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Harrell/Smith left unopposed on executive ballot

By Zachary Morris

Ray Harrell, Jr., student body president, will be officially the only presidential nominee on this year’s ballot.

If elected, Harrell will be the third incumbent in the history of the Marshall University Student Government Association to win re-election.

“I’ve decided to run again because the past year has been the most rewarding experience I’ve ever had,” Harrell said. “I want to be able to flow through with the programs and initiatives we’ve started over the past year and see them through to their completion.”

Harrell said the greatest accomplishment throughout the past year has been the organizational management software that has been in the works since Spring 2011. He said it required a great deal of work, along with cooperation from departments across the university.

Harrell said his platform for this year is going to be focused on the students who want to see the students work out of the SGA. Harrell said, “We’re the only group that has constant dialogue with the president’s office and we want to let the students build our platform.”

Harrell said he picked Aja Smith as his vice president for the elections because of her experience, drive and because of what the position entails.

“I chose Aja because I have personally seen her responsibility and leadership abilities,” Harrell said. “I felt there was no better person to fulfill the role of vice president and deal with external relations such as West Virginia, Republicans and becoming the president of the senate.”

Smith said she was looking forward to the opportunity of being a senator again until Harrell approached her about being his vice-president.

“I just planned on being a senator again,” Smith said. “I’ve been a senator since I was a freshman, and I think I’m ready to step up and assume more of a leadership role by running the senate meetings since I’ve been in the chair as a senator for four years.”

“Aja and I know what we stand for, what our current administration has accomplished and our cabinet has more than 15 years of combined experience,” Harrell said. “Students interested were required to be at the filing day meeting to be on the ballot. However, students can still apply through the marshall.edu student government portal in order to become candidates for either the college or for the president/vice president position.”

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Marshall celebrates 175th anniversary

By Sarah Stiles

The day’s special guests included a John Marshall portrayed by Jack Giffos, Marshall’s former Mayor and Ms. and Miss Marshall, Joshua Rotkin and Shairasqa Sannu Al-Rashid.

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The Alumni Association, organizers for the event, handed out poppers in souve-

nevergreen lunch bags to an array of faculty, staff, stu- dents, alumni and siblings.

Several alumni were in attendance, including for- mer Miss Marshall Miranda Bosick, who represented the college of business.

Legislation ran as sched- uled Tuesday morning when the Marshall commu- nity was recognized for its attendance.

Chief of Staff, Matt Turner, said the event gave Marshall an opportunity to showcase Marshall to law- makers across the state.

“The event is an once-a-year op- portunity for them to speak to representatives from all the colleges and celebrate the state’s second largest university — especially our rich heritage dating back 175 years,” Turner said.

Turner said this is also a chance to show lawmakers what Marshall does with the funding they provide and the impact the univer- sity has on the state.

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SALA defends Pell Grant at MU Day at Capitol, takes action

BY ZACHARY MORRIS

The Marshall University Student Advocacy for Legislative Advancement spent the day with students in Charleston discussing legislation with members of the state legislature. The members of SALA talked to the members about the cuts of the Pell Grant, and整体的 aid, in order to assist those who rely on the grant to attend college.

"I haven’t spent much time in the Capital, but in what I was told that the senators have an open door and are actually willing to listen to what the constituents have to say," said Elisha Hassan, spokespeople International Economics major. "If they chose to feel that certain issues are the Pell Grant as well as other student issues." Hassan said SALA brings enriching educational experience for the bill they introduced back to campus, as well as confidence for bills they will present in the future. "We’re going to have the backing of the Legislature in the matter of the Pell Grant and they’re going to approve the cuts because it affects a large portion of their constituents," said Paul Rocket, senior finance major. "Part of the reason we started this group was to provide a network of students in national, state and local level politics," Fridley said. "I think what we’ve brought in is an affirma-

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Create Your Huntington works to improve city

BY BRITTANEE BARTON

The Marshall University National Survey of Student Engagement started this year at Marshall and measures data categorized under broad benchmarks: Level of academic challenges, active and collaborative learning, faculty/student interaction, experiences and supportive campus environment. The day will include recycling efforts around the city and the “Personal Din-

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Pursuing the dream

Former Marshall basketball star Baines works toward ultimate goal of NBA

BY LAUREN HIGHTOWER
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The Marshall men’s basketball team will hit the road for the final time this season Thursday when it travels to East Carolina.

