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FATE OF FEST UNCERTAIN

By BACI TURNER

Representatives from the Marshall University Office of Student Activities and they are unsure if there will be a third FEST in the fall.

Coordinator of Student Activities Lee Tabor said due to possible campus wide budget cuts, it’s almost like they’re just paying ahead of time.

“FEST is a great event and we grew exponentially within the six months between the first FEST to the second one,” Tabor said. “We went from having 250 attendees to almost 1,800 at the last FEST and only being able to bring one nationally-known acts at FEST:2.”

Tabor said the festival continues to bring five nationally-known acts to Huntington for students and community members.

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Interim Dean of Student Affairs Carla Lapelle said Marshall is planning budget cuts, although nothing has been finalized just yet.

“We’re planning on getting a cut and it’ll just be equal,” Lapelle said. “As far as University wide, I can’t say we’ll all be equal, my guesses would be they would put academics before student activities.”

“I don’t think we have the potential to make FEST happen unless students are interested in paying a little bit more on tuition, we will be able to have the festival continue,” Lapelle said. "If students vote yes to saving FEST and paying the extra $20 in their tuition, that’ll actually give us the money necessary to make FEST even bigger than the last one," Tabor said. "Students just have to start voting on their priorities because their student activity fees should be for them and the events they want.”

Lapelle said FEST isn’t an event they would necessarily be interested in and believes student won’t miss it too much.

“Lee’s really good, he can come up with other ideas for funding,” Tabor said. “We’re trying to come up with other ideas for funding.”

“The state of West Virginia knows what their budget looks like for the year. We’re looking at what students like and what events they want,” Tabor said. “Students should get to attend FEST for free. So, it’s almost like they’re just paying ahead of time.”

“We would have student voting on the idea, similar to students voting for SGA’s fee,” Lapelle said. “If we think we have the potential to make FEST happen, unless students are interested in having the festival continue. If students are interested in paying a little bit more on tuition, we will be able to have the larger event.”

Tabor said it would even be possible to implement a budget cut from the state, it will then be the university’s job to prioritize what offices and organizations get this money.

“No office will be left unscathed,” Lapelle said. “As for university wide, I can’t say we’ll all be equal, my guesses would be they would put academics before student activities.”

“In the event there are large cuts in my budget, we’re trying to come up with other ideas for funding,” Tabor said. “One option we’re exploring is a proposed extra $20 on student tuition and all student activity fees should be for them and the events they want.”

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