

1-31-2013

The Parthenon, January 31, 2013

John Gibb
Parthenon@marshall.edu

Tyler Kes
Parthenon@marshall.edu

Follow this and additional works at: <http://mds.marshall.edu/parthenon>

Recommended Citation

Gibb, John and Kes, Tyler, "The Parthenon, January 31, 2013" (2013). *The Parthenon*. Paper 518.
<http://mds.marshall.edu/parthenon/518>

This Newspaper is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives at Marshall Digital Scholar. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Parthenon by an authorized administrator of Marshall Digital Scholar. For more information, please contact zhangj@marshall.edu.



SMU defeats Thundering Herd 67-58 -more on page 3

THE PARTHENON

Thursday, January 31, 2013 | Vol. 116 No. 72 | MARSHALL UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER | marshallparthenon.com

Deadline for spring graduation approaching

By JESSICA PATTERSON
THE PARTHENON

The deadline to apply for May graduation is Friday, Feb. 8.

Roberta Ferguson, Marshall University registrar, said seniors who plan to graduate in May are required to file a graduation application with the dean of their college and pay a diploma fee at the officwe of the Bursar.

Lisa Williamson, director of student services for the College of Business, said graduate students apply with the graduate school.

The fee for students receiving a bachelor or master's degrees is \$50

and the fee for students receiving professional or doctoral degrees is \$100.

Bob Collier, assistant director of student financial systems, said students may submit the fee to the office of the Bursar or by calling the office.

"It is our policy to give the student two copies of the receipt for the diploma fee," Collier said. "One is to be retained by the student and one is to be hand-carried to thwe department and the department will keep track of who has paid and who hasn't for their records."

Collier said if a student does not

graduate, the fee only has to be paid once and will carry over to the semester the student does graduate.

Williamson said the application helps the deans' offices identify which students plan to graduate in May and to verify that the students are ready to graduate.

Once a student has been verified, Williamson said, he or she will be added to a list of tentative graduates.

Jessica Moses, a communication disorders major and tentative May graduate, said she thought the process to apply was simple and user friendly

because she thought the application was straightforward.

Moses says she thinks meeting the deadline is important because it is part of being responsible.

"If it's important to graduate, it's important to get the paperwork in on time," Moses said.

Ferguson said once the student is on the list of tentative May graduates, they will be mailed an invitation to participate in Countdown to Commencement.

Ferguson said the invitations will be mailed in February.

"If students apply late, then they

usually don't get the necessary correspondence about Countdown to Commencement or Commencement itself," Ferguson said. "We just can't stress enough that if you even think there is a possibility that you are eligible to graduate that you apply for graduation before Feb. 8."

Williamson said that late applications also result in the student receiving his or her diploma later than other graduates.

Jessica Patterson can be contacted at patterson73@marshall.edu.

INTO

International visitors to tour Marshall University campus

By TAYLOR STUCK
THE PARTHENON

Representatives from universities around the world will arrive in Huntington Sunday, Feb. 3, for a familiarizing tour. The tour was arranged by INTO, an organization on Marshall's campus.

The representatives will be on campus for three days in order to gain knowledge about the campus and Huntington. The representatives' goal is to familiarize themselves with the campus so they can advise international students who are interested in Marshall.

The tour will be through INTO University Partnerships, a company based in England, helps universities around the globe recruit international students and help students transition to English speaking universities.

According to the INTO website, Marshall is one of four American universities, among 17 universities worldwide, that partner with INTO.

Marshall's partnership with INTO was the result of the university's interest in increasing the population of international students. Marshall President Stephen Kopp said INTO was chosen because of its commitment to the students and building an international community on campus.

"I think everything we can do on this campus to internationalize our university and to introduce our students—from West Virginia, the tri-state region and this part of the country who chose to come to Marshall—to international students with different world views, cultural practices, religious practices and ethnicities would truly create a melting pot on campus, which I think is beneficial for everyone," Kopp said.

Kopp said he hopes that INTO and its Pathways Program will increase the amount of international undergrad students at Marshall. According to the Marshall INTO website, the Pathways Program helps students who are not proficient in English improve their skills and prepare them to live and learn in an English speaking environment.

Kopp said the expansion of international undergrad students will hopefully present more opportunities for domestic students to become involved with international students, like living with an international student and more global cuisine in the dining halls.

"If we could increase our

See INTERNATIONAL | Page 5



CODI MOHR | THE PARTHENON

The Student Juried Exhibit showcases work done by students from the College of Fine Arts, like the piece above. The exhibit opened Monday, January 28, 2013 at the Birke Art Gallery.

27th Annual Student Juried Exhibition open

By CODI MOHR
THE PARTHENON

Students of Marshall University's College of Fine Arts submitted their artwork to the 27th Annual Student Juried Exhibition Monday evening.

The Birke Art Gallery, Marshall's campus gallery, hosted the exhibition of mixed media studied in the School of Art and Design.

Judges chose several works for exhibition and recognized 12 as winners at the opening ceremony.

Works included painting, sculpture, collage and photography, with winners coming from a wide-range of disciplines.

