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When Jet Plane Crashes

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'They're All Dead'

Marshall Crash Is Disaster for a U.S.

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Most Area Activities Postponed or Cancelled

By BOB WITHERS City Hall, Cabell County offices and Marshall University classrooms were all closed today and will be Tuesday as the Tri-State Area mourns the loss of 75 MU football players, coaches, officials and prominent Marshall boosters.

Many meetings and social functions, including tonight's Artist Series program and this weekend's Gay Capers, were cancelled. Those holding tickets for the series concert featuring Paul Mauriat should retain them, according to Curtis Baxter, vice president-manager of Marshall Artists, Inc., as the event will be rescheduled.

This year's production of Gay Capers was rescheduled for Dec. 3-4. A spokesman from the Junior Department of the Huntington Woman's Club said tickets will be honored for the rescheduled shows on their respective nights. The spokesman said a portion of the shows' proceeds will be set up as some type of memorial fund in memory of the crash victims.

Also postponed until later dates were a Huntington East High School football banquet previously set for 6:30 p. m. Friday, and a Kappa Delta Phi sorority initiation ceremony set for 7:30 p. m. Friday in the North Parlor of MU's Old Main. New career classes sponsored by the Southwestern Community Action Council will be suspended Tuesday but will resume Thursday. The monthly luncheon meeting of the community affairs department of the Huntington Woman's Club, set for noon Wednesday, was cancelled.

Sunday, a meeting of the Huntington Audubon Society scheduled at Marshall was cancelled, and memorial services for the victims was held by the sisters of St. Mary's Hospital in the hospital chapel at 3 p. m. today.

Flags at all state offices were flown at half-mast today, and will be "for an appropriate period of time," according to spokesman at the Governor's mansion in Charleston. Flags will also fly at half-mast in Boyd County, Ky., and Lawrence County, Ohio. Flags at federal buildings throughout the state also were at half-mast. A wreath was placed on the door of City Hall.

A meeting of the Kyova Interstate Planning Commission set for Tuesday was cancelled until a later date, according to Chairman Director Ray Crabtree. Michael R. Preslar, commission and chief organizer of the commission, was killed in the crash.

Dr. J. Bernard Poindexter, president of the Huntington Board of Park Commissioners said park board offices, closed today, would remain closed Tuesday and flags on park property would be flown at half staff for "at least a week."

The testimonial dinner for retiring Huntington Fire Chief John W. Gallagher has been postponed to 5:30 p. m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Hotel Frederick on Wednesday.

A dinner meeting of Pioneer Chapter 284 of the Council for Exceptional Children set for 6 p. m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church, has been cancelled.

A board meeting of the Cabell-Wayne Unit of the American Cancer Society, previously set for noon Wednesday at the Hotel Frederick, was cancelled. Murrill Ralsten, Huntington Councilman who was a crash victim, was the unit's president.

Although Marshall classes were suspended, Cabell County schools remained open today.

"More real respect can be shown by schools holding memorial services as a body instead of having students scattered out in the city and county," William Herzig, county superintendent, said at a meeting of county supervisors this morning.

"If closing the schools would have contributed to the comfort of the bereaved, I would have asked the board to close them," he said, adding that he has no power to close the schools himself.

Mr. Herzig said all schools in the county will hold memorial services at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in honor of the victims.

The services at Milton High School, to be conducted in the school gym by students and the Milton Ministerial Association, will especially honor the memory of James Thomas Howard, Marshall offensive guard, who was a graduate of Milton High School.

Memorial services were conducted at Huntington High School today following a previously-scheduled assembly program by the Virginia Union Choir of the Virginia Union University at Richmond.

Students and faculty at Huntington East High School conducted a day of silence, with no talking in the corridors of the school.

Harvey Butcher, superintendent of Lawrence County, Ohio schools, said all schools in the county are flying their flags at half mast. Tuesday at 11 a. m., Mr. Butcher said, all schools will pause for three minutes of silence in memory of the victims.

The Huntington Kiwanis Club said its meeting Tuesday noon at the Hotel Frederick will be devoted to a memorial service instead of the program originally scheduled.

Also cancelled was a Tuesday meeting of the Cabell Elementary PTA and a meeting of United Fund Workers set for 8 a. m. Tuesday at the YMCA.

Lagan Mayor H. H. Cadden declared Tuesday as a day of mourning in the city and the Logan County Court made the same declaration countywide, with all governmental offices to be closed.

Johnna Saturday night and were returning to Pete's home when they heard the news. Pete's father Francis Napustano, said Pete called home and sobbed into the phone.

"Dad, my friends, my buddies. They're all gone... I should have been with them, Dad. I should have died, too."

Also left behind when the Marshall squad went to Greenville were linebacker Felix Jordan of Cincinnati, Ohio, who sprained his ankle three weeks ago, and defensive tackle Greg Film of Medford, Mass., who had a broken knee injury. Both said his equipment was on the plane, but the coach decided at the last minute not to take him.

Missed Plane Defensive back Rich Tagaling of Bethlehem, Pa., is alive because he was late and missed the plane Friday.

Equipment manager John Hagan said he drove an equipment truck to Greenville instead of flying with the team because "it was Friday the 13th and I'm superstitious. Something told me not to go on this trip."

The Rev. Robert Scott, Roman Catholic chaplain at Marshall, said, "The coach asked me to go sit on the bench with the team and give my blessing."

But Father Scott said his regular Saturday night mass prevented him from going to Saturday games on the road, although he always attended Marshall home games.

Frank James, a Barbourville graduate who transferred to Marshall this fall from Leesport Junior College, did not make the trip because of a hand injury. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. James of 609 Pea Ridge Rd. A line-backer and defensive end, Frank had made all other trips with the Marshall team.

Defensive end Pete Napustano of Altoona, Pa., and tackle David Wilbers of Tampa, Fla., both backed up by injured players, were spending some time with Pete's family.

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