Big turnout for little orphan Annie

By RYAN FISCHER
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Annie opened to a large crowd Wednesday at the Keith Albee Theatre, temporarily halting Fourth Avenue traffic as droves of locals flocked to see the iconic 70s musical. The event had nearly sold out according to marketing director of The Marshall Artists Series Angela Jones. “We always are quite busy when it’s a big Broadway show, and with this show being nearby a sell out you know you are doing something people are excited about,” Jones said. “Students, faculty, staff and the general public are all coming out to see this.”

Ross performed in “Annie” as one of his first performances in childhood. “The play is definitely a whole different story,” Ross said. “I don’t know, it’s nice to have a different perspective on it. And live theatre, you know, it just feels so fresh and inviting, and you’re just part of it.”

Ross said although he was attending the play as an employee of Marshall University, he would have definitely made it a point to attend one of his personal favorites. “As a performer I have to say NYC is the best, having the whole cast singing and stuff,” Ross said. “My personal favorite is ‘Easy Street.’ I love that bad guy song; it’s so good.”

“Ordinary Annie” comic strip artist Harold Gray, news anchor Tim Irby said. “Those are the people who make the university go. They are the reasons I fight to keep tuition down. They are the reasons I support faculty; so they can give the students their best to succeed in future life endeavors.”

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In my eyes, the purpose of MU Day is to make sure we recognize Marshall and showcase all the things Marshall is doing,” Hornbuckle said. Students, faculty, staff and alumni are encouraged to attend the event.

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Catholic students take a chance on lent decision making

By AMANDA GIBSON
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The Chaplain Father Dean Shawkey said he hopes this year students are encouraged to do more things this lent season than in previous years. "I think that for someone who is new to putting things on each side. Students are encouraged to devote time to God’s call by doing all of the things listed on their die."

"I tend to need it to be something in my life," Ferguson said. "Try in all areas of my life to really take baby steps, so that if someone who is particularly overwhelmed when it comes to committing to any one thing for an entire 40 days, this game is kind of a fun and relaxed, mildly admonitory way to ease you into the practice of Lent," Ferguson said. "It takes time to learn what exactly works for each individual person when it comes to picking things to add or take on the die." "You kind of learn, especially after a few years, to kind of pace yourself because you can be too easy to keep it really fun and prayerful," Ferguson said. "You can also die of the opposite direction and put it to incredibly challenging things on the die." Ferguson said this game can be done in any form of Christianity. "I do not call this the Lenten season and you don’t have to be Catholic," Ferguson said. "If you practice any Christian faith and you want to take baby steps to ease into the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, then that is your opportunity." Junior international business major Sydney Rollins said this is her second year participating in the Lenten Die Game. "Rollins said the game has been the perfect way for her to ease into celebrating the season. "I think that the opportunity and potential to give up more than one thing every week, can help people see that uncertainty. Every night you could rolloff something different, or you could roll all five of the things and think it was a fun way to get involved with Lent and not just give up something typical," Ferguson said. "It helps the students see how beautiful and important Lent truly is." "I would encourage anybody who is new to Christianity, or maybe closer to their home, in the central part of West Virginia. Ferguson said the South Charleston Campus has never offered undergraduate courses and said this may allow Marshall to recruit students from the central part of West Virginia." Orion said the Board of Governors approved an interest in Plan for a Master of Arts in Education degrees, which, according to Orion, "would have the potential to attract new constituencies, would combine the current offerings of the Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education, Master of Arts in Elementary Education and Master of Arts in Secondary Education into one degree starting in the fall of 2016."

The board also approved $3.7 million for a Marshall University Management Policy, which will implement new ways for Marshall faculty and staff to use email and other electronic records. The policy states the intention to help preserve Marshall University history, protect the availability of institutional records and "shield" the university from liability in recent days," said associate dean of Student Affairs Maurice Cooley regarding a disciplinary case. The Ramnuts also have a scholarship for the 2015-16 fiscal year. "Although we faced over a million dollars in budget challenges. Gilbert said. "So, student success is just as important an effort, and it’s a priority that I want to stress, as well.” - President Jerry Gilbert Catholic students take a chance on lent decision making

By NANCY PETTON
THE PARTHENON

Students at the Catholic Newman Center on Marshall University’s campus like to keep things interesting during the Lenten season. The Chaplain Father Dean Shawkey encourages students to participate in what he calls the “Lenten Die Game.” The game requires participants to choose a die and roll things to determine what they will give up for Lent the next day and for the remainder of their lives.