Winners include Courtney Childers, Brandy Ward, Starling Ellis, Casey Benson, Ana Gaston, Colby Sweester, Sarah Kling, Nikos Karabetos, Tommy Warf, Jason Kiley and Antonio Jones. Each received a cash prize along with recognition in the gallery of his or her achievements.

Byron Clercx, director of Marshall's School of Art and Design, addressed the importance of competition to the crowd of students and members of the community.

"Part of your job as a student should be to enter every possible competition that you can reasonably get your work into

because that's how you meet your peer group," Clercx said.

Graduates and undergraduates submitted their work for examination by jurors Benjy Davies and Kathleen Kneafsey.

Davies is a chair of the University of Rio Grande's School of Fine Arts where he teaches graphic design and printmaking. Kneafsey is the resident ceramics artist of the Huntington Museum of Art since 2000.

John Farley, gallery director and Marshall alumnus, anticipated positive feedback from students and viewers after witnessing reactions to past shows.

"Over the last 27 years, this exhibit has blossomed into a highly successful and rewarding juried contest," Farley said. "For viewers, it will be a treat. For students, it is a great opportunity for their hard work to be recognized and celebrated."

The 27th Annual Student Juried Exhibition is on display through Friday, Feb. 15 at Birke Art Gallery. The gallery, located on the first floor of Smith Hall, is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Codi Mohr can be contacted at mohr13@live.marshall.edu

Marshall prepares to fight budget cuts

By KIMBERLY SMITH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Chief of Staff Adam Fridley introduced a petition concerning budget cuts to the student body Wednesday.

In August 2012, Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin proposed a 7.5 percent cut in the budget for all state agencies. The Higher Education Policy Commission immediately requested that Tomblin exempt public universities and community

colleges from the cut. Fridley said the governor's office still hasn't taken action on this request, which is what inspired him to prepare the petition. He hopes the petition will make Tomblin reconsider including state institutions in this budget cut.

Fridley said he put in great effort into researching the issues he wanted to tackle.

"It's important that we show how educated we are about the issues we want to address,"

Fridley said. "It adds to our credibility and proves that we're not just a bunch of kids complaining about higher tuition costs."

Among the research he has done for the petition, Fridley explained the trend over the last three decades regarding budgets and tuition rise. "States across the country have been paying less and less to colleges and universities, in turn causing the colleges and universities to raise tuition," Fridley said.

"These inflationary pressures on tuition threaten to price-out lower and middle income students."

Chancellor of the HEPC Paul Hill said the reason for budget cuts to higher education institutions is to help close the budget gap caused by an increase in expected Medicaid spending.

"That has resulted in the governor's call early on to prepare our state agencies, including higher education, that this

7.5 percent budget reduction would be necessary," Hill said.

Hill said legislators will present the final bill to Tomblin and that it would determine how things work out.

"We will prepare for a new state budget on July 1," Dr. Hill said. "So, at that point, we would know what exactly the state's spending appropriation would be for the new fiscal year."

Fridley said his goal for the petition is to give students the

chance to speak out, stand up and be heard before the budget cut gets passed.

"So often student voices go completely unheard, mostly by our own negligence," Fridley said. "That's why I prepared this petition, and I really think it stands to make an impact."

Students who want to sign the petition can do so in the Memorial Student Center.

Kimberly Smith can be contacted at smith48@marshall.edu.

INSIDE: NEWS, 2 | SPORTS, 3 | OPINION, 4 | LIFE!, 6 | HIGH 34° LOW 17°



page designed and edited by TYLER KES
kes@marshall.edu

254511
BCC CAFE INC, SOUTHERN X-POSUR

Student Resource Center reaches out to commuters



COURTNEY BROWN | THE PARTHENON
Resource specialist Sarah Craiger addressed students at the Commuter Commotion event on Wednesday.

By COURTNEY BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University commuters attended Commuter Commotion, a program sponsored by the Student Resource Center, Wednesday, promoting commuter involvement on campus.

The event, which promoted commuter involvement on campus, took place in the SRC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The SRC provided a free lunch, and distributed resources about getting involved on Marshall's campus.

Sarah Craiger, resource specialist, spoke to a group of commuter students about struggles they face with connecting with campus organizations.

"The SRC wants to connect

with commuters and be a commuter resource," Craiger said. "We want to give commuters the opportunity to connect with each other and we want to make sure that commuters have the knowledge to go out and take advantage of the things that people who live on campus have access to."

A common problem commuters share is being unable to participate in campus organizations due to their late meeting times.

Jordan Pectio, computer science major, said the inconvenience of meeting times makes for a long day.

"Not being able to stay on campus for any of the activities, like music classes where you have to stay until 10 p.m. at night, stinks because I have

to drive an hour to Charleston," Pectio said.

Another struggle commuters face is not having a place to relax between classes. Kayla Fletcher, sophomore psychology major, said the Memorial Student Center and library are the only places to hang out between classes.

"I play rugby and we usually have practice in the evening," Fletcher said. "So, I usually have to hang out on campus. I think a lounge would be great—where we could go and hang out with other commuters."

Nick Hemlepp, President of the Marshall University Commuters Union, said commuters have the repetition of class and home.

