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By MIKAELA KEENER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University School of Music and Theatre concluded its 46th annual Winter Jazz Festival Saturday at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. The three-day event consisted of workshops and performances by local middle school and high school students during the day. Concerts by special guests and Marshall students, staff and alumni ended each evening. Saturday’s concert included performances by the Thundering Herd All-Star Band, a band consisting of high school students and two Marshall students, and by the Sean Jones Quartet. Sean Jones, trumpeter for the Sean Jones Quartet, expressed the importance for students to experience the world of live music.

“It is important that the young people that are coming up in college, this generation that’s in college and high school, are aware of what real American music is and the indigenous art form jazz,” Jones said.

Marshall was also represented during the festival along with Glenville State College. The performances were given by Glenville State College Jazz Combo, Marshall University Jazz Combo I, Faculty Jazz Combo, MU Alumni Band, MU Jazz Ensemble I, including special guests Mark Sherman, vibraphonist, Marty Gajda, tenor saxophone and Ryan Kennedy, guitarist. Jones said it is great to have such a great tradition.

“There’s a lot of places that maybe go five years and die off,” Jones said. “But for this to have such a tradition with education as well as producing live music, it’s awesome.”

Awards were given Saturday evening to students for outstanding solo performances. Mikaela Keener can be contacted at keener31@live.marshall.edu.

Jazz Festival wraps on campus

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President on Tour

Interim President Gary White to visit Marshall campuses outside Huntington

“It’s really convenient for those of us who don’t take many classes at the Huntington location.”

- Tabitha Meddings, sophomore

The South Charleston campus will have its reception at 5 p.m. Feb. 21. All Marshall students, faculty, staff and alumni are encouraged to attend the reception.

Sophomore Tabitha Meddings, who attends a class at Point Pleasant, said she thinks this is a great opportunity.

“I think it’s really great that even the off-site campuses are doing something to welcome President White,” Meddings said. “It’s really convenient for those of us who don’t take many classes at the Huntington location.”

A similar welcome reception for White took place at the main Huntington campus Jan. 16, where several community members were in attendance.

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By MATTHEW EPLION

Marshall University Career Services and the School of Pharmacy welcomed pharmacy students to the first Pharmacy Career Expo Friday. The event served as a way for students of the School of Pharmacy to meet with representatives of various hospitals and retailers to seek employment and internships.

Denise Huggett, director of Career Services, said the School of Pharmacy’s new status as a school within the University has also brought the first pharmaceutical related expo to Marshall.

Career Services helped students prepare their resumes to present at the expo to potential employers.

The companies consisted of pharmacies such as CVS, Fruth Pharmacy, Walgreens and Rite-Aid as well as hospitals like St. Mary’s, King’s Daughters and Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Sophomore Amber Typpens said the event was a good experience and worth attending. Typpens said the event is a great way to speak with many companies in a short amount of time and it makes finding a job in hospitals or retailers easier.

Sophomore Elizabeth Canterbury said Career Services and the School of Pharmacy did a good job putting the event together, considering the School of Pharmacy only has three classes at the moment.

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First Pharmaceutical expo welcomes local businesses

Huntington Invitational concludes Saturday

The St. Joseph Central Catholic High School Huntington Invitational came to an end Saturday after four days of basketball games played by 46 middle and high school teams.

The event was set up as a College Day, meaning there was no winner.

New to the invitational this year was a college game between West Virginia Tech and University of Rio Grande.

David Moldings, head basketball coach for Huntington Prep and director of the invitational, explained the reason for this game.

“I want those kids to see that there are different levels of basketball and that they can keep playing the sport after they graduate," Moldings said.

Players at the event were being scouted for their athletic abilities and their academic achievements.

Thomas Bryant, a senior forward for Huntington Prep, said he appreciates the opportunities that basketball has given him.

“I love it here, I think this is the best decision I’ve made in my high school career," Bryant said. “I love being able to come here and play with great players. You get better every day just by being here.”

Bryant is one of 24 high school players in the nation to be chosen to play in the 2015 McDonald’s All American Games in Chicago April 1.

Members of the community attended to support the local schools that participated in the invitational.

Justin and Sunny Day of Huntington are St. Joseph Catholic School alumni and parents. They attended all four days of the invitational as support, even though their daughter does not play for the team.

“They were recruited from out of state, so we feel as parents we need to come do our part,” Day said. “There aren’t many fans, but we like to support the kids.”

The Day family said the Huntington Invitational is a good experience and worth attending.

“Everybody really supports each other,” Justin said. “We like to support the kids.”

Medical student Abbie Calvin said she already had three interviews scheduled for that day and enjoyed the opportunity to speak with people in a casual setting.

All three students said they hoped the expo would continue to be a success after this year.

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Annual Pump and Run a fun competition for all ages

By MERCEDEZ SPEIGHT

The Rec Center put together its annual Pump and Run event Saturday. The first part of the event took place on the second floor of the Rec Center where participants of each age group bench-pressed.

About 50 people participated in the event. The participants consisted of kids, parents and students with all different body types.

When the bench-press portion of the event ended, the competitors had five minutes to prepare for the race portion starting on 25th street.

Eddy Neel came in first place in the racing portion.

Michelle Math, director of marketing and memberships at the Rec Center, said she noticed the fantastic energy at Pump and Run.

“Everybody has a good time, and everybody really supports each other,” Math said. “Not a whole lot of competitiveness here, but there is a little bit.”

Math also participated in the Pump and Run this year. “The run was cold, lots of rain, but it was a fun run,” Math said. “I came in and signed up today so I was the last one to bench. I got as many reps as I wanted which was five reps at 105 lbs. I felt like everyone was really supportive of one another especially when we have to bench in front of one another.”

