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Marshall students take a STAND

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EJ Hassan & Ashley Lyons
• Establish open forum to engage student body with Student Government Executive Branch.
• Partner SGA up with Greek Affairs and other service-oriented groups to hold a day on campus dedicated to events that go toward various campus philanthropies.
• Collaborate with MUPD and City of Huntington to find solutions to increase campus safety.
• Utilize social media to expand presence within the Marshall community.
• Work directly with the INTQ Program so that international students can see a seamless transition.
• Assist in expanding the presence the Student Senate on campus with working with them directly.
• Continue recruitment efforts and reaching out to a variety of sectors of campus such as Housing & Residence Life and International Students.
• Develop program in conjunction with UNI to teach incoming freshmen money management techniques.
• Allow students to utilize our beautiful campus in order to promote fitness and exercise.
• Streamline the process so that club sports can receive money faster.
• Increase activity of position and shift focus to better integrating veterans into the Marshall community.

Witflee Retton & Dustin Murphy
• Things for the average students are discount cards for Student Organizations available.
• We have the ideas of suggestion boxes that will be placed all around campus.
• We want certain weeks or days that will highlight a specific group or people.
• We want more lights on campus.
• We want to get more Marshall Police available.
• We need to publicize and promote programs about getting people CPR, First Aid, and other medical training.
• We want to advertise the resources Marshall from Career Services, Student Resource Center, and the library has to offer.
• We want more active Housing and Residence Life involvement within SGA.
• We want a Commuter Lounge on campus.
• We want "Meet the Staff" times.
• We plan to create a Campus Ministries Council.
• We also would like to put lights on 5th Ave. and call batters.

Platform Agendas

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**Alpha Tau Omega goes the extra mile for a brother**

By EBONY ROBINSON

The Higher Learning Tour, featuring Grammy award-winning Christian hip-hop artist Lecrae came to Huntington Sunday. The 2-hour event took place at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center and began at 7 p.m.

Along with Lecrae, the lineup included fellow artists Dee- 

1 and Propaganda and comedian Bone Hampton. Huntington was the final stop for the tour that began at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. Lecrae recently became the first hip-hop artist to win a Grammy. He won the award for Best Gospel Album for his album Gravity at the 55th Annual Grammy Awards. The Billboard Hot 100 peak was on the Billboard 200 top 20 and Top Albums (top 5).

**Drew** is a sophomore business major at Marshall University who graduated from Louisiana State University. He has performed across the nation and has performed at the University of Kentucky who graduated from Louisiana State University, Al Wayne, Florida, and Drake, Songs: The-Roots.

Taryn Porter, junior biology major said this was her first time attending a concert featuring Christian hip-hop artist. She said she became a Christian when she was 16 and now is a Christian when she is 17. She was the overall female winner with a time of 39.9, and Alexis Impes was the overall male winner with a time of 39.9.

**Tyler Cooksey** is a junior communications major at Marshall University. He is a senior creative media major at Marshall University and went to the show with his friend.

**His role was very important and he was taking on a difficult job with performers who could overshadow his craft.** Harris said. The comedian, Bone Hampton, that took place the stage between the performances of the artists kept everyone entertained for the entire show.

Bone Hampton is a TeenCom writer who got his start by winning a Windo impersonation contest that was hosted by Oscar James. James made the Wanda character popular on the show “In Living Color.” Hampton will be appearing on “The View” later this month.

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**March marks Brain Injury Awareness Month**

By STEPHAN BIAS

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nessed, but does donating money to something popular at the
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tions without looking into how it handles donations, and as “Kony 2012” proved, campaigns can be misleading.

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licans are facing what has been called by multiple sources a “party civil war”. So let’s take a look at some of the possibili-
ties and be done with it, at least for a little while.

For the Republican Party, there are the lesser of two evils at this point, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky has already put his name forward to be the potential Republican candidate, but multiple sources point in the direction of Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey as the potential candidate. Paul has a lot less against him in his bid for the nomination. He is young, does not have a lot of experiences, and a large portion of Republicans do not even like him. In the voting for Alito outcomes, when Paul made several com-
ments towards the drone program and President Barack Obama, fellow Repub-
licans both argued with Paul in defense of Obama. Graham even mentioned that he was going to vote in favor of Obama’s nomination, while Paul said that he would vote for Clinton.

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Sequester has not hit home, poll indicates

By STEPHEN THOMA

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The budget cuts in Wash-ington have not hit home in America, yet, according to a poll.

A plurality of U.S. residents said they believe the cuts will have no effect at all on them or their families, according to a new McClatchy-McGary Poll. At the same time, just as many think the cuts will have an effect or a positive effect on the overall economy and will help cut the budget — defense, energy and health care.