See COMMUTERS | Page 5

Women's Rugby seeks new players

By KELCIE COBURN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Women's Rugby Team is accepting new members for the spring 2013 tournament season.

Rugby requires 15 players to be on the field at a time and teams need a minimum of 15 players to compete.

Paige Rabatin, president of the women's rugby team, said it is convenient to have more players to be able to have substitutes and to have extra players in case of injuries.

"We get the word out

about the team through mass emails, flyers and word of mouth," Rabatin said. "The most effective way we gain new players is just from people inviting their friends or telling random people. Barely anyone who joins the team has ever played or even knows what rugby is, but that's what the team is here for. We're willing to teach the game to anyone and this is a sport that has a spot for every body type."

Potential players do not need to have any prior knowledge of

rugby to join.

"We are willing to teach everyone from scratch because we all were in the same position once," Rabatin said. "Rugby is a lot of fun to teach because it's a game that is so tough to fully comprehend until you actually get out there and play in a match."

Women's rugby is not fully sponsored by the university, but receives funding from a student government sponsored sports club.

See RUGBY | Page 5

Former prosecutor speaks during MU Hazing Week

By COURTNEY DOTSON
THE PARTHENON

This week, Marshall University's Pan-Hellenic Council and Interfraternity Council has been hosting a Hazing Prevention Week.

Dave Westol, one of the presenters during Hazing Prevention Week, gave a presentation Wednesday night on "What To Do When Everything Goes Wrong."

"I think it's great that Marshall University is doing this in January, most Universities squeeze this week into September when National Hazing Week is recognized," Westol said. "I think it's terrific that Marshall University is like ok we don't need it we are not locked into that, we

can do it at another time of the year actually get more attention to it and I think help the chapter members and others teams, bands and things come do a better job."

Westol started his presentation with a mock trial, walking the audience through a variety of situations. Most of Westol's examples were geared toward male hazing, but there were also a couple of female hazing examples. He explained how to examine hazing and also what is defined as hazing.

Westoll walked the audience through a scenario where a young man joined a chapter and because the chapter lies to him from the

beginning, he started to go through the whole pledge process. The young man then started to go through part of hell week and died. Westoll then asked the audience questions that he, as a former assistant persecutor, would ask with a case on trial.

Throughout the presentation, Westol challenged the audience with questions about hazing. He asked if hazing is what their founder's stood for and if hazing was a way the organization could come together.

"You never trust in a hazing chapter," Westol said.

Courtney Dotson can be contacted at dotson72@marshall.edu

MU Greeks take stand against hazing

By COURTNEY DOTSON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Greek community will take control of hazing and will launch a public service announcement to educate undergraduates across the nation on anti-hazing. The video will launch Thursday, Feb. 30.

The anti-hazing video was written, cast and produced by students in Marshall University's Greek community. Trifecta Productions filmed the video in Huntington and the production team included Marshall students and staff.

Lee Tabor, Fraternity and Sorority Life adviser, said the purpose of the video is to educate others as to what hazing is, encourage them to speak up and not tolerate negative hazing behaviors and to take action in helping eliminate the

hazing culture.

"I hope this video helps others realize that hazing is not what our founders created our organizations around," Zachary Morris, IFC Vice President of Public Relations and External Affairs, said. "They do not align with our values and to tolerate hazing in any manner would be a disgrace to our founders for the work they put in, the national organization to which the individual belongs and to the individual themselves for portraying values that go specifically against hazing."

The video ties in with the twitter hashtag "antihazing." The Marshall Greek community is working to brand the hashtag and connect it specifically with the PSA. Students have already started using the hashtag along with "I pledge to..."

"I hope that people will

understand that the Greek community is aggressively trying to abolish hazing in every chapter through direct communication and accountability," Jon Austin, Alpha Phi Alpha member, said.

The anti-hazing video will be used in a national campaign for hazingprevention.org during National Hazing Prevention Week, which is taking place all across the nation in September 2013.

"I hope people will gain, from seeing the video, that hazing isn't something we as Greeks should take lightly, and that if it is happening in your chapter take a stand before it's too late," Brittany Ables, Delta Zeta member, said. Hazing's not worth losing a brother or sister and your chapter."

Courtney Dotson can be contacted at dotson72@marshall.edu.

Harrell selected for legislative internship

By KIMBERLY SMITH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Student Body President Ray Harrell Jr. has been selected to participate in the Judith A. Herndon Legislative Fellows Program. Harrell will spend the 2013 spring semester in Charleston assisting the Legislators in the legislative session.

The Herndon Fellowship was established in 1981 with the purpose of providing interns with a wide range of skills and knowledge regarding the legislative process. It is open to all colleges and universities in the state of West Virginia, but only 10 applications are selected. Harrell was one of these 10.

However, playing such a large role in Student Government, there were some concerns about Harrell being away from his university office, and how it might affect the rest of the executive branch concerning decisions that have to be made.

"So far there have been no negative effects on SGA,"

Harrell said. "I've had no issues brought to my attention."

Harrell said the key to making things work is maintaining excellent communication among all the members of the executive branch. "I keep in touch with my staff, the Legislative Branch and my advisors almost on a daily basis."

