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Mayor, students celebrate Saudi Arabia National Day



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Marshall University associate vice president for intercultural affairs Maurice Cooley, Huntington Mayor Steve Williams and members of the Saudi Student Association share cake in celebration of Saudi Arabia National Day Tuesday on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

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The traveling video installation Water, Water Everywhere: Paean to a Vanishing Resource began its nine month stay at the Huntington Museum of Art Tuesday night with an opening reception sponsored by the Marshall University College of Science.

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Walk With the Mayor addresses citizens' concerns in Westmoreland Tuesday

By BRIANNA PAXTON
THE PARTHENON

Huntington mayor Steve Williams had his neighborhood Walk with the Mayor in Westmoreland Tuesday.

With notebook in hand, Williams walked down the streets having conversations with the neighborhood, taking notes of every concern citizens thought needed to be addressed.

"It's a lot better having a conversation walking up and down the streets of a neighborhood rather than just sitting in my office, there's something special that occurs," Williams said. "More importantly, I'm able to see specifically what the concerns are, they can point to something, this pot-hole right here, that house that the weeds are overgrown. It becomes very personable."

Neighborhood residents walked off of their porches, to

their fences and talked to Williams about their concerns. He described the conversations as having a very relaxed setting, which he finds really enjoyable.

"The fact that he takes the time to come and look and see what people are concerned about, I think it's a positive thing," said Eddie Gandy, Pastor at Cross Pointe Community Church.

Williams said he hopes these neighborhood walks give the neighborhood a sense that they can speak directly to him about a very serious problem.

"This shows he has a willingness to get out into the neighborhoods and really see hands on what's going on in these neighborhoods," said Bryan Chambers, City of Huntington Communications Director. "What we tell them is

you can show us all the bright stops you want in your neighborhood but show us some of the problems. We're not going to hide from the problems, show us what's keeping the community down."

Walk With the Mayor has nine routes throughout Huntington. This was the second walk through Westmoreland since the event started in May.

The recently proposed user fee increase was a result of these neighborhood walks.

"I was seeing the breath of the problem, the depth of the problem is out there and we had to do something," Williams said. "You wake up one day, look in the mirror and think someone needs to change something and say, you know what, that somebody's me."

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Huntington Mayor Steve Williams talks to citizens of Westmoreland and makes notes on their concerns Tuesday during his Walk With the Mayor event.

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87 new faculty members introduced at first general meeting of the year



Faculty members attended the first general meeting of the year, which introduced new members.

By **ASