Renowned tubist brings variety to Marshall

By LeAnn Cook

The Parthenon

The Marshall University School of Music and Theatre welcomed guest artist Tony Zilincik to Huntington Wednesday. Zilincik teaches tuba, composition and theory at Capital University in Ohio and directs the brass choir and Capital Thunder, the university’s tuba exploration ensemble.

“He’s a very active performer,” said Marshall tuba professor George Patton. “The last time he played at Marshall he did a great job on several occasions. We like him and certainly he is a Miami Alumni.”

The concert was filled with unaccompanied pieces for tuba.

“For 10-15 years I have been inhabited with tuba music. I have composed pieces; there are a lot of them out there,” Zilincik said.

The music that filled Smith Music Hall that evening ranged from serious and stylistically demanding to ambient pieces.

“The thing I was trying with this recital in all and new,” Zilincik said. “Blues of old and new, old, new, and brand new pieces.”

The recital included some of Zilincik’s compositions and earlier works of Zilincik’s which are unclassified, and he said it will involve food.

“Every day of going to university, meeting all of my students, seeing people every day it is very energizing that social energy is fantastic,” Zilincik said.

“I am a very social person in waking up every day, having breakfast, getting my kids off, getting them to school and going to my basement for eight hours. Then going in my basement for eight hours then going down to the doldrums.”

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Zilincik also said sabbaticals have their downsides.

“It is fantastic that I practice a lot and write a lot of music; Zilincik said.

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The show closed with a standing ovation, Marshall professors said they are hoping to invite Zilincik back to Huntington soon.

The next solo recital is Solen Dikener’s faculty recital on March 6 at 4 p.m. in Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

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MIND YOUR TABLE MANNERS

Semi-annual etiquette dinner teaches dos and don’ts of dining in professional situations

By Amanda Gibson

The Parthenon

Marshall University Career Services held its spring Etiquette Dinner Wednesday in Room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.

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Thompson is known for her teaching success and for being an interesting person in dressing up every day, having breakfast, putting in situations with an interviewer and being at a second or third interview, she said it will involve food.

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Thompson uses this dinner and gives them tips on every-thing from how to hold and place a napkin on their lap to what to do with soup crackers.

Thompson said she also teaches students how to order from a menu, how to negotiate a conversation at the table and what to do if there is alcohol available.

“Do you think that he is a real his real situation?” Thompson said. “They will be put in situations with an interview with a meal or lunch or dinner. And so tonight, we’re just trying to gain confidence on getting through the meal so that they can see the interview.”

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Stoler said most of the time comments from students about the Etiquette Dinner are favorable and she said students feel like they learn something they did not know before.

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The Etiquette Dinner occurs each semester. Students may buy tickets for the dinner prior to the event at the Career Services Center.

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Campus minister for Marshall United Methodist Students, Rev. Ben Wells discusses ways to implement budget plans with students Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center during the Financial Freedom Workshop.

By REBECCA TURNBULL

Two campus ministers at Marshall University said they were not coming to terms with the university’s move to ban Confederate imagery from campus.

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West VirginiaSenate kills religious objection bill

By JONATHAN MATTISE

West Virginia senators rejected on Wednesday a bill that had drawn the attention of religious leaders and gay rights activists.

"It is virtuous to live as you wish, and I know that is how I'll go forward," said Mitchell. "I believe we can respect each other's beliefs, and I think that's what we're doing on this show."

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On his personal website, Mitchell said he was having a comedy style that "appeals to both urban and conservative audiences worldwide."

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The American Civil Liberties Union and gay rights group also applauded the Senate's vote.

"The definition is a loss for the more socially conservative House of Delegates," said Pinsker. "I'm disappointed in the decision," Swanson said. "I think the judge ruled correctly, but I think the law is wrong."

"We each have to live our lives as we see fit and know, the best time for my beliefs and feelings are, and I'm not going to try and tell people what to do," Cola said.
Second place in conference standups up for grabs in Louisiana Tech match-up

By CHRISTIAN HISMAN

The Marshall University women's basketball team is set to take on Louisiana Tech University on Wednesday in the Cam Henderson Center in a game that has major implications on the Herd's seeding heading into the conference tournament.