Harrell explains that if there is an issue needing to be addressed in person, any person from his staff of eight people can act in his place. "So, if I need someone to go to a meeting, I can send someone to speak for me," Harrell said. "If there's something to vote on, I can prep them before hand with the materials they need." "Of course, it kills me to be away," Harrell said. "I definitely miss being here and interacting with the students, but when legislative session starts, it will all be worth it."

Harrell said being part of the legislative process is really exciting for him because his major is political science and his goal is to become part of



HARRELL

the legislation one day.

"I think it's interesting to see how the SGA here at Marshall does things on a small scale and then compare them the processes that have been in place for hundreds of years," Harrell said.

Harrell said that the experience he has gained from being a part of SGA and now participating in this internship will definitely help him in the future when searching for a job.

Kimberly Smith can be contacted at smith48@marshall.edu.

259734
BUCCI, BAILEY AND JAVINS, LC
PARTHENON ADS
3 x 8.0



MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

C-USA

Overall

SOUTHERN MISS
MEMPHIS
UCF
EAST CAROLINA
MARSHALL
UAB

W 6
L 0
T 1
F 4
S 3
2 1

W 17
L 17
T 15
F 12
S 9
9

W 17
L 3
T 5
F 8
S 11
12

WEST DIVISION

C-USA

Overall

UTEP
TULSA
TULANE
HOUSTON
SMU
RICE

W 4
L 4
T 2
F 2
S 5
1

W 11
L 12
T 14
F 13
S 12
5

W 8
L 9
T 7
F 7
S 10
14



3

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013 | THE PARTHENON | MARSHALLPARTHENON.COM

Mustangs trample slumping Herd 58-67

By WILL VANCE
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall men's basketball team could not maintain a strong early effort against the SMU Mustangs Wednesday in the Cam Henderson Center, falling by a final score of 67-58.

The Herds second loss of the season at home was mired by poor shooting and an underwhelming effort on the glass.

"What frustrates me the most is our inability to gain an understanding of who we are," said Marshall Head Coach Tom Herrion.

The Herd began with a three-point shot from junior D.D. Scarver on the opening possession of the game and forced SMU to commit three straight turnovers. Good three-point shooting allowed the Herd to take the early advantage, but when the Mustangs corrected their sloppy play and took the lead midway through the first half they would never relinquish it.

"The first five minutes were great," said Herd guard DeAndre Kane. "We were locked in and as the game went on it seemed like we slowed down."

After the early flurry of three-point baskets the Herd went ice cold from beyond the arc. They finished the game shooting 7 of 28 from three-point range, including 1 of 12 in the second half.

The Mustangs zone defense presented problems for the Herd. "I think their game play was to stop our drive. Every time we tried to drive they packed the lane" said Kane. Coach Herrion said his team was not surprised by the

Mustang's zone defense, but that his team did not properly attack it. "We didn't attack it enough into creases off the dribble, I thought we played very side to side against it."

The Mustangs were also able to break the Herds defense in the first half. "Once they're in attack mode, you've got to get stops and we couldn't get stops," said Kane. The Herd trailed by 12 points at the half.

Elijah Pittman and D.D. Scarver led the Herd in scoring with 15 points each, followed closely by DeAndre Kane with 13. Dennis Tinnon corralled an impressive 17 rebounds to go with his eight points. In a role reversal the Herd won the turnover battle 13 -11 but was outrebounded by the Mustangs. "We lost in rebounding by six and that's our identity," said Kane, "every time we lose in rebounding we lose the game".

SMU was led in scoring by Jalen Jones, who scored 19 points and nearly had a double-double with eight rebounds. Ryan Manuel and Nick Russell rounded out the double-digit scorers for the Mustangs with 17 and 15 points respectively.

The loss drops the Thundering Herd to 2-4 in Conference USA play and 9-12 overall. "A lot of things contributed to this loss, give SMU credit," said Herrion "but it's a very discouraging loss."

The team will look to rebound against its former coach on Saturday when UCF and Donny Jones come to Huntington.

Will Vance can be contacted at vance162@marshall.edu.



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Marshall senior forwards Dennis Tinnon and Nigel Spikes battle SMU players for a rebound. The Herd, usually dominant in both offensive and defensive rebounding, was outrebounded by six against the Mustangs.

Big Green strives for 3,000 members

By MIRANDA PEMBERTON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Big Green Scholarship Foundation is trying to attain 3,000 members for the third consecutive year. They currently have 2,985 members.

Potential members, who join Big Green by Friday, will have a chance to win tickets to the MU Men's Basketball game versus UCF, Saturday.

Travis Epling, head of Big Green Scholarship member recruitment, said the current promotion is unique and current members receive many benefits through Marshall and the City of Huntington.

"Any member gets local area discounts where you use your card," Epling said. "About 50 different stores participate."

The promotion is not the only membership recruitment event of the Big Green.

"Throughout the year we do different things, like our member drive," Epling said. "Our memberships run through June 30 and begin again in July. We've had a good amount of people jump on this promotion that we are doing right now."

