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People react to verdict

Many students say verdict was unfair

By Melissa Sturtevant
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The trial for Casey Anthony and the "not guilty" verdict has many Americans reacting.

The trial, which ended with the verdict on July 5, now has many people questioning whether or not the jury made the right decision.

Crystal Shipps, a junior recreation administration major, said that she is unsure of whether or not the "not guilty" verdict was fair.

"I am 50/50 with that," Shipps said. "I think (the verdict) was (fair), and then I don't. They didn't tell the media all of the evidence they had."

The verdict also brought many people on social media networks together to voice their opinions.

There are some Facebook groups that have been formed in reaction with titles such as "Casey Anthony is guilty despite the jury's verdict," "Outraged at the verdict of Casey Anthony," and other groups with more vulgarities in the titles all have members of the groups speaking their opinions.

Other Facebook groups state that the verdict was fair, and others, such as "People Who Are Tired of Hearing or Reading about Casey Anthony Verdict," may prefer not to hear any more about the trial whether positive or negative.

Queenie Adeboyejo, a senior psychology major, said she feels that the verdict was fair.

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as well as they should've," Adeboyejo said. "Only circumstantial evidence was presented."

Anthony is set to be released July 17.

"But she shouldn't have been able to get free as fast as she did," Adeboyejo said. "I think she had some part in it, but I'm not sure whether or not she actually committed (the murder)."

Adeboyejo said she thought that the prosecutors should have done a better job arguing their points.

Shipps said that even though she was not sure whether or not the verdict was fair, she does not think the judicial system is any less effective.

"It doesn't make me doubt (the system)," Shipps said. "Some people just know how to get around it. They know how to work the system."

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"I'm excited it's in 3-D," Kash said. "It adds something extra."

Showplace 10 will be showing the movie in both 3-D and regular 2-D in multiple theaters. They are also starting the movie at staggered times, most beginning at midnight but three others starting at 12:05 a.m., 12:10 a.m. and 12:15 a.m., respectively.

Showplace 10 has even set up a double feature for two theaters, where both Deathly Hallows films will be shown back to back. Part 1 will be shown at 9 p.m., followed by the new film at about midnight.

Kash said she expects the theater to be busy, starting at around 7 p.m., when she said people will start showing up for the movie.

"It's going to be quite a spectacle," Kash said.

For the midnight showings of the movie, Kash said the theaters will open up at around 9 p.m. for people to start filing into their seats.

Kash said she's excited to see how the movie portrays the book.

"I'm faithful to the books, but I'm excited to see how they finish the series," Kash said. "I hope they end the movie the same way they ended the book."

A big fan of the books, Kash said she thinks the moviemakers have done a good job making each book into the movies.

Heller said he expects the movie to be good, based on the reviews he has read.

"The reviews are simply superb," Heller said. "The energy surrounding it seems so great that we believe that the crew definitely has done (the book) justice from the reactions of the fans in London who have seen it."

Kash said the theaters in Champaign are all sold out, so she said she expects to see some people from Champaign today trying to see the movie in Mattoon.

After the midnight showings, Showplace 10 is scheduled to show the movie 45 more times over the weekend, 15 per day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, according to Fandango listings.

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Richter said he is not certain when the contracts will be complete in the general assembly.

"I think this is a regularly scheduled meeting," Richter said. "We have heard from a lot of people that are concerned about how the governor's handling the health care."

The politicians agree the event has a good turnout and is informative to the community.

"We've done this every year for eight years," Rose said. "We go over what happened in Springfield. It's an enjoyable event."

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STATE

Illinois GOP rep says Obama 'lying'

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — An Illinois congressman accuses President Barack Obama in a video released Wednesday of "lying" about the impact of not raising the national debt ceiling in the next three weeks and goes on to ask, "Have you no shame, sir?"

Republican Rep. Joe Walsh says "President Obama, quit lying," in the video posted online. He says there is

"plenty of money" to pay debt and cover Social Security even if the limit isn't raised.

Walsh claims Obama will not get congressional approval to increase the \$14.3 trillion debt limit unless the Democratic president backs a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, which Obama opposes. Obama says the country will default if Congress doesn't raise the ceiling by Aug. 2.



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