The numbers indicate that residents in Huntington and those in Washington have yet to be settled in the country and why the two major parties could continue to struggle to reach an agreement in budget debates.

President Barack Obama has not yet convinced the major-

ty the cuts will be bad for them and their community. He has hoped the country would rise up in anger at the spending cuts and force Republicans to agree to an alternative plan to curb the deficit that would include tax increases and lower spending cuts.

And the impact of the speed-


days off for some federal workers, for example, will not start for several more weeks.

“The early spring, people are not seeing the impact of this,” said Lee Morrogh, director of the Washington Public Opinion at Marshall College in Sioux, Iowa. “It’s hard to imagine the poll.”

The numbers indicate that the cuts will not be bad for them and their families. Thirty-nine per-

sent said the current cuts will have no impact on all of them or their families. Thirty-nine per-

ent said the cuts would have a negative impact and 10 percent said they would have a positive impact. Independents and Republic-

uts were selected based on their voting history. The survey was conducted March 3-5, 2013. All adults aged 18 years of age and over were interviewed at home by telephone.

Democrats are evenly split between the view that the cuts will be negative or have no impact on their families. In a surprise, 14 percent of Demo-

crats expect the cuts for themselves, well more than independents or Republicans. Thinning beyond their base, 47 percent of voters think the spending cuts are going to start a negative impact on the economy, while 27 percent said they will have no effect and 29 percent said they will have a positive impact.

Economists expect the auto-

IRONY: In a survey released last week, it was found that 5 percent of adults do not know what the budget cuts mean or why they are happening.
Outdoor Pursuits provides Spring Break getaway

By KELCIE COBURN
THE PARTHENON

Blue skies, warm temperatures and a week of beach living will be in store for spring break this year. The Outdoor Pursuits Program at the Marshall University Recreation Center will sponsor a trip to Georgia March 15-21.

Every year, Outdoor Pursuits organizes a spring break trip for students, members and non-members of the Rec Center. Jekyll Island, Ga., is this year’s destination and has yet to be visited by the Outdoor Pursuits program.

Phil Snyder, assistant director of aquatics and outdoor pursuits, said it is difficult to get students involved in spring break trips. “For our spring break, we like to go somewhere different every year,” Snyder said. “The minimum we need to do is six, so we are hoping to get it at least two in past years, but many students have gone on the trip — unfortunately — which is why this year is so much more affordable.”

The spring break trip includes transportation, five nights at the Jekyll Island campground, bike rentals, mini-golf passes and admission to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. Jekyll Island is located just off the coast of Georgia and is part of the Sea Islands. The island is popular among tourists for its scenery, historical district, the wide range of activities available and the ten miles of beach accessibility. The Jekyll Island Museum, located on the island, is home to three historical sites: the Horton House Historic Site, the Wanderer Memorial and the Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District. Each of the sites helped the progression of the island from an exclusive winter retreat for early America’s elite families, to a popular tourist attraction.

Junior sports marketing major, Diana Dickman, said she was not aware the Rec Center organized spring break trips. “I think it’s pretty cool that they offer trips like this,” Dickman said. “It is definitely something I would look into because the trip is basically already organized, and all you would have to do is pack up and go and not have to worry about where you will stay and how you will get there. If you could get a group of friends to take the trip together, it would be a blast.”

Registration for the spring break trip is open until March 12 and a pre-trip meeting will be March 13 at 6 p.m. in the Outdoor Pursuits Center. Kelcie Coburn can be contacted at coburn15@marshall.edu.

By ASHLEY HERRALD
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While an estimated 60,000 college students fly south for spring break to places like Panama City Beach, Fla., or Myrtle Beach, S.C., there are plenty of spring break inspired activities in West Virginia for Marshall University students who are staying in-state.

Summersville Lake, located two hours from Huntington in Summersville, W.Va., is in other words, an ideal location, white water rafting on the Big Sandy River, canyoning, camping and canoe rentals the week of March 17. Joan Boyce, Summersville Recreational employee, said camping rates will be $12.50 per night and cabin rent will be $101 per person plus wetsuit rental.

For students interested in white water rafting, there will be an excursion Sunday March 17 at 9:35 a.m. at the New River Gorge National River. The New River Gorge, located two hours from Huntington in Gaith, W.Va., is offering end-of-season rates on tubing, snowboarding and skiing starting Monday.

 Discounts range from 40 to 55 percent off lift tickets and rentals. Patty Hanshaw, Travel Doctors travel agency owner, said it is not too late to book a trip to Florida or anywhere else. “The earlier you book, the better,” Hanshaw said. “But for those students who aren’t sure where they want to go or what they want to do, it’s still possible to get decent rates on flights and hotel.”

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