Marshall has an 11-5 record in conference play and is currently one game out of second place position in the Conference USA standings with two games remaining. If the Herd wins Thursday and pick up a victory Saturday in the team's regular season finale against the University of Southern Mississippi, it will earn the number two seed in the conference tournament setting up a date at the site of the first two games of the season.

"It's very important, there is a lot riding on this week for us," senior forward Ryan Taylor said. "We need to get our win, we need us to get our clays, all of the team said they are confident they can execute their plays in both games with the base line on the floor. We will get our easy home courts in a substantial factor.

"We will be fine," Taylor said. "It will be kind of easy because we are back at home in front of our home crowd and that makes a lot of difference." The Herd experienced the complications that can come from playing on the road last week, when it dropped a pair of games to conference-leading University of Alabama at Birmingham and Middle Tennessee State University.

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Justin Keever Ryan Taylor drives past a defender in a game against UTEP last season. Taylor’s 14.4 PPG ranks third on the team this season.

Playing without a home

Marshall basketball leads off another season deprived of a stadium fans, players and alumni can call home

By BYRITRINE FOWLER

Along Route 2, about seven miles north of Marshall University’s campus, lies the YMCA Kennedy Center. This recreational park is home to a baseball field with a standing room only section for over 2,000 fans to watch each Marshall home baseball game, they often find themselves driving almost an hour to Charleston. Marsha"n

"More people would want to come out to the games and create a better atmosphere because we would have actual students and fans coming out to the games," Warner said. "But instead fans have to drive an hour to our own home field." Mayor Steve Valenti said in an interview with The Victoria Daily Leader in 2013 he wants to make the city of Marshall more appealing to students and fans coming out to the games. Mayor Steve Valenti said in an interview with The Victoria Daily Leader in 2013 he wants to make the city of Marshall more appealing to students and fans coming out to the games.

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During the excitement of Super Tuesday, The Daily Show’s Twitter account tweeted “Hillary claims a victory in Virginia. The good Virginia too, not that creepy ‘West’ Virginia. That place gives us the willies.”

Those who claim the mountain state as home took to social media to express outrage with the tweet, while others from outside of the state didn’t understand the disdain, arguing, “It’s just a comedy show!”

The Daily Show, in fact, is a comedy show, and the tweet was, in fact, a joke. However, the sensitivity lies in the fact that West Virginia is constantly the butt of a plethora of jokes revolving around poor hygiene, bare feet and lack of education (which, they say, is relatively true).

When a West Virginia travels out of state, it is not uncommon to get mockery like “Do you guys go barefoot?” and “Oh, you have all of your teeth.” This shows how jokes like The Daily Show’s can shape public opinion and perpetuate a stereotypes that people take seriously.

The Daily Show’s joke is harm only to an outsider, but West Virginians know the problems we face day-to-day are real, and the comparatively underprivileged condition of the state in no laughing matter. The reality in West Virginia is the second poorest state in the country, suffers from a crippling opioid problem, and has one of the worst education systems in the country, with some of the lowest-paid teachers.

A good portion of West Virginia, specifically the coalfields, is rural and poverty-laden, and occasionally, people don’t have the money or education for basic dental hygiene or a pair of decent shoes. This is a reality. However, no one in the state is running around with cotton teeth and fiberglass feet for funsies.

That being said, it is no wonder many in the state have it here and the state is being locally populated. Sure, West Virginians make fun of their situation all the time. But when the rest of the country takes the prevailing opinion of our beautiful state as a hand run by doped up hillbillies seriously, it is difficult not to take it to heart. No other state has to deal with the magnitude of negative publicity. Every time something had happens in West Virginia to perpetuate a stereotype, a collective groan is heard statewide.

Most of those who make fun of West Virginia have probably never even visited the state, for if they had, they wouldn’t recognize our multiple communities that have been recognized as Coolest Small Town in America, America’s Best Communities and friendly city as “creepy.”

It is time for West Virginians to come together to show the rest of the country that state really is the Best Virginia, and stand up against outsiders who perpetuate a negative image.

**STATE EDITORIAL**

The Herald-Dispatch on sales tax change in West Virginia

Small businesses in West Virginia would face negative change due to possible new sales tax.

For all the talk about creating a more “business friendly” West Virginia, lawmakers in Charleston have cooked up a series of new taxes that are about as “unfriendly” an act as it can be.

