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By GEOFFREY FOSTER

THE PARTHENON

Huntington has many local restaurants that offer a unique and diverse experience for diners—but there are restaurants that serve distinctive recipes, authentic foreign food, fresh seafood— but the oldest among them is Stewart’s Original Hot Dogs. Stewart’s is a business that has been operated by the same family for four generations.

John Mandt Jr. said he would not have the privilege of owning the drive-in if not for his great-grandparents, John Louis (J.L.) and Gertrude Mandt, who opened the little orange drive-in in 1932 at the behest of entrepreneur Frank Stewart.

“Frank Stewart, who was a school teacher, came up with a recipe for root beer,” Mandt said. “He lived in Mansfield, Ohio and so did my great-grandparents, who had a gas station with a little diner in it. They were best buds. After Frank Stewart created his root beer, he persuaded my great-grandfather, who had a gas station with a little diner in it. They were best buds. After Frank Stewart created his root beer, he persuaded my great-grandfather to open up a Stewart’s Root Beer stand. They built that building for $1,750, property, and all. They sold root beer and popcorn and the first day’s sales were only $10. The second year my great-grandfather, who had a gas station with a little diner in it, sold root beer and hot dog sauce and the rest is history—we’ve been here for 82 years, not much more than that.”

In 1951, at the age of 13, John Mandt Sr. began working part-time with his parents, eventually taking over the business in the late seventies. In the summer of 1976, John Mandt Jr. followed suit.

“I started working here at 13, as my father did,” Mandt said. “My father was president of the American Baptist Association and he had to travel a lot, as there was a time when he was gone over 200 days out of the year. I was a full-time student at Marshall then and I had a lot of responsibility running the business, too. Then I decided I didn’t want to do it and I grew into the role of owner.”

Part of that role was attempting to expand the business as much as possible, the first great stride of which stemmed from an idea he had in 1984.

Mandt said he was being driven up Third Avenue when he decided to step by the athletic department at Marshall University to visit with the athletic directors. After a brief exchange of pleasantries, Mandt proposed the idea of selling Stewart’s Hot Dogs at football and basketball games. The director thought it was a great suggestion, Stewart’s Original Hot Dogs had the official hot dog of Marshall ever since.

In 2005, Mandt created the West Virginia Hot Dog Festival, an idea prompted by his desire to give back to the community that had supported his business for so long. Partnered with Clear Channel Communications, the yearly festival donates all proceeds to the Hope’s Family Children’s Hospital at Cabell-Clinic Hospital.

The drive-in, located at 2445 Fifth Ave., offers a variety of weekly deals, a catering service and even sells Christmas trees on the side lot every December. Mandt said that Stewart’s also offers excellent job opportunities to Marshall students, noting that an employee can make a great deal of tip money serving customers on the lot.

Stewart’s now has locations in the tri-state area as preparing to enter its 82nd year in business. Mandt said he feels really fortunate that it has stood the test of time.

“We’re really blessed to be able to stay open, to stay along being a fourth-generation business,” Mandt said. “Less than 3 percent of family-owned businesses go to a fourth generation. We’ve really been blessed. Without our employees and customers, we wouldn’t have been here this long.”

Stewart’s Original Hot Dogs is located at 2445 Fifth Ave. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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### Bring on the Owls

**By WILL VANCE**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

It has been a long road for the Marshall Thundering Herd football team.

Not just this season, but for many seasons. Marshall football has struggled along in mediocrity since around 2005 with the specter of past glory weighing upon the team as well as the fans.

But with its 59-28 rout of the ECU Pirates last Friday, the Thundering Herd earned the right to break of a saying started by coach Bob Pruett.

"At Marshall, we play for championships."

On Saturday the Herd will compete in its first Conference USA Championship game since joining the league in 2005, and its first championship game since the 2002 MAC championship, when it takes on the division champions Rice.

"We’ve been waiting a long time for this moment," junior quarterback Rakeem Cato said. "We’ve progressed so much and worked hard all year, just going out and inscribing everything and right now the opportunity is finally here.

### Who or what do you credit for your success?

Q: Coach Holder, my coach who has been with me since my freshman year of high school.

Q: If you could sit down and have a conversation with anyone throughout history, who would it be?

A: Michael Jordan.

Q: If you could make one change in the world, what would it be?

A: I would make sure everyone had a place to live.

Q: What has been your biggest goal this season?

A: To get better everyday.

Q: What is your motto?

A: Never give up.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment this far?

A: Winning a national championship and getting awarded ‘MVP.’

Q: If you could sit down and have a conversation with anyone throughout history, who would it be?

A: Pocahontas, because I love her hair!

Q: If you could sit down and have a conversation with anyone throughout history, who would it be?

