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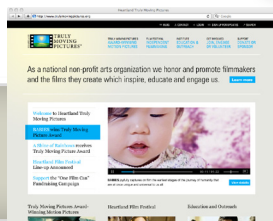


Synopsis

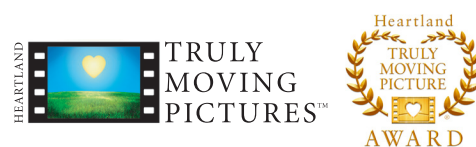
Huntington, West Virginia, is a small town steeped in the rich tradition of college football. For decades, players, coaches, fans and families have come together to cheer on Marshall University's "Thundering Herd." But on a fateful night in 1970 75 members of Marshall's football team and coaching staff were killed in a plane crash. As those left behind struggle to cope with the devastating loss of their loved ones, the grieving families find hope and strength in the leadership of Jack Lengyel, a young coach determined to rebuild Marshall's football program, and in the process, help to heal the community.

Discussion Questions

- Only a few people involved with the football program were not on the plane when it crashed. How do you think they felt being the only survivors of the program?
- Paul Griffith didn't want the football program to start up again, but Nate Ruffin did. Both of these people had loved who died in the plane crash. Why do you think there were such strong feelings of opposition about restarting the football program at Marshall?
- Why did Jack want to coach for Marshall? Why do you think that the school's President thought it was strange that he wanted the job despite the fact he was not an alumnus of the school?
- Coach Lengyel used techniques that may have seemed out of the ordinary. What were some of these techniques? Why was Coach Lengyel so good for Marshall during this time? Have you ever had a coach that had a profound impact on you or on a team that you played?
- When Marshall beat Xavier at their first home game, the coach gave the game ball to President Dedmon despite the fact Dedmon had just been fired from Marshall. Why do you think Coach Lengyel thought President Dedmon deserved the game ball?
- The Marshall University football team took years to get back on track. Do you feel there was a happy ending to this very sad story?



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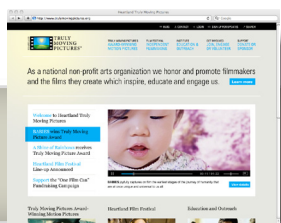
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Activities

- The soundtrack to this film captured the time during which this movie took place. In the early 1970s these were the songs that you might have heard on the radio. If you were to create the soundtrack for a football film today, what songs would you include? Make a mixed CD or playlist to get you pumped up when you need it most.
- Attend a local college or high school football game. Tailgate. Cheer. Take in the atmosphere and relish the team spirit.
- Football training includes obstacle courses to help build agility and endurance. Build an obstacle course in your backyard to supplement your own personal workout.

Get Involved

- Depression is a problem that many people deal with. It's easy to fall into, especially after a tragedy or death of a loved one. Help those who need someone to talk to. Sometimes people just need somebody to talk to about their problems. Volunteer at a crisis call center through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Find more information below:
 - www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/GetInvolved/Default.aspx
- Sports teams consist of more than just the players. Coaches, managers and volunteers are also vital to a successful team. Volunteer for a sport at your school or in your community that needs a little extra help.



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