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The State Ballet Theatre of Russia performs “Swan Lake” Tuesday at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center.

Swan Lake makes Keith Albee debut

By JARED CASTO
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s Student Government Association elected a historian and swore in new senators during the Tuesday meeting.

Historian nominations were closed with three senators vying for the position. Senate president pro-tempore, Alex O’Donnell’s resolution was approved.

“I’m going to make them work very, very hard,” O’Donnell said. “The time of the historian who does absolutely nothing but puts it on their resume is over.”

Nominees Davila-Cransley, Whitney Ramzy and Nick Hillman presented their qualifications for the position, ranging from historic reports they had written in previous classes to high school yearbooks they had developed. Ramzy ultimately received the majority vote.

“I feel that the most important part of being a historian is to tell the story and have students actually come here and experience it,” Ramzy said.

Carla Lepage, interim dean of student affairs, swore in apprentices as senators at the meeting. The six new senators are Sam Cain, Elise Gooding, Ethan Higinbotham, Shelby McCracken, Shaylin Reid and Cody Straley.

Bills from the Keramos Potters Guild, Vietnamese Student Association, Disciples on Campus and Beta Sigma Alpha Psi were approved. Funding of various amounts were given to the organizations to provide them with the ability to fund essential organization activities.

O’Donnell presented a resolution that will change SGA’s main social events this semester and will be held at cook281@marshall.edu.

By LEXI BROWNING
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“The idea of seeing this ballet got me here,” Jacoby said. “I want to take advantage of the opportunity for this type of thing is too specific. Kids can enjoy it, and so can adults who is different from a lot of other things that play here that are more targeted.”

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Huntington resident, Rebecca Coleman brought her 8-year-old daughter to see the show.

“I’m so glad my daughter got to experience this,” Coleman said. “She’s been in ballet classes since she was 4 but has never been to an actual professional ballet so I jumped on the chance to take her, as soon as they were available. It’s really a once in a lifetime thing.”

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Deadline approaching for SAS submissions

By REBECCA TURNBULL
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The deadline is approaching for students to submit their works for the annual national meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society, springing in Huntington.

All proposed submissions are due to the Southern Anthropological Society by Feb. 5.

The conference will take place April 7–9 in the Big Sandy Conference Center in Huntington and is themed “Reinventing and Reinforcing the Local in Our Common Good.”

Dr. Brian Heagy, associate professor of anthropology at Marshall and conference chair and proceedings editor for the meeting said the aim of those proposals is to demonstrate practical applications of science-based ideas to address real-world problems of local relevance.

“We then imagine possible realistic futures for the place where we both live and work,” Heagy said.

Heagy said he hopes the three-day event will help the link between Marshall and the Huntington community to help positively benefit the interest of all.

Details for submissions and registration information can be found on the Southern Anthropological Society’s website at http://sasconference.org.

The conference is sponsored by Marshall’s College of Liberal Arts and Human College.

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Nichols nominee for WV Professor of the Year

By ELAYNA CONARD
THE PARTHENON
Nichols reflected on the times he has said yes to too many events, such as being the December commencement speaker, as unexpected opportunities that forced him out of his comfort zone. Nichols said that “in some sense, I have never really felt the weight of my work.”

Nichols’ saying yes mental attitude allowed him to quickly to this point of high achievement.

Nichols said he did not use a finite line before the start of the race but thought of his first steps out of the blocks. “I keep my nose to the ground and focus on what I need to get done,” Nichols said.

Nichols said he was told by his students, Nichols said he looks forward to being a “lifelong student.” Just like the advice he give to December graduates, Nichols said he encourages all students to remain open to learning long after graduation.

“Once you walk out of this door, you can’t stop being a ‘lifelong student,’ ” Nichols said. "I keep my nose to the ground and focus on what I need to get done."

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CAB’s “Build a Button” event continues

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Herd baseball team sets eyes on conference tourney

By BRITTANY FOWLER

The spring season is upon us. And just as winter always keeps its promise of brutal temperatures and snowy sidewalks, since May 14, 2016, spring has always kept its promise to Marshall University: baseball.

Every day at Marshall’s new indoor athletic facility, around 5 p.m., you will hear the popping of gloves. The sound is that of the 2016 Marshall baseball team putting in the work it believes will make history this upcoming season.

If there is one thing every player on the Herd’s baseball team has on their minds, it is making it to the Conference USA tournament.

However, three of its senior leaders are not content with simply making it to the tournament. Aaron Bossi, senior infielder from St. Louis, Missouri, said he thinks his team is more than capable of making the tournament, so he is aspiring for greater heights.

“Making the tournament this year isn’t even enough. I think this team is a regional team, and I think that should be our goal.”

