Marshall struck first with an 80-yard opening drive that took 15 plays and six minutes, capped off by a one-yard Khalan Laborn touchdown run.

Huff said the opening drive set the tone for the rest of the game.

"We talked about starting fast, and we talked about playing one play at a time," he said. "I thought for the first time, we came out and started fast; it created a lot of momentum early."

After six combined punts and two interceptions from both teams, and one turnover on downs by Appalachian State, Marshall got back on the board after Cam Fancher found Jayden Harrison for a five-yard touchdown pass, putting up the Herd 14-0, with 7:12 remaining in the second quarter.

Then the Mountaineers responded with a 10-play, 32-yard drive that was capped off by a one-yard touchdown

run from Daetrich Harrington, cutting into the Herd lead, making it 14-7 with a minute remaining before halftime.

After halftime, Marshall's defense forced the Mountaineers to a three-and-out, causing the Mountaineers to punt, and that's when the Herd's special team made a big play when Shadeed Ahmed blocked a punt, which was recovered for a touchdown, putting up Marshall 21-7.

Huff said his team had been working hard on blocking punts.

"Special teams showed up today," he said. "It was good today to get one; I was excited because when you work at something really hard and really long, it's good for the players to have some

success."

Then on the pursuing kickoff, Appalachian State's Milan Tucker ran it back for a 96-yard touchdown, making it 21-14 with 10:47 remaining in the third quarter.

Marshall would respond with an eight-play, 82-yard drive, which resulted in Fancher finding Corey Gammage for a 19-yard touchdown pass, putting up Marshall 28-14 with 7:57 remaining in the third quarter.

Later in the fourth quarter, Appalachian State would cut the deficit to 28-21 when Chase Brice found Henry Pearson for a 14-yard touchdown pass, but it would not be enough as it would be the last score of

the game.

Huff said the Herd community showed up big during the game.

"Overall, a phenomenal effort by every single person that wore green tonight," he said. "I hope all the things we've invested into this weekend are really making the people proud of what we were able to do tonight."

Marshall is now 9-1 in the annual '75' game, which started in 2013.

Marshall improves to 6-4 and is on the cusp of being bowl eligible as they hit the road against Georgia Southern Saturday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m.



Cam Fancher in shotgun formation.

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson

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Marshall honored its fallen students during the 52nd Annual Fountain Ceremony outside of the Memorial Student Center.

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