Recruitment events are not the only way that Big Green gets members to join.

"A lot of our membership is done through season tickets," Epling said. "Certain parts of the stadiums have requirements, and that's how we



draw our membership in."

Many people, including recent alumni, join the scholarship foundation.

"A lot of times you will see recent alumni getting involved at lower level and then they will start to donate more," Epling said. "The idea is that somebody who just graduates will start at the lower level and once they get a job, start donating to the program more."

Marshall Maniacs helps out the program along with Big Green Scholarship Foundation members.

"We just set 3,000 as a goal," Epling said. "Before we hit that 2 years ago, we never had that happen. We just want to hit it 3 years in a row."

See BIG GREEN | Page 5

2013 Thundering Herd Football Schedule

Aug 31- MIAMI (OH)

Oct 19 - @ MTSU

Sept 7 - GARDNER-WEBB

Nov 2 - SOUTHERN MISS

Sept 14 - @ Ohio

Nov 9 - UAB

Sept 21 - @ VT

Nov 16 - @ Tulsa

Oct 5 - UTSA

Nov 23 - @ FIU

Oct 12 - @ FAU

Nov 30 - ECU

259990
THE VILLAGE ON SIXTH
PARTHENON
3 x 10.0

THE PARTHENON

ABOUT US

The Parthenon, Marshall University's student newspaper, is published by students Mondays through Fridays during the regular semesters, and weekly Thursdays during the summer. The editorial staff is responsible for news and editorial content.

STAFF

- JOHN GIBB**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
gibb@marshall.edu

RACHEL FORD
MANAGING EDITOR
ford80@marshall.edu

ASHLEIGH HILL
LIFE! EDITOR
hill281@marshall.edu

MARCUS CONSTANTINO
PHOTO EDITOR
constantino2@marshall.edu

SAMUEL SPECIALE
COPY EDITOR
speciale@marshall.edu

SANDY YORK
FACULTY ADVISER
sandy.york@marshall.edu
- TYLER KES**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
kes@marshall.edu

BISHOP NASH
NEWS EDITOR
nash24@marshall.edu

WILL VANCE
SPORTS EDITOR
vance162@marshall.edu

CHRISTOPHER JORGE
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR
jorge@marshall.edu

CAITIE SMITH
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR
smith1650@marshall.edu

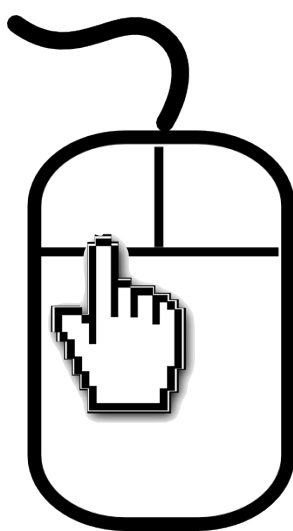
CONTACT US

109 Communications Bldg.
Marshall University
One John Marshall Drive
Huntington, West Virginia 25755
parthenon@marshall.edu

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The Constitution of the United States of America

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.



ONLINE POLLS

How much debt will you be in upon graduation?

- \$0 - \$5,000
- \$5,000 - \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$20,000
- \$20,000+

What is your stance on gun control?

- More regulation 50% - 29 votes
- Less Regulation 24% - 14 votes
- Fine as we are 26% - 15 votes

Visit marshallparthenon.com to share your opinion.

Editorial

Boy Scouts lifting ban will be good for organization

Earlier this week the Boy Scouts of America announced they were planning to drop the ban against openly gay males from joining the organization. The change in policy could become active as early as next week.

All that can be said is it's about time.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest private youth organizations in the United States and has had a ban on openly gay membership and leadership for decades.

The change in policy would effect the organization as a whole, but still allow individual troops to make the decision on

whether or not to allow gay scouts or troop leaders into their chapter.

There have been many scouts, companies and Americans who have told the leaders of BSA that discriminating against someone because of sexual orientation—and they are right.

Leaders of LGBT groups are saying the lift of the ban will strengthen the organization's principles of fairness, and it is hard to disagree with that.

For a group that strives to teach young men how to be good, respectful adults and members of society, it is difficult to see how lifting this ban will be a bad thing. It is

about more than the survival skills BSA is known for teaching.

Let us commend the board members of the Boy Scouts for finally realizing sexual orientation does not have anything with how good of a scout a male can be and giving all young men the chance to be a part of this group.

The progress in the fight for equality is going to be a long one, but it is good to see some results coming from private organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America. It's a step-by-step process, and all it takes is one person's voice to make a difference.

Column

Ignore those people in the back and party on!

By E. THOMAS MCCLANAHAN
THE KANSAS CITY STAR (MCT)

President Obama's inaugural speech struck the notes expected on such occasions. He evoked our founding documents. He used words like "timeless" and "enduring," and as with most Obama speeches, it was a fine performance. Yet after four years you know this president doesn't always mean what he says.

To some extent, that's true of all politicians, of course. But with this one it seems more so. He once promised to go through the budget "line by line," but as time passed he became uncommonly resistant to reducing any of the numbers on those lines.