A: Coach [David] Bailiff has done a tremendous job.

### Now is the time to Panick

**By KARYN TIMKO**

**THE PARTHENON**

During her freshman year as a member of the Marshall University’s volleyball team, outside hitter Elyse Panick has been a stand-out player for more reasons than her 6-foot-2-inch stature. She has been consistent in impressive performances, including leading the team offensively with 14 kills and a .400 hitting percentage during the Herd’s face off against West Virginia University.

Panick and her team finished the regular season 15-15 overall and 8-6 in league play, a record that was good enough to secure them the No. 4 seed at the Conference USA Tournament.

But as far as being in a C-USA championship, that’s been my goal since I got here. Even as a redhead freshman watching those older guys like (former Herd defensive] Marley Harris and Adrian Hall.

"Now, for me to really experience something that I dreamed my whole life, it’s a blessing, but the championship is not going to start soon.

The Rice Owls, who have an identical 9-3-1 record, have won 15 of their last 18 games and have not lost a game at home since the Herd’s 0-63 overtime shootout Sept. 22, 2012.

"Rice is a football team we have great respect for," Marshall head coach Doc Hollliday said. "They’re an extremely physical football team that is very well coached. Coach [David] Bailiff has done a tremendous job.

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Q: If you could sit down and have a conversation with anyone throughout history, who would it be?

A: Michael Jordan.

Q: If you could be any Disney princess, who would it be?

A: Pocahontas, because I love her hair!

Q: Think about your life. What has been your greatest accomplishment this far?

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Q: If you could make one change in the world, what would it be?

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Q: What has been your biggest goal this season?

A: To get better everyday.
By ALYSSA SIMON  

In 2009, a year after graduating from Marshall, Goodwin formed a band with a group of his friends. Settle said he hopes in time the band will be able to travel and continue to grow as a brand and grow individually as musicians. The band has plans to perform for the month of December. They will perform at The Empty Glass in Charleston and they hope to make some connections to broader their fan base. Dec. 20 will also be the first time the band plays at Black Sheep Bar & Brewery and according to Settle that makes the experience playing there even more exciting for him and the band members. ‘I’m looking forward to getting to play with other local bands and the show on Dec. 20 will be the first with the newer band members that just joined the band this fall, so it’s something to look forward to,” Settle said. After the December show the band members will not be slowing down with plans to record a double disc album to be released in 2014. According to Settle record sales for the album will begin in the upcoming weeks. For more information one can be contacted at simon26@marshall.edu.
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When Goodwin was named the director of BCM in 2008, he was just 21 years old. He was the youngest BCM director in the institution’s history.

“Ultimately I hope everyone on this campus would know that I am a Christian with Christ with everything inside them all,” Goodwin said. “You then would know that the people that come around students in BCM at least believe what they believe that see. Where people outside of Christianity see BCM, they would see authentic, genuine people. Even though they may disagree with what BCM is, they can see that it shapes our lives.”

In the next five years, Goodwin said he hopes to see BCM grow and the students would take their faith out onto the campus, not only into the classroom or with their peers, but also reaching out to the faculty and staff at UC. Whether that is verbally, through actions for the betterment of others; Goodwin said that in the next five years, Goodwin desires for students following a portion of the “Great Commission” located in the Book of Mathew 28:16-20 in the Bible’s New Testament. Goodwin focused on the beginning of verse 19, where Jesus is quoted saying, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” Further explaining that verse Goodwin said that to the Greek and Hebrew translation the world “go” in that verse means, “as you are going.”

It is Goodwin’s hope to see Christian students constantly sharing their faith out of love for others. Whether that is verbally, face to face or on social media. Geiger was quoted saying, “It’s the program from a personal connection on them. “If you’re able to look right into a soldier’s name and the unit which he served,” Geiger said, “you know, you get these medals—personal connection on them. “If you’re able to look right into a soldier’s name and the unit which he served,” Geiger said, “you know, you get these medals—personal connection on them. “If you’re able to look right into a soldier’s name and the unit which he served,” Geiger said, “you know, you get these medals—personal connection on them. “If you’re able to look right into a soldier’s name and the unit which he served,” Geiger said, “you know, you get these medals—personal connection on them. “If you’re able to look right into a soldier’s name and the unit which he served,” Geiger said, “you know, you get these medals—personal connection on them. “If you’re able to look right into a soldier’s name and the unit which he served,” Geiger said, “you know, you get these medals—personal connection on them. “If you’re able to look right into a soldier’s name and the unit which he served,” Geiger said, “you know, you get these medals—personal connection on them. “If you’re able to look right into a soldier’s name and the unit which he served,” Geiger said, “you know, you get these medals—personal connection on them.