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### Waugaman wins

**Waugaman, Rogner elected president and vice president**

Marshall University elected Duncan Waugaman as student body president for a second term with his new vice president, Izzy Rogner. The total number of votes was 1,733, a considerable increase in turnout from 2013’s election in which 1,339 students voted.

The Waugaman, Rogner team received 945 of these votes.


“I feel really good to know that we received so many votes,” Waugaman said. “I think they voted for Izzy and I and what we are going to be able to do next year, and that’s what I really appreciate.”

Rogner will replace Lila Mangus, current vice president after the inauguration April 26 in the Memorial Student Center.

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### Countdown to Commencement helps prepare grads

By **MALCOLM WALTON**

The Harlem Globetrotters beat the Washington Generals 86-84 in overtime Wednesday at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

The Generals led throughout most of the game and entered the fourth quarter with a five-point lead. However, the Globetrotters were able to battle back and capture another win against the Generals who have not beaten the Globetrotters since 1971.

While the team extended its decade-long winning streak, Shuma “Scooter” Christensen, 10-year Harlem Globetrotter veteran, said the outcome of the game has very little to do with the team’s progress.

“One thing I can always say is that the people never remember the score,” Christensen said. “They always remember having fun, and that’s what we’re all about.”

Christensen, who has held Guinness World Records for the amount of time he spins a basketball on his head and most, said his goal is simply to make people smile.

“You never really know what kind of day the fans are having,” Christensen said. “And you know if you come to a Globetrotters game, you’ll always go home smiling. The reason I say that is because sometimes we go to other countries where we may not be able to speak the language that well, but we always get that message across to them. And we must be doing our job if they’re having a good time.”

Julian “Scoo” McClurkin, five-year member of the Globetrotters, said the joy on the faces of fans is what it’s all about for him.

“You just cannot put a price on it,” McClurkin said. “The fans are the best, just seeing their reactions to our jokes and our tricks is awesome. I’m not sure if there’s a better job than being a member of the Harlem Globetrotters.”

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### The Marshall University Countdown to Commencement

**Huntington goes Harlem**

By **SARA RYAN**

The Marshall University Countdown to Commencement event occurred Wednesday but started the countdown for spring graduation day.

Registrar Robert Ferguson said the ninth annual spring Countdown to Commencement had more participation than any other.

“With a tremendous turnout, this year’s event was a tremendous success,” Ferguson said.

“We had 411 tentative graduates. That’s the largest single-day crowd that we have ever had. I think all of the graduates that have attended have felt that it was very beneficial, and it gives them an opportunity to take care of a lot of things in a central location.”

Marshall senior Dana Dickman said she thinks the event is a great idea.

“Everyone who goes to other colleges, Dickman said. “They don’t have this, and they had no idea they weren’t actually graduating.”

Attendees said it made graduation seem more real.

“Someone just told me congratulations, and it was really weird,” Dickman said. “That was first time someone has told me congrats.”

Spring commencement is set for 2 p.m. May 9 at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

The early ceremony is for associate and bachelor degrees and the later ceremony is for masters and doctoral degrees.

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By KAITLYN CLAY

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Natalie Boeyink, a bassist, violinist, pianist, composer and educator, performed Wednesday as a part of the Marshall University Jomie Jazz Guest Artists Series.

The set included a number of songs Boeyink wrote, along with a number of cover songs by various artists.

Boeyink said she wrote one of her favorite songs for her niece.

She wrote “Full Moon Baby” for her niece because she was born on a full moon, Boeyink said. “I wrote the song for her in a New Orleans style in hopes she enjoys that genre some day.”

Anthony Thompson, a Marshall student, said he was anxious to hear more jazz music after the show.

“This really makes me want to go out and buy some jazz music,” Thompson said. “I never expected to like it this much.”

Boeyink said she is influenced mainly by New Orleans music.

Thompson said he is a fan of a lot of music that is African based.

Boeyink said that “This could be Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Brazilian, Afro-Cuban and that of course my favorite, New Orleans jazz. I believe, as well as all of New Orleans, is the uppermost point of this great Caribbean of the sea and makes it the music we most are interested in.”

Boeyink stayed after the show to sell her newly produced CD and talk to audience members about her show.

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By MIKAILA KENDRICK

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Marshall’s Campus Activities Board and Student Activities will present the FEST Showcase 5 p.m. Thursday at the Jean Edwards Playhouse.

The act chosen by audience members will open for the Ying Yang Twins at FEST April 25.

Band members in the showcase consist of Marshall students.

Lee Tahor, coordinator of student activities, said each band will perform fifteen minutes.

“This gives families, community members and students the opportunity to enjoy some local music,” Tahor said.

The seven acts include: Emily Davies, DJ Rhys Rogers, DJ Incline, Four Miles, Wilson, The Settlement and Fallin South.

Audience members will vote through text messaging.

“It will be done American Idol-style,” Tahor said. “So, the audience will get to preview each act for fifteen minutes to kind of get a small taste.”

Audience members will choose the act they want to see perform by texting the number provided with the number of the act they enjoyed the best.

Arts for the showcase were chosen from CBL on the Plaza, hosted every Monday during the fall semester. Potential acts auditioned for the event. The finalists were chosen by students through a rating process.

