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At least 80 killed as truck slams into revelers in Nice

By ADAM ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Beer sales are expanding at Joan C. Edwards Stadium after Marshall University’s Board of Governors approved sales Tuesday into the chairback sections on the west side of the stadium.

Starting in 2015, beer had been sold exclusively in the Big Green Room and was not allowed to be taken out into the stadium.

With the recent approval, beer can now be taken from the Big Green Room to chairback seats and bought from roaming vendors working the chairback sections.

Aaron Goebbel, associate director of Athletics for External Affairs, said implementing beer sales statewide was just not possible for the upoming season because several upgrades to Edwards Stadium would be required.

“It’s one of those things where it comes to infrastructure,” Goebbel said. “We knew with the way things are right now in regards to finances, in order to sell to all the entire student this year there would be some wholesale changes that would need to take place to our facility in regards to restrooms, entrances, fencing, exteriors and things of that nature, it wasn’t really feasible.

“The best new thing was to expand our alcohol sales. The infrastructure was already there to sell the beer because of the Big Green room, essentially all we’re doing is adding some additional hookers in those sections.

“It came down to the feasibility, in regards to if we turned the match on to sell it to the entire stadium, it was going to be reasonable to do that and not be able to sell to the right way,” Goebbel said. “The answer to that was probably not, so that’s where we are now. We’re expanding it into that area with the intention to expand further in the future.”

While free sales of sections 100, 110, 112, 114, 116 and 118 will not be able to be done to the stadium, the athletic department is still maintaining the pass out pol icy allowing fans to leave the stadium and return.

“Before moving forward with additional selling points, we felt this trial run, of sorts, was necessary,” Marshall Director of Athletics Mike Hamrick said in the press release. “This is a growing trend in college athletics and this approach has been used recently at other schools, including Ohio State, Penn State and Pittsburgh.”

Marshall Athletics had been discussing the possibility of expanding its beer sales for a while, but a new, smaller revenue television package and state budget cuts brought the discussion to the forefront.

“The conversation amongst administration, the athletic department and Mr. Hamrick has been going on for a couple of years,” Goebbel said. “It’s been a solid year out talking about the nuts and bolts. Then in the spring was when we started, and the Big Green room and the money was sent out for Big Green members after that, it’s a proven commodity that the state budget cuts brought the additional revenue stream.

“We felt this trial run was not only a ‘hey if we don’t generate an extra $25,000 then it’s not worth it’ Goebbel said. “We’re not going to say if we don’t increase our sales in that area by 100 percent it’s not worth it.”

Additional revenue is a driving force for the expanded alcohol sales, but Goebbel said with the addition of the ath- letic department than bringing in additional money.

“Allowing alcohol to be sold in our venue also opens the door to additional events that can be held there,” Goebbel said. “This change to the chairback areas on the west side for this year has been a direct result of the the growing number of fans who are drinking more with each passing year.”

The ticket office does allow fans to upgrade their season tickets if the expanded alcohol sale to the chairback section entices them to do so.

“Upgrading your seats is a ticket office policy regardless of what might trigger an individual to do so,” Goebbel said. “We’re actually already gotten a couple of calls from people wanting to move out.”

Joan C. Edwards Stadium has 38,016 seats and approximately 4,200 of those are in the chairback sections.

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By CIARAN FAHEY and JESSICA BURGESS

France has been stunned by the symbol of liberty, a somber reminder of Europe’s current security situation.

“France was struck on the day of its national holiday,” said President Francois Hollande, and on national television early Friday, denouncing “this monstrous act.” The president was “hearing directly on citizens’ with the intention of killing, wound or massmurdering... the absolute violence.”

“The terrorist character of the attack cannot be denied,” he said. “All of France is under the threat of Islamic terrorism.”

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Alumni Association, Marshall Foundation raise funds for student flood victims

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The Marshall University Alumni Association and Marshall University Foundation are teaming up to raise money for students affected by the recent flooding in West Virginia.

Matt Hayes, executive director of Alumni Relations, said the partnership came about as a way to gather the most support for the victims.

"The least we can do is to attempt to help meet the needs of so many members of our Marshall family who have been completely devastated and lost everything as a result of the recent flooding across the state," Hayes said. Hayes said they hope the fundraiser will ease the burdens that student flood victims are feeling.

"We are making a best attempt to mobilize the Marshall family in a way that provides that support to the individuals so our students who are coming in the fall do not have to interrupt their educational plans and schedule just because of the floods," Hayes said. Hayes estimated approximately 700 students have been affected by the floods.

"Hopefully we will be able to raise the funds and support will come so if they need clothes, or a vehicle, or a computer, whatever the needs are with those funds coming in we hope to be able to address those individual students."

Hayes said the two organizations are working hard to contact different groups interested in helping.

"Recently several email messages have been sent to all those various parts of our Marshall community trying to get as much support as possible," Hayes said.

One of those messages includes one from President Jerome Gilbert inviting alumni to help support the cause.

"We have identified hundreds of our students who live in the West Virginia communities impacted by the floods," Gilbert wrote. "While the university is still working to ascertain exactly what their needs may be, we know some of these students have lost housing, cars, furniture, books and computers, and may need financial assistance to help them replace the essentials of daily life."

Hayes said a numeric goal has not been set, but rather a goal to help all students affected.

"It's hard to quantify an amount, but we know the number of students that are in those areas, so we are feverishly working our efforts upon that," Hayes said. "We are already aware of a couple of large gifts that have come in, so the support has started to come in and we are hoping to hear from everybody willingly to contribute to the cause and help these students."

Donations can be made to the Marshall University Foundation's website by designating the gift for the "Disaster Relief Fund."