The Thundering Herd is coming off an 85-72 loss to Memphis and looks to get back on track against the Pirates on Wednesday night.

This will be the second meeting between the Herd and the Pirates this season, with the first coming Feb. 11 in Huntington. In that contest, the Herd held the Pirates to 54 percent as a team, and East Carolina hit just 37 percent as the Herd defeated East Carolina 78-68.

Marshalls loss to Memphis was the Herd’s worst loss of the season, but Marshall

remains in fifth place in Conference USA at 17-11 (.5-6 C-USA). With only two regular season games remaining, the goal for the Herd is to gain sole possession of fourth place and, by doing so, earning a first round bye in the conference tournament.

East Carolina sits at the opposite end of the conference standings with a record of 12-15 (3-11 C-USA), placing them near to last in the conference. The Pirates last had an especially tough stretch the past two weeks — losing five consecutive games.

Leading the Herd in scoring this season is sophomore guard Dwayne Lawhorn with 15.7 points a game. Senior guard Damier Pitts has seen his average climb close to 14.3 points a game. 

Marshall has been strong on the glass all season, outrebounding its opponents by seven points per game. Although that number has decreased from plus 11 earlier this season, the Herd is one of the top offensive rebounding teams in the nation. East Carolina is on the opposite end of the spectrum with a negative rebounding margin, averaging five fewer rebounds per game for the season.

East Carolina is led in scoring by junior guard Miguel Paul with 15.6 points a game. In the first meeting between the two sides, Paul was one of two Pirates with 19 points — alongside sophomore forward Robert Sampson.

The matchup will be the Pirates final home game and will serve as a senior day for forward Dustin Morrow who averages 15.2 points and 6.1 rebounds per game and scored 31 in the first meeting with Marshall.

Marshall is 6-2 on Feb. 29, and the Herd will look to win its sixth consecutive home game by sweeping the season series against ECU. Wednesday night, Marshall will then return home to conclude the regular season on Saturday against the second place Southern Miss Golden Eagles.

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The Parthenon is for taking anxious women could propose to her before she is twenty. The story is said that on Feb. 29, the last day of the leap year, a marriage proposal could be passed in Scotland along with any article of clothing or a pair of gloves. It would generally come in the form of a kiss, silk dress or a kiss on the lips. This legend is in fact true and it is said to have started in the fifth century by St. Bridget. After seeing this movie personally, 30 women's rights organizations, in different cities, have come together to promote marriage, take leap day to ask him. The worst that could happen is that he says no and you end up with a new silk dress or a kiss on the lips.

> Brittini Brooks

We as Americans, have a complex relationship with our food. It is no wonder, because we have more access to all kinds of food (good and bad) at any given moment than humanity has ever had. Since the Industrial Revolution, industrial products like corrugated board, cellular plastic wraps and vacuum sealing have made our food last longer and taste more delicious than ever before. Grapple with this: the shine and smoothness of bags and containers, the packaging of foods, is so inviting it makes us want to keep the weight off once and for all. And that is $40 billion was spent on diet plans in 2003. It is an estimate that 34 percent of adults are obese so many diet plans do not work. It is estimated that about the safety of an entire country and its ability to avoid senseless deaths by enacting gun-control reforms. What can be done to change this? The best that we can hope for in this child- is that there is a legion of individuals, according to eye witnesses. The suspect from Virginia Tech, there is often much heated public discussion. The point is that there are so many diet plans do not work. It is estimated that 34 percent of adults are obese so many diet plans do not work. It is estimated that about the safety of an entire country and its ability to avoid senseless deaths by enacting gun-control reforms. What can be done to change this? The best that we can hope for in this child- is that there is a legion of individuals, according to eye witnesses. The suspect from Virginia Tech, there is often much heated public discussion.
Student Resource Center helps students avoid ‘midterm meltdown’

BY JOANIE BORDERS

With midterm quickly approaching, the Student Resource Center offered students tips on how to avoid a “midterm meltdown.”

The SRC held two workshops Wednesday, the first in the First Year South Residence Hall at 5 p.m. and the second in Twin Towers East plant lounge at 5 p.m. The workshop focused on how to alleviate test anxiety, tips for more effective studying and how to stay focused on the exam.