"The student who needs to, or can, is unable to attend to Basketball, to Huntington, to keeping things interesting during the Lent Die Game at the Catholic Newman Center. One die made by a student participating in the Lent Die Game at the Catholic Newman Center.

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LGBT moves more series postponed due to licensing requirements

by LYDIA WATERSIGHT

The LGBT office canceled its planned series of movie nights this semester after discovering licensing requirements, but the group said they will be completed March fourth. "This new series just discovered in recent days," said associate director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Student Recreation, Jared Bean. "We wanted to play a series of movies that celebrate the diversity of the LGBT community, who they are and the community for Black History Month."

"We discovered the rights and potentially to give up more than one thing every week, can help people see that uncertainty. Every night you could roll off something different, or you could roll all five of the things and think it was a fun way to get involved with Lent and not just give up something typical," Ferguson said. "It helps the students see how beautiful and important Lent truly is." "I would encourage anybody who is new to Christianity, or maybe closer to their home, in the central part of West Virginia.” Ferguson said the South Charleston Campus has never offered undergraduate courses and said this may allow Marshall to recruit students from the central part of West Virginia"

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Women’s basketball looks to get back on track against UAB

By CHRISTIAN HISMAN

The Marshall University women’s basketball team will play a two-game set of Old Dominion at the Carl Henderson Center 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

The Herd enter the game on a three-game losing streak, and members of the team said they knew it’s critical the team rediscover its winning ways with only four games remaining in the regular season before the start of the conference tournament.

“We have four more regular season games left,” junior forward Nagual Hamilton said. “This could make or break our season because once the team gains momentum, we have had so much success in winning, and our defense has not been up to par.”

Heading into the contest against ODU, the team said its aware of how crucial the game is in terms of getting themselves confidence and momentum heading into the stretch run of the season.

“No doubt, our spirits are kind of down because we have dropped three in a row,” senior forward Keni Draves said. “So we need this next one so we can finish the season on a great run.”

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D’Antoni implementing winning culture, playing style in men’s basketball program

By DANIELLE WRIGHT

Marshall University men’s basketball head coach Dan D’Antoni has uplifted the program to new heights since returning to his alma mater in April of 2014. In his second season at the helm, D’Antoni has coached the team to a 23-12 overall record and an 11-3 conference mark, which has the team in second place in Conference USA with four games remaining in the regular season.

Marshall is currently on a four-game winning streak, and the program will play one of the biggest games in years Thursday when it hits the road to take on conference-leader University of Alabama-Birmingham.

“They’re tough to play on, and they score really well. They’re a good team,” D’Antoni said. “We are going to go out there and give our best shot.”

A win would be instrumental to the Herd’s chances of capturing the regular-season Conference USA championship, an accomplishment that would further prove D’Antoni has re-energized a new culture of winning within the program.

Part of D’Antoni’s success can be attributed to the last-paced, free-flowing style of play he brought with him to Marshall.

Sophomore guard John Esham said D’Antoni’s style of play fits the type of players on the team perfectly.

“I think we do have a good chance to win the conference this year,” Loop said. “We have gotten better each week and have a great group of guys.”

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First place in Conference USA on the line as Herd heads south for bout with UAB

By CHRISTIAN HISMAN

The Marshall University women’s basketball team will take on the University of Alabama at Birmingham 6 p.m. Thursday, in a battle of the conference’s top two teams.

Marshall enters the game 11-3 in conference play, one game ahead of UAB, which has a 12-2 conference mark.

That one game lead for UAB stems from its victory in the teams’ earlier meeting this season, a close, low-scoring 65-70 contest in Huntington. Senior forward James Kelly led the Herd with 25 points and 10 rebounds in the loss. Junior forward Ryan Taylor added 19 points, but lost the foul line 29 times and took just 11 free throws in the final seconds with Marshall trailing by one after a controversial missed foul call by the referees.