Pump and Run combined both cardio and upper body strength to provide the community with a good time while getting fit.

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The Marshall University swimming and diving team lost to Western Kentucky University 108-107 Saturday in its last meet of the regular season.

The team won three of the 16 events at the meet, including the 50 freestyle, 3-meter dive and 200 individual medley.

Freshman Nele Albers from Ludinghausen, Germany, set a new pool record in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:04.61. Albers set seven pool records at the meet. Those records were in the 200 medley relay, 100 breaststroke, 200 butterfly, 200-yard backstroke, 200 breaststroke, 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle relay.

Saturday was Senior Day for the Herd, honoring the five seniors on the team: Lauren Hard, Kathy Gregory, Kacie Kramer, Casey Kyriacopoulos and Kasey Povin.

Head coach Bill Tramel said the seniors leaving is just a part of the journey of college athletics.

"So it’s every year, it’s a sad time, but it’s also a happy time because, like I said, they’re leaving is just a part of the journey of college athletics.

“I think this year is general just has been the last, and I’ll take it with me,” Kyriacopoulos said. “We got so close as a team, my dive teammates have been great.”

Kramer’s family traveled from Naples, Florida, to watch the meet.

"Bill, her father, said Saturday was the first time the family was able to see her swim at Marshall and the last time she will swim at Marshall.

“I’m just proud of her,” Bill Kramer said. "She’s a great teammate, and she kind of epitomizes ‘student-athlete. And her team, they rally around her. Her teammates are kind of some of her closest friends, so it just makes that them a part of our family, so we’re just grateful.”

Coach Tramel said in not down by this weekend’s loss, but rather looks ahead to the tournament.

“I think we’re in a pretty good place right now, there’s a lot of details we have to clean up still,” Tramel said. “We can just move on to clean up still,” Tramel said. “We can just move on to clean up still,” Tramel said. “We can just move on. We can just move on.”

The postseason for the team begins Feb. 18-21 with the C-USA tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Charitable organizations come in many varieties, and we are often cautioned against donating to certain charities based on their allocation of funds or organizational beliefs. But, where do we draw the line when a charity goes against our personal beliefs, but does it in the best possible way?

The real question is: is it fair for us to withhold giving to a charity that is doing good work just because we have differing views? For example, a homeless shelter that doesn’t take in members of the LGBTQ community for religious reasons, or a charity that provides food for more than 50 children at any given time. Many LGBTQ advocates would find donating to that shelter because of that difference of opinions.

Who are you really helping, though? Are you not exactly helping the LGBTQ community by not donating to that shelter, and unless you seek out another local shelter to donate to, are you not helping the homeless in your community?

While it is a worthwhile task to donate to those organizations you feel most aligned with, there are people in your community who need help, is it ok for you to ig

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By MEGAN CURRAN

Think of the last novel you were really engaged with, a work of fiction with which you had a profound love and compass so put down until it was finished. The author takes you on a rollercoaster of emotions as you ride the tide of the plot and observe the literary mean

For example, Circa Survive’s “Juturna,” by living through the lives of their characters they are able to create a story that makes sense to the listener. Another great example is the song “Glorious Nosebleed,” which gives each of the songs a new level of depth. Nowhere else can you experience the beauty and contrasts of emotions. This is a very popu

There are movements in a symphony where it is a necessary part of each song to create an experience that is different from the other songs. So many albums have great

Being the better person is the best way to help those in need.
By BOB PLYMALE

The majority of us watched as Queen Katy Perry danced along with her dancing sharks and remote microphone and enorme chrome tiger puppet ("The Lion King" on Broadway again) in the 2015 Super Bowl halftime show. It was easily one of the better halftime shows I’ve seen in my short lifetime, but it made me think about other performers I would like to see in the future.

Choosing a performer can’t be easy for the NFL. Thanks to past scandals, of course, there must be a balance between popularity of the chosen act and lack of controversial material he or she will produce. There is a very specific formula for choosing artists worthy of a successful halftime performance. They must be family friendly, massively popular, reasonably easy for the NFL. Thanks to past scandals, there is not necessarily the on-field NFC would welcome down acceptable for children. So here are a few of the artists we want or we want to consider: the halftime show—and the increased al-

1. JOSIE TINMBLACE

I think grandiose cowboys would consider Bruno Mars’ performance at the 2014 Super Bowl one of the really good if not great ones. Why not keep on a similar background and bring on Justin Timberlake? Not only is he beautiful, capa-

2. KANYE WEST

I hope Kanye West as a Su-

3. GIRLFRIEND

I think general consensus

4. OUTKAST

Some others I would love to see who will never make it to Super Bowl—like Lady Gaga, and John Legend have been added to the back the crowd. Their live tunes. He without a doubt

5. ARIANA GRANDE

I don’t believe Ariana Grande, though she had the biggest song of last year, is ready to take the halftime stage yet. However, she is quite ex-

HALF TIME WISHLIST

Six Super Bowl performances that would be awesome but probably won’t happen

By CODI MOHR

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

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In this April 24, 2013 file photo, singer, actor and dancer Usher performs during the NFL Super Bowl XLVII halftime show in New Orleans.

In this Jan. 10, 2014, file photo, Usher performs at the NFL's Super Bowl XLVII halftime show in New Orleans.

In this Dec. 15, 2014 file photo, Ariana Grande performs in concert during the final 99.9 Jingle Ball at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. Grande, Lady Gaga, and John Legend have been added to the group of artists set to pay tribute to Stevie Wonder at Sunday night’s concert.