Jessica Jordan, resource specialist at the SRC, said that there are a lot of different ways students can alleviate stress before and during a test that can help students get higher scores on their exams.

“Students need to recognize that stress can be experienced in many ways. Some experience a headache, others experience muscle cramps. There are several strategies that students can use to ease these symptoms,” Jordan said.

“Understanding why students should not procrastinate is important,” Jordan said. “The week before students should organize their notes to prepare to study, realize the parts that need work and what comes easy.”

The day of the exam Jordan said that students should present themselves, breakfast meal should be eaten in the morning and students should study before the test begins. She said that students would not pull an all-nighter before the test and if students don’t stay focused during the test they can’t function correctly.”

Other tips Jordan reviewed in the workshop were being aware of stress reactions, realizing when there is an accelerated heartbeat, how to alleviate stress before and during a test that can help students get higher scores on their exams.

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Since the beginning of the year, Huntington has experienced 12 arson cases, many have been located in the city’s west end. Vacant buildings have been the target for some arsonists. One fire left 18 people homeless.

Huntington arsons on the rise, fire department understaffed

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As the Huntington Fire Department fights budget and staffing problems, five officials said they now have another problem to add to the list: Arson.

Reed Cook, Deputy State Fire Marshal, said it’s an alarming trend. Cook said there have been 12 arson fires since the beginning of this year in Huntington, and the problem is especially prevalent in Huntington’s west end.

“It is definitely a problem,” Cook said.

The most devastating arson fire was Feb. 2. Last week, Huntington Police arrested 14-year-old Quinton L. Kennie in connection with setting a fire to a six-unit apartment building.

No one was hurt, but 18 people were left homeless. Kennie was arrested at his home on West 5th Avenue, where they found cocaine and $100 in cash.

An investigation shows case one, Cook said the problem still exists on Madison and Jackson Avenues. Last week two more arson fires were added to the list.

“They had two more fires approximately two blocks apart from each other,” Cook said. “Both of them appeared to be vacant structures, both within an hour of each other.

“The two fires come weeks after Fire Marshall said someone tried to set three different fires to nearby bleachers and concession stands at a baseball field in St. Cloud Commons.

“It is pretty obvious when you have a vacant structure, no electricity, and it starts on the outside,” Cook said.

For Huntington firefighters, fighting fires that are intentionally set is especially frustrating. Captain Bert Goode, said it’s a matter of life and death.

“I feel bad for the wiﬀer who gets caught,” Goo- de said. “Every time, whether full-stafed or short-stafed, it pains me.

As Huntington Police and the State Fire Marshal’s office continues to investigate cases with any information is asked to call the arson hot line at 1-800-235-FIRE.

The Huntington fire department is understaffed,” Cook said. “Our main concern is the firefighters that are hav- ing to come out here and put out these fires. They are concerned with their wellbeing.

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Leap year: An explanation for the extra day every four years

By Ashley Foster
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Feb. 27th. The day that only comes every four years. Did you ever wonder where it comes from and why we need it?

The calendar we use today is called the Gregorian Calendar, closely related to the Julian Calendar, which was introduced by Julius Caesar in 45 B.C. The Julian Calendar featured 365 days with an extra day added at the end of February every four years. This would work, but after several centuries, the extra days started to add up.

By the 14th century, the extra day had added up so much that several countries, especially in Europe, added a day to the calendar to get back in line with the Earth’s orbit. By that time, the calendar that we use today is the Gregorian Calendar — the one that leap day occurs in any year that can be divided evenly by four, with the exception of years that can be evenly divided by 100 but not 400.

Carley Riens, sophomore elementary education major, will be celebrating her 21st birthday this year.

“I always get excited when Leap Year comes along,” Riens said. “I have only gotten to celebrate my birthday five times in my life, but I guess it just makes my birthday extra special. This year I’m going to do it up big!”

Missing a birthday three out of every four years might cause various problems throughout a person’s life. Riens experienced some issues with getting her driver’s permit when she turned 15.

“I will never forget when I went to get my learner’s permit,” Riens said. “It was so confusing because the DMV couldn’t decide whether I could take the test on Feb. 26 or March 1.”

Only 4 million people in the United States were born on Feb. 29 and only 170,000 of those people live in the United States. That means one in every 1,500 people will have a leap day birthday.

So as Riens celebrates her 56th birthday tomorrow, happy birthday to the rest of you fellow leap babies!”

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