The Herd has won four straight games leading into Thursday’s game, with its most recent victory being an 82-65 win over Old Dominion University.

“We are feeling really confident,” junior guard Steve Browning said, “but we can’t get too high because we have a couple of games coming up.”

Junior guard Austin Loop said the Herd will have to continue its defensive discipline in the matchup against UAB, which has been one of the conference’s top teams.

“Right now, our spirits are high, and members of the team said they know the critical team needs to rediscover its winning ways with only four games remaining in the regular season before the start of the conference tournament.

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Women’s basketball remaining regular season schedule

2/25 vs. UAB 3/3 @ LA Tech
2/27 vs. MTSU 3/5 @ USM

D’Antoni said the biggest difference between this year’s team and last year’s team is attitude.

“I think all the guys from last year, with the exception of forward James Kelly, who transferred from the University of Miami (FL), Kelly is averaging 20.6 points and 9.9 rebounds per game this season.

Although Kelly is set to graduate at the end of the season, D’Antoni said he is confident his production can be replaced as others players take on enhanced roles.

“This program is moving forward,” D’Antoni said. “The best player on our team next year will step up and take on a larger role.”

A win in the next two games would do a lot for Marshall in the conference race with only two games remaining in the regular season after Saturday’s game. Two victories this week would put the Herd in position to take the regular season conference title.

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“I feel like we have been hitting a lot and that is an characteristic of us,” Hamilton said. “We are usually a solid defensive team, which is why we have had so much success in winning, and our defense has not been up to par.”
The Inter-Mountain on state’s public education system

While we’re busy playing political football with education, local school systems and, by default, the students they serve are losing yards on the field. It’s happening both locally and statewide.

Right now, the West Virginia Legislature is wrestling with a bill to repeal the Gramm-Corp States Standards Initiative. Just last week, it was the House Education Committee.

Just a bit of research into the matter uncovers the truth: The Common Core debate is just another tug-of-war between the Left and the Right. It’s partisan politics once again getting in the way of the greater good.

How many times in the last few years has West Virginia pulled the rug out from under students, academically speaking? In West Virginia, we change educational standards more often than our legislators change their sides.

The problems certainly isn’t too much education in our politics. That much is apparent. It is, purely and simply, an absence of politics in our education.

And, in behold, a similar game is being played even now in Raleigh, North Carolina. There are voters recently (and chastenedly) shut down an education levy, which would have represented an investment in the future of education in the county and a direct benefit to the future well-being of students. And why? Just as businesses and residents could save a few dollars on their yearly tax ticket.

Oh, the call came loud and clear from the naysayers: The Board of Education needs to tighten its belt and live within its means. And why not? We all have to do the same, after all. It’s only fair, right?

Wrong.

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Harper Lee leaves behind questions about her life and work

By MILELE FLAIE
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Harper Lee has died, but the conversation about her life and work has only begun. "I think the retrospective will be more useful than what was written in her obituary because there are a lot of things we didn't know about her that were impossible before," Lee's friend Wayne Flynt, an Alabama-based historian, told The Associated Press. Lee's death Friday at age 89 comes almost exactly a year after her publisher, HarperCollins, stunned the world by announcing that a second novel by the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird" would be released, ending what many believed was a permanent and much-desired literary silence.

With Lee confined to a nursing home in her native Monroeville, Alabama, and communicating only through press releases that many wondered if she even knew about, the debate about her state of mind and the second book, "Go Set a Watchman," took off without her.

"People are mortified, and here's a guy who has several thousand people working for him, and everybody wants to know," said the president of The New York Times Co., which acquired the HarperCollins books in 2011.

"I prefer to remember 'To Kill a Mockingbird' a few times, catching new and important details with each reading, and have given the book to his kids, too.

"He has not read "Go Set a Watchman," he told The Associated Press. "I prefer to remember 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and Atticus Finch and all those characters as Harper Lee wanted us to remember them. I believe she wasn't strong enough at the end of her life to make any informed decisions about her work," he said.

"There is no question in my mind that Harper Lee is an American writer in the best of traditions. You have to start the conversation about race somewhere, somewhere, and Harper Lee is a great place to start it."