

The Music's BACK in TOWN

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The Show Goes on Despite Minor Setbacks

In the beginning years of **Wendy Fish's** teaching career, the Fall drama production was none other than "The Music Man." It was the first production she ever did here, and now, years later, the curtain is drawn back once more to put on that same show. From the beginning of August to mid November, she and **Dustin McKinney** worked toward perfecting the new "The Music Man" with an all-new cast. But, during the week of the showings, Mrs. Fish ran into major obstacles.

"I had an infection in my foot that all the sudden had gotten to the bone," Fish said, "and it had gotten bad, but I was busy with the play. So, I hadn't gone [to the hospital]."

Despite her absence, Fish as well as the whole cast continued on and stayed positive.

"My hope was that they wanted to do their best because I wasn't there," Fish said, "just to show me that they could, so that's what I think they did."

Senior **Madegan Morrison**, who played Marian Paroo, talked about what it was like without Mrs. Fish being there to support the cast and direct them.

"It was challenging to have to perform without her there supporting us. Her constant feedback was always

something we looked forward to, and having to go without it for those few nights made the performances very bittersweet," Morrison said. "Her being gone inspired me and many others to try even harder and do everything in our power to make her proud."

However, Fish was able to make it to a show that was very special to her. The show's last production on Sat. Nov. 20 held a surprise for the audience. Since Fish directed "The Music Man" during her first year at Kearney, the drama department tracked down alumni that had performed in the first production.

"It was exciting because there were kids that I had been able to finally catch up with and see. We didn't have very many Alumni actually from that show, but we had a lot of kids in the audience that were alumni," Fish said. "So, that was nice to see them and to get them to come back. You know everybody says 'Oh, yeah, I'm gonna go to the musical!' then things come up and they get busy, so it was an extra reason to put us on the calendar."

In the end, cast of "The Music Man" production performed in front of multiple full houses.

"I think the musical went extremely well," Morrison said. "It was a fun experience that challenged the cast and resulted in a fantastic show."

STANDING PROUDLY, junior **Matt Walter** crosses his arms during a pause in the song "Shapoopie." "It was a great number [and] really fun," junior **Faith Harris** said. "Especially Matt Walter, he was fantastic." *Brooke Eshenroder*



IN THE midst of the song "Ya Got Trouble" **Dayton Hollis**, playing Harold Hill, takes in the moment after charming the town. "[Ya Got Trouble] was hard, but it was very fun," senior **Jean Rapstine** said. *Brooke Eshenroder*

DURING A dance number, seniors **Camryn Brown**, **Terrell Christian** and **Rose Galetti** take a turn in the spotlight. "My favorite dance number was during Seventy-Six Trombones with everyone on stage," sophomore **Victoria Schmidt** said. *Brooke Eshenroder*



CAST MEMBER, senior **Scott Walden**, prepares to wax his legs to fulfill the role of Charlie Cowell. "It was funny, [Scott] was freaked out," senior **London Oboerfell** said, "but after the first strip he was like... whatever. The girls took turns waxing his legs." *Rachel Becker*



PUTTING A protective arm around freshman **Abby Elam**, senior **Madegan Morrison**, comforts her character, Marian Paroo's, daughter. "It was really like a mother/daughter relationship," junior **Harry Dunn** said. "Marian was a life teacher for Amarylis." *Brooke Eshenroder*



HARMONIZING TOGETHER, junior **Gabe Noah** and freshman **Brendan Elam** sing the song "Ice Cream/Sincere." "My favorite part [was that] they sounded so good," senior **Sydney Pieper** said. "Their songs were awesome, they were funny, and they worked well together." *Brooke Eshenroder*

Putting on their STAGE FACES

HELPING FRESHMAN **Serenity Mallon** with her foundation, sophomore **Tatum Elliott** takes on the responsibilities of makeup crew. "My responsibilities were to make sure everyone got makeup," junior **Kelsee Dozier** said, "and to make sure everyone looked their part." *Rachel Becker*

APPLYING MORE makeup to junior **Matt Walter**, senior **Samantha Reid** adds the final touches to his eyeshadow. "I helped Abby with getting all the makeup put together," Sam Reid said, "[I also] showed people what kind of look we were going for." *Rachel Becker*

PUTTING THE finishing touches on junior **Harry Dunn's** makeup, junior **Teghan Wilson** contours the shadows of his face. "Defining the character they're trying to portray through the makeup is a cool part of it," Wilson said. *Rachel Becker*