So when you hear him talking about remaking our government or reforming the tax code or making the "hard choices" needed to tame health care costs, the words slide by like so much rhetorical wallpaper.

What you do understand after last week is that he has little intention of doing things that seem obvious, imperative, essential to the country's future. Given the nation's fiscal dilemmas, what the speech seemed to highlight was a shocking dereliction of duty.

He suggested there's no need to retool Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security in any way. These programs, as Obama put it, "do not sap our initiative, they strengthen us."

Never mind that he himself has admitted that if nothing is done about Medicare and Medicaid, they "will consume the entire federal budget." But that was then. The latest word is what he told House Speaker John Boehner late last year: "We don't have a spending problem."

You watch all this with an almost ghoulish fascination, as you might watch a video of a bus careening down a mountain road, with the driver's friends partying in front, drowning out a chorus of warnings from the back.

What's that they say back there? Something about the driver being reckless. That without repairs the bus will crash. Something about hairpin turns ahead....

Pay them no mind, the driver says. They have nothing to contribute. "We cannot mistake absolutism for principle," he intones, "or substitute spectacle for politics, or treat name-calling as reasoned debate."

The people in front cheer. Besides, the driver says, "Our journey is not yet complete."

Yet without substantial upgrades, that bus will break down long before the journey is "complete."

The modern welfare state is slowly collapsing not only here but across the developed world. Meanwhile, the president and his party, who have overseen a near-doubling of the national debt in four years, have refused to seriously discuss how things might be set on an even keel.

Since the era of chronic deficits began 40 years ago, most of the increased spending has been for social service programs, primarily Medicare and Medicaid — the costs of which have risen five-fold over that period. Next year, health care entitlement costs will further accelerate with the near-full implementation of Obamacare.

After the speech, Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama walked down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, and the next day a photo of the happy pair, waving to the crowd, adorned the nation's front pages.

A nice moment, but repairs to that bus can't be put off forever.

Nor can the people who will need it in the future be fooled forever about its true condition, or the tax load they and their children will face for today's refusal to act.

One promise Obama has worked hard to fulfill is his belief that government must "share the wealth." But in blocking all serious attempts to reform entitlements, he is redistributing income less from today's wealthy than from future taxpayers, increasing the risk that they'll be forced to pay in the form of the stunted economic growth and diminished prospects.



THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH
CARTOONS.COM



MCT CAMPUS

Column

“War on drugs” costs more than it’s worth

By TRISTAN SMITH
COLUMNIST

It is no secret that the United States has a drug problem. The main problem in my opinion is not about the drugs themselves, but what the government has done for four decades to attempt to police them.

In 1971, Richard Nixon declared a "War on Drugs," which was essentially an all-out offensive to keep illegal drugs out of America, and to arrest anyone who is found with them in America. Every president since Nixon has continued to fund and manage this very costly war.

The most shocking part about the War on Drugs is how much money we are spending on it. Between state and federal governments, this taxpayer-funded program costs Americans tens of billions of dollars every single year. There are even "drug clocks" on the internet which update in real time, showing how much we

have spent on this program yearly, monthly, and daily.

Law enforcement and the prison system are two other aspects of society which are burdened both fundamentally and financially by the War on Drugs.

The number of arrests for drug law offences in America reached an all-time high in 2012, surpassing 2009's mark of 1.6 million. It is also very expensive to hold a person in prison, so tax-payers are funding both the arrests and the prison sentences of these non-violent offenders.

Financial problems within the War on Drugs are not only limited to tax-payers. Illegal drugs fetch a hefty price on the streets. This provides dangerous people with an opportunity to make lots of money and gain incredible power. Gangs, drug cartels, and crime rings all benefit from the fact that Americans can't get drugs anywhere else.

While the government sometimes publicizes the capture of a drug cartel in Mexico or South America, this doesn't ever add up to anything more than money poorly spent. That is because there is such a huge profit margin available in drug sales, profit that is available to anyone who is willing to take the risk of getting caught.

As long as there is a demand for drugs in America, there is going to be someone waiting to step up and supply it.

It is also easier for children to get their hands on illegal drugs than it is for them to get a six pack of beer. That is obviously because drug dealers do not have to worry about things like checking identification.

The biggest issue I have with all of this is the hypocrisy of it. Some drugs are perfectly legal to and are governmentally taxed and supported, and some are not. It is fine for us to have alcohol, nicotine and caffeine, but it is not okay for us

to have heroin, cocaine and in most cases, marijuana.

Is it really the government's job to tell us what we can put into our own bodies?

Essentially I am arguing, if you cannot tell already, that the War on Drugs is not stopping the sale of or the use of drugs, nor is it cleaning up the streets.

What it is doing is costing hard-working Americans billions of dollars per year, and crowding our prisons with people who have not harmed or disturbed anyone else. People are always going to be able to get what they want, be it through a black market or a convenience store. The available profit margins make it a lucrative business for criminals, and it should not be the government's job to babysit and punish its citizens for making a bad, but otherwise harmless decision.

Tristan Smith can be contacted at smith1631@marshall.edu.