“I think it’s super important to get students involved with that prospective because their activity comes from the entertainment we do,” Tahor said. “Anytime CBL and the office of student activities can facilitate their opinions on what they want to see, what they want to take part in and what they want to experience, it just helps our office and campus.”

Tickets for FEST will go on sale April 5. General admission student tickets are $10 and $30 for non-students.

Buy passes are available for $5 for students and $10 for non-students. These tickets will allow access to performances starting at 10 p.m.

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FCC passes net neutrality act

By TYLER FERRIS

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The Federal Communications Commission passed new regulations leveling out the playing field and creating an open Internet.

Internet service providers will no longer be able to dictate special services for a particular internet user.

According to the FCC, net neutrality or open Internet, is a way to ensure every American has access to open and robust high-speed Internet.

Brian Morgan, associate professor of computer and information technology at Marshall University, said the net neutrality act is minimal in between the companies that try to make money off of others.

“Comcast is the cable and Internet service provider for most of the greater Huntington area.”

“Comcast was throttling Netflix,” Morgan said. “I would go to a house that had Comcast, and it would take a minute or two to just load something off Netflix. Then, a house in Ohio didn’t have Netflix, and it would load instantly. Supposedly, that kind of stuff isn’t going to be allowed anymore.”

This is going to pay dividends to Comcast customers around the area.

“They will help people get to the content they want,” Morgan said. “Not have to pay for services that you don’t use or pay for services that you aren’t using.”

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Red Cross collects 50 units during Marshall blood drive

By ERIKA JOHNK

The American Red Cross blood drive at Marshall University collected a total of 50 units during the two-day event this week.

The blood drive was assisted by Marshall Red Cross and volunteers of Delta Zeta and Alpha Kappa Psi.

Because of the winter storms that occurred, the American Red Cross wanted to ensure it had an adequate amount of blood for patients in need.

Sophomore Mara Rhoades said she decided to donate for personal reasons.

“I am O positive,” Rhoades said, “and a lot of people need my type of blood, and donating blood is close to me because my friend’s brother has a blood transfusion.”

According to the American Red Cross statistics, donors from high school and college blood drives account for 20 percent of donations given through the American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross is a student-led organization at Marshall University that partners with the American Red Cross on several blood drives to help the community.

“By being a part of Marshall Red Cross, I get a direct experience with the American Red Cross, community service, as well as it makes me feel important while saving lives,” said President of Marshall Red Cross Rick Allen.

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By ADAM POLSKY

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Herd basketball falls in first round of conference play

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The power of words

By JOCELYN GIBSON

It’s all women all the time

For the first time in San Francisco’s history, for the first time in my life, for the first time.

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This one is probably obvious since her contribution in 
inspired me in the past, at the time and to date, but she is still worth mentioning for her unfailing strength and bravery. Something I have to constantly remind myself of. It’s a smaller scale, I could see it but I could not change their daily life of any one day. My life has been reading Appalachian literature that touched so close to my own life. Her characters were so real to me that I felt I had to absorb everything Smith has ever written in order to better understand her novels. "I am/another woman who writes characters so

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Marshall University students plan to go out of the country and down south for spring break, but there are nearby attractions and activities in the tri-state area to give students something to look forward to.

Heritage Station is blocks from campus and offers various local attractions for a day of shopping and dining.

One Heritage Station attraction is Sip, Huntington’s only wine bar. Sip offers a wide selection of more than 40 types of wines from different parts of the world and offers food to complement the tastes.

“Sip gives you the feeling that you’re not in Huntington, like you’re in a bigger city,” Mason Bartlett, student at Marshall said. “It has the small business feel but also has a classy atmosphere which gives it a good balance.”

Heritage Station offers multiple shops including Brown Dog Yoga, Finds & Designs, the Red Caboose, Bottle & Wedge and multiple other stores and dining venues.

The Red River Gorge and The New River Gorge are attractions for people who enjoy doing outdoor activities.

The Red River Gorge, located in Slade, Kentucky and the New River Gorge, located in Fayetteville, West Virginia offer multiple activities. The Red River Gorge and New River Gorge include caves, camping, multiple places to hike and fish, scenic drives, scenic overlooks, rock climbing, zip lines and different places to eat and relax.

“The views at The Red River Gorge are absolutely breath-taking,” Jacob Hilter, student at Berea College said. “The scenic hikes are only matched in beauty by the people you’re with reveling in the simplicity of untouched nature.”

An alternative to the outdoors is in Columbus, Ohio. Easton Town Center is located right in the middle of town and offers something for everyone. This town center is the home to Louis Vuitton, Michael Kors, Tiffany & Co., Apple and many other big-name stores not available in West Virginia.

“My favorite part about Easton is just being able to go in stores that aren’t located anywhere nearby,” Marshall student Hannah Clay said. “You feel like you’re in a big city, but you can leave Huntington by 9 a.m. and be back before dark.”

These attractions are open to anyone, especially students staying in Huntington during their spring break.

TRI-STATE SPRING BREAK

Not going anywhere over spring break? Here are a few ways to escape without leaving the Tri-State area.

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