Students affected may also contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 304-696-2366 for information about eligibility.

Christian Estroni also told FOX TV that the driver fired on the crowd, according to the police who killed him."

There is still confusion on what exactly happened on a night when thousands were celebrating. Witnesses, mostly stunned, recounted on French television scenes of horrors, with one saying they saw a truck moving people down like a ball in a bowling alley.

Video footage showed men and women — one or two pushing strollers — racing to get away from the scenes. Photos showed a truck with at least half a dozen dazed bodies in its windshield. Jillians called a defense counsel meeting Friday with key ministers, and will head to Nice after that.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said "We are in a war with terrorists who want to strike us at any price and in a very violent form."

Jillians announced a series of measures to bolster security, including maintaining the state of emergency and the large-scale presence of 30,000 soldiers on patrol, he said the "highs and lows" of "operational reserves," those who were called to past and will be brought in to help police, particularly at French borders.

He reiterated that France is also bolstering its presence in Iraq and Syria, where he said he saw no signs of any military forces would be on the ground to help train Iraq take back the Islamic State stronghold of Mosul.

President Barack Obama condemned what he said "appears to be a horrific terrorist attack."

French Justice Minister Christian Estrosi also told France 24 that "there were only a few hours before the attack." He said the victims of the attack in Nice were celebrating "liberty, equality and fraternity" — France's motto — on the country's national day.

"It's a tragic paradox" that the victims of the attack in Nice were celebrating "liberty, equality and fraternity" — France's motto — on the country's national day. West Virginia native and actress Jennifer Garner sports a "West Virginia Strong" t-shirt produced by Save the Children.

"The West Virginia MADE Festival where students set up shop and sell their products at the very end of the program, we will take over several empty buildings and have partnered with City of Charleston to help these students."

"Help my mother, please!" "Police, police!" "Help us!" "Police with guns, police with guns!" Going to the police who killed him."

According to a release, GSE is a three-week educational summer session geared toward students from across the nation. Sixty students from across the nation, including students from China, will be participating in the program, according to GSE director of marketing, Brian Butler of Marshall University. Butler said participants will be divided into teams of six and learn about business models, financing of small business, and entrepreneurship. Each team will be tasked with developing a business plan, which they will pitch to a panel of investors during the second week.

"There is no number where your money will never be verified," according to Butler.

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Marshall women’s basketball schedule

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NOV. 15 VS. FAMU
NOV. 19 VS. COASTAL CAROLINA
NOV. 25 & 26 PRAIRIE VIEW A&M OR SAM HOUSTON UTRGV CLASSIC
NOV. 30 VS. MORGAN STATE
DEC. 3 AT PENN STATE
DEC. 7 AT NORTH CAROLINA
DEC. 11 VS. BLUEFIELD COLLEGE
DEC. 19 VS. LONGWOOD
DEC. 20 VS. MAINE-FORT KENT
DEC. 30 VS. FIU
JAN. 2 VS. FLORIDA ATLANTIC
JAN. 5 AT OLD DOMINION
JAN. 7 AT CHARLOTTE
JAN. 12 VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE
JAN. 14 VS. UAB
JAN. 21 AT WESTERN KENTUCKY
JAN. 26 AT UTSAN
JAN. 28 AT UTEP
FEB. 2 VS. SOUTHERN MISS
FEB. 4 VS. LOUISIANA TECH
FEB. 11 VS. WESTERN KENTUCKY
FEB. 16 AT UAB
FEB. 18 AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE
FEB. 23 VS. OLD DOMINION
FEB. 25 VS. CHARLOTTE
MARCH 2 AT RICE
MARCH 4 AT NORTH TEXAS

Marshall women’s basketball schedule
It’s not uncommon to walk outside and see people staring down at their phones, but it’s easy to spot someone who is playing Pokémon GO. Odds are they’re walking around and making sudden stops, chasing their reward in the distance.

With the help of social media, Pokémon GO, a game released through the App Store Thursday, has gone viral.

According to TechCrunch, Pokémon GO has been installed on more devices than Candy Crush, LinkedIn, Lyft and Tinder. The Pokémon craze has affected all demographics of different ages, locations, ethnicities and careers. Both children and adults can be found searching for the beloved characters.

Shops and bars in Austin, Texas are trying to lure customers in with their chalkboard signs outside reading “Rare Pokémon inside!” and it worked.

As people walked by they asked “which rare Pokémon are we talking about?” as they continued to walk inside.

“I’ve seen a bunch of tweets about how it was bringing everyone together, and I didn’t think much of it, until I saw people tweeting, asking for others to come over and walk to try to catch Pokémon,” Kate O’Donnell said. “I’ve seen people sitting in the bar, trying to catch Pokémon in their drinks. People were walking around on their smoke breaks, venturing off from their friends to try to catch Pokémon. It was just a really wierd and interesting thing to see.”

Many parents are happy there is finally an interactive game that forces their kids to go outside and walk.

“I think it’s really awe-some to see parents driving their kids around town, stopping and parking and walking around and helping their kids catch Pokémon,” Levi Burks said. “It has given families something to do together, since it has such a wide range of ages of players. It’s also just nice to see so many people walking outside, since you literally have to walk around to play the game.”

The game has each player walk around to different parts of the region they’re in. Some Pokémon stops are even in bars or by murals.

“I was sitting in the airport, and got bored so I looked at the app. There were a ton of murals and stuff in the airport that I didn’t know existed, until the app told me to go catch a Pokémon there,” O’Donnell added.

If you don’t believe the hype yourself, download the app—compatible with both Android and iPhone devices—and give it a chance. You might just catch them all.

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