FANG ZHE/XINHUA | MCT CAMPUS
TOP: Former Rep. Gabby Giffords and her husband Capt. Mark Kelly testify during the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing on gun control in Washington D.C., Wednesday.
RIGHT: National Rifle Association head Wayne LaPierre testifies during the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing.

Gun debate begins in Congress, but both sides start out far apart

By CURTIS TATE
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — A Capitol Hill hearing on gun control Wednesday brought together both sides of the debate, but the sharp differences on display showed that common ground could prove to be elusive.

The high-profile hearing was the opening act in what's likely to be a lengthy and contentious drama about public safety, law enforcement, mental health and personal liberty. But time might not be on the side of those who are pushing for changes in gun laws.

"They understand their best chance to get this done is to do it soon," said Robert Spitzer, chairman of the Political Science Department at the State University of New York at Cortland, and author of "The Politics of Gun Control."

"What should America do about gun violence?" was the subject of the hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, that came seven weeks after a massacre in Newtown, Conn. that left 20 elementary school children, as well as six adults victims, dead.

While no clear-cut answer emerged from the nearly four-hour hearing, former Democratic Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona, who has become a symbol of the effort to change the laws since she was

shot in the head two years ago at an outdoor town meeting in Tucson, expressed a sentiment that both sides would seem to embrace.

"Speaking is difficult, but I need to say something important," she said. "Violence is a big problem. Too many children are dying."

But after that, the questions and testimony revealed the divide that has long defined the debate over gun control.

James Johnson, chief of police in Baltimore County, Md., said Congress needed to extend background checks to gun shows, where 40 percent of guns sales occur.

"The best way to stop a bad guy from getting a gun is a good background check in the first place," said Johnson, chairman of the National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence.

Wayne LaPierre, chief executive of the National Rifle Association, said that background checks don't work, nor do more gun laws.

"We could dramatically cut crimes with guns if we started enforcing the 9,000 federal laws on the books," he said.

Giffords' husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, said better background checks could have stopped the Tucson shooter, Jared Loughner, from buying a gun.

"My wife would not have been sitting here today if we had stronger background checks," said Kelly, a gun owner.

Following the hearing, the couple met at the White House with President Barack Obama, who has made gun control a centerpiece of his second term. Obama will continue to press his case on guns in Minneapolis on Monday.

In an interview Wednesday on Telemundo, Spanish language TV, the president said, "What we're looking for here has nothing to do with taking away peoples' guns ... We're talking about some common-sense things."

The shock of the bloodshed in Newtown, which followed a rash of recent mass shootings, galvanized supporters of gun restrictions and prompted new legislation in Congress from Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that would ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, as well as tightening background checks.

But gun rights advocates have mobilized, too, opposing efforts to curb guns or ammunition and promoting the enforcement of existing laws, prosecuting gun crimes and focusing on mental health issues.

"This is such a hard debate because people have such fixed positions," Feinstein said.

Penn students settle suit over living conditions

By HILLARY SIEGEL
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

PHILADELPHIA — Six students who sued the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania for poor living conditions in an off-campus house reached a settlement with the university Monday.

A representative of the University of Pennsylvania confirmed that settlement was reached. According to court documents, two of the plaintiffs, Zachary Opperman and Andrew Green, filed a declaration of withdrawal and the motion was granted withdrawn without prejudice on Monday.

The terms of the settlement were confidential.

The six plaintiffs initially filed suit in early December, claiming they had lived in deplorable conditions in their university-owned house for nearly 12 months during the 2011-2012 school year.

The tenants claimed that Campus Apartments, the university-owned group responsible for their housing, did not fulfill maintenance duties when the students made complaints about poor living conditions such as rodents, mold and leaks.



According to the original statement by the plaintiffs, "the severity of the existing issues only compounded due to inaction" by Campus Apartments. They asserted that the condition of the house was deteriorating "despite multiple, significant attempts" to contact their landlord for assistance.

When the students complained about a leak that led to a collapsed ceiling in March, Campus Apartments came to the conclusion that the leak was the tenants' fault, and charged them nearly \$7,000 in repairs.

This led the students to sue the university for the full amount of the lease, the amount that Campus Apartments charged for damages, and their security deposit, which had been taken from them after the incident in March.

A representative from Campus Apartments declined comment.

Rugby Continued from Page 2

The players are asked to supply their own cleats, shorts and rugby socks.

Practices for the women's rugby team are normally on Buskirk Field, and the players are asked to workout on their own for extra exercise and to prepare for the tournament season.

Rabatin has been involved with Marshall Rugby since spring semester of her freshman year and has been

president since fall 2012.

"We have two separate seasons," Rabatin said. "The fall is our Ohio Rugby Union season and it lasts from the first week of school until early November. The spring is tournament season and lasts from mid-January until the end of April."

Rabatin said she encourages anyone to give rugby a try and to spread the word about the team, as well as the upcoming tournament season.

Kelcie Coburn can be contacted at coburn15@marshall.edu.



We're Online!
@
marshallparthenon.com

Commuters Continued from Page 2

"There is not really a resource for commuters, it is kind of show up, go to class and leave," Hemlepp, social work major, said. "There is no real college experience for people who don't want to live in the dorm. There is no sense of camaraderie or community, MUCU wants to change that."