– Aaron Bossi

Four-star linebacker verbally commits to Marshall

Marshall University head coach Doc Holliday adds confidence to the defense with a commitment. By BRADLEY HELTZEL

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University’s football team landed one of its all-time highest-ranked commitments last week. Of the nearly 100 high school football recruits that the Mountaineers were offered, only two from the northern part of the state were rated as four-stars by the ESPN, as well as the No. 2 ranked defensive end.

Three-star defensive end Jameson Viales, of Chesapeake, Virginia, had previously committed to the University of Alabama but decommitted earlier this month.

Listed at 6-foot-4, 250 pounds, Viales generally receives four stars from the recruiting-oriented web sites. He is ranked ninth among the nation’s inside linebackers by 247 Sports.

Viales was named All-Tidewater first team after recording 110 tackles, eight sacks and 10 forced fumbles and led his high school team to an 11-2 season this year.

Besides Alabama, Viales reported top schools included Virginia Tech and the University of North Carolina, Michigan State University and Florida State University.

National signing day is Feb. 3.

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The WV Religious Freedom Restoration Act could allow for unsavory behavior

West Virginia officials are set to vote on House Bill 4012, or the West Virginia Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

If passed, the bill would allow individuals to be excused from any state or local law if they claim their religious freedoms were affected in some way. For West Virginia, this line would include non-established religions, meaning any religion, including Internet-based faiths, such as Pastafarianism, not just.run-of-the-mill Christianity. Judaism or Islam, can be used as an excuse.

In the span of things, people have used the law to ignore orders that they claim infringed on their religious rights. It would not be too far out to suggest an officer could use this loophole to defend an action like killing an unarmed, black teenager.

To make matters more serious, police officers have been cited as using their religious freedoms to ignore orders that they claim infringed on their religious rights. It would not be too far out to suggest an officer could use this loophole to defend an action like killing an unarmed, black teenager.

In a recent court case, a religious leader in New Mexico cited the state’s RFRA law as a defense after being convicted for sexually abusing two teenagers. According to the “Sexual Assault in West Virginia” handbook published by the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services, in 2011 one in six adult women in West Virginia experienced forcible sexual assault at one point in her lifetime. To provide any type of excuse for sexual abuse is appalling.

If passed, the West Virginia RFRA could allow for LGBT to be discriminated against in a manner of different ways, including but not limited to losing jobs/marriage, due to their sexuality, things like insurance coverage for contraception, being turned away from a pharmacy trying to fill a prescription, or even when trying attending counseling sessions.

It is beyond time for West Virginians to use their rights. Members of the LGBT community have faced discrimination their entire lives. It is imperative that citizens let the House know that the RFRA is not for West Virginia. Appalachians need to show the kind of heart that the rest of the world thinks we all have.

STATE EDITORIAL

The Exponent Telegram on work requirement for able-bodied people.

Del. Paty Trecost, D-Harrison, and Del. Danby Wagner, R-Elkins, are co-sponsoring a welfare reform bill that would require able-bodied adults without dependents who receive welfare assistance, such as food stamps, to work a minimum of 20 hours per week or participate in job training. Both Trecost and Wagner believe the bill is necessary so that some state residents don’t become dependent on government handouts.

“What we would like is for the West Virginia Legislature to pass a bill that would require able-bodied adults without dependents who receive welfare assistance, such as food stamps, to work a minimum of 20 hours per week or participate in job training.” Trecost said back in September when he announced the effort.

“We want to make sure that white they’re getting help — and we want to continue to give anyone who needs it a helping hand — that they’re also contributing back so that we can help everybody!”

We agree that those who are receiving government assistance should be working toward a brighter future. Government help shouldn’t be a way of life, just a temporary boost, not a permanent check.

But we know that the job market in West Virginia isn’t promising, with the state’s unemployment rate of 6.5 percent one of the worst in the nation.

Still, those who are unemployed would be well served to acquire additional training as long as means are made to assure them.

Likewise, while the proposed bill doesn’t address those people with children who are receiving benefits, it would be good to try to find ways to improve their job skills as well.

Government assistance programs have their place. They serve as a safety net. But they should better independence, not dependency.

Del. Trecost and Del. Wagner have come up with a solid proposal that encourages those receiving assistance to become more productive, contributing members of society.

We encourage lawmakers to give the bill strong consideration this term of the Legislature.

Get your voice heard

Want the chance to give your fellow students valuable advice? Is there any topic you love to talk about, but you know your friends’ eyes glaze over when you talk about it? Whether it’s music, politics or Marshall University, The Parthenon is looking for regular columnists for its opinion page.

Columns should be between 300-500 words, well-written and researched. Columns will be edited for grammar, libelous statements, available space or factual errors. This is your chance to let your voice be heard.

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When he is away from campus, Gilbert enjoys the outdoors and spend time cycling in his hometown of Jackson, Mississippi. He also looks forward to when his wife, Leigh, will arrive, and he will be able to move from Mississippi to West Virginia in the spring.

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