The House of Delegates is considering House Bill 2758, which would place new sales taxes on professional services that businesses and residents use everyday — from legal visits and accounting services to haircuts and beauty salon appointments.

The net effect could be the largest tax increase placed on West Virginians in decades — an estimated additional $344 million per year, just as the economy begins to recover from a series of negative changes due to possible new sales tax.

While the change would affect all consumers, it would put a particular squeeze on businesses because so many of these services are business-to-business services, from professional services to advertising.

“Lifting the exemption on professional services amounts to a new tax on small businesses,” said Gil White, West Virginia state director of the National Federation of Independent Businesses. “What it would do is create additional costs for small businesses, hurting everyone at the consumer level, putting them at a competitive disadvantage with most other states, which do not have such hidden sales taxes. Florida tried something similar in the late 1980s, and after six months of controversy, the state director of the National Federation of Independent Businesses was urging the state to repeal the tax.

Moreover, the change would put West Virginia’s business climate at a competitive disadvantage with most other states, which do not have such hidden sales taxes. Florida tried something similar in the late 1980s, and after six months of controversy, the state director of the National Federation of Independent Businesses was urging the state to repeal the tax.

We understand the state is facing a budget crisis, but lawmakers need to find a solution that does not cripple business development in the state.
Hawaii bill would start to restore Waikiki Beach

By MARINA STARLEAF RIKER

Many students would agree the second semester of every academic year is the hardest. For students at Marshall, at least, it’s the second semester of every academic year. There aren’t any rules to deciding whether or not to live with your best friend and some tell you that it’s better to room with friends. Honestly, you just never know...

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A school utility worker maps a mud depositing the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 at the Bienes "Neyes" Agaqui High School campus in Waikiki city east of Manila, Philippines as April 8, 2014.

By JOAN LOWY

Debris that washed up in Mozambique has been tentatively identified as a part from the same type of aircraft as the missing Malaysian Airlines Flight 370, a U.S. official said Wednesday.

Photos of the debris discovered over the weekend appear to show the front landing gear of the right-hand tail section of a Boeing 777, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

MH-370, which disappeared two years ago with 239 people aboard, is the only known missing 777.

People who have handled the debris, which was found on the Indian Ocean floor, say it appears to be several years, so Hawaii lawmakers are pushing a bill to bring in sand to make the beach wider for visitors.

The latest effort comes four years after the plane vanished on March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 12 crew members and 227 passengers on board. Radar data show the plane turned back over Malaysia and then headed north toward Vietnam, an area of open ocean.

Debris that washed up in Mozambique includes a wing part known as a flaperon from a Boeing 777. The flaperon bore a serial number "657 47507 18007", said Malaysian transport minister Liow Tiong Lai also in a series of tweets. "It is yet to be confirmed & verified. But, Malaysia works with all international counterparts to retrieve the debris," he also said.

"This is the first time we believe there is a chance to retrieve the plane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders, investigators said in a statement. "This is the first time there is a chance to retrieve these important human stories of a possible disaster requiring the beacons to last at least 90 days, but the standard goes to 30 days. ICAO had adopted a new standard before the accident requiring the beacons to last at least 90 days, but the standard doesn’t go into effect until 2018.

By MARINA STARLEAF RIKER

Despite being one of Florida's most iconic symbols, many visitors don't know Waikiki Beach is actually an engineered beach that has been filled with imported sand for decades.

Waikiki has been facing erosion problems for years, so Hawaiian lawmakers are pushing a bill to restore it.

The bill originally asked for $8.5 million to make a plan to fill a portion of the beach where erosion has left it almost entirely gone. It would also give money to design a park along the shoreline for pedestrians and cyclists. It's unclear how much legislators might plan to spend now, the version of the bill didn't include a dollar amount.

The latest effort comes four years after the plane went down, and authorities around the world have been searching unsuccessfully for the aircraft, especially the Malaysian government. The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board, which led the search, has found no hard evidence.

Complicating the search for MH-370, the plane's "black box" data recorder was equipped with an underwater locator beacon whose battery is designed to last only about 30 days, ICAO had adopted a new standard before the accident requiring the beacons to last at least 90 days, but the standard doesn’t go into effect until 2018.

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