The SRC staff gave tips for getting involved on Marshall's campus.

Craiger said available resources for commuters include inclement weather housing and commuter meal plans. The SRC offers game days on the last Friday of each month where commuters can socialize with other students.

The SRC has used Commuter Commotion to continue reaching out to commuters on campus.

Courtney Brown can be contacted at brown625@marshall.edu.

Sandusky denied new trial

By PETER HALL
THE MORNING CALL
(ALLENTOWN, PA.)

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — The judge in Jerry Sandusky's child sexual abuse case has denied the former Penn State coach a new trial, apparently rejecting his attorneys' argument that they were rushed in preparing a defense.

Sandusky may now appeal his conviction on 45 counts related to sexual abuse of children to the Pennsylvania Superior Court, the first court of appeals in criminal cases.

Sandusky, 69, was convicted in June after jurors heard testimony that he molested 10 young boys over a 15-year span from 1994 to 2009, sometimes in the Penn State football training facilities where Sandusky was revered as a defensive coordinator.

He maintained his innocence but was sentenced in October to 30 to 60 years in state prison.

At a Jan. 10 hearing in Centre County Court, Sandusky's defense attorney, Joe



MICHAEL KUBEL/ALLENTOWN MORNING CALL | MCT
Jerry Sandusky arrives for his hearing at the Centre County Courthouse in Bellefonte, Penn., Thursday, January 10.

Amendola, testified that he was unable to wade through more than 12,000 pages of documents turned over by prosecutors in the seven months before his trial began.

In a 27-page opinion handed down Wednesday afternoon, Judge John M. Cleland addressed each of the arguments and found them unpersuasive.

International Continued from Page 1

undergraduate population to 1,500 to 2,000 international students over the next seven to eight years, that would guarantee that students who come from, say Greenbrier County, will have the opportunity to

meet students that come from all different parts of the world and literally open up the world to them," Kopp said.

Kopp said he believes the welcoming community and the small town atmosphere of Huntington will attract international students to Marshall.

"The community here in

Huntington knows you are a Marshall student," Kopp said. "I've been to some universities where that is a bad thing, but here it's a good thing."

Matt Turner, Marshall University chief of staff, said the quality of Marshall alumni is another attractive feature.

"I think they've been

impressed with some of the high ranking positions our graduates have," Turner said. "That's a pretty good marketing tool."

The tour will take place Monday at the Foundation Hall.

Taylor Stuck can be contacted at stuck7@marshall.edu.

*Life!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013 | THE PARTHENON | MARSHALLPARTHENON.COM

iTUNES | TOP 10 SINGLES

1. "Thrift Store" by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis	6. "Love Me" by Lil Wayne
2. "Scream & Shout" by will.i.am	7. "Ho Hey" by The Lumineers
3. "I Knew You Were Trouble" by Taylor Swift	8."Don't You Worry Child" by Swedish House Mafia
4. "Nothing Like Us (Bonus Track)" by Justin Bieber	9. "Locked Out of Heaven" by Bruno Mars
5. "YOLO" by Lonely Island	10. "Daylight" by Maroon 5

“ASK YOU TO JUDGE ME
BY THE ENEMIES I HAVE MADE.”
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

ED ASNER AS FDR

By Magan Hammond
THE PARTHENON

Ed Asner took the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse back to the 1930s Wednesday night, with his portrayal of President Franklin Roosevelt.

“Ed Asner as FDR,” a one-man adaption of the Broadway hit “Sunrise At Campobello,” gave audience members a behind the scenes look at Roosevelt’s life as President.

“He wasn’t boring,” Asner said. “He was one of, if not the greatest Presidents of our country—a man of many accomplishments.”

Asner played Roosevelt, depicting how he became the President of the United States and brought the country through the Great Depression and World War II.

In the show, Asner highlighted Roosevelt’s challenges and success while holding four terms as President.

Asner portrayed Roosevelt with a mixture of humor and seriousness, showcasing his acting abilities without the help of any other actors.

“Ed Asner was truly a fantastic character in his portrayal of FDR,” Deanna Davis, Marshall University student, said. “He was funny, warm and believable in every word that he spoke.”

Through his performance, Asner educated audience members of Roosevelt’s accomplishments and improvements to the country.

Asner said he wanted the audience to learn how Roosevelt saved

the country during the Great Depression and how he prepared the country for a war it was not ready to fight.

Izack Gainor, Marshall student, said he appreciated Asner’s convincing acting.

“I could tell that Mr. Asner was a professional at this,” Gainor said. “He did a good job convincing me he was who he was portraying.”

Asner said he considered himself a lucky man for being able to portray Roosevelt.

“I don’t look it or sound it, but I try to be in spirit,” Asner said. “I hope I make people have revelations of who FDR was and I will be happy.”

Magan Hammond can be contacted at hammond53@marshall.edu.



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

page designed and edited by ASHLEIGH HILL | hill281@marshall.edu

259764
GOLD BUYERS AT THE MALL
HALF PAGE PAR.
6 x 10.5
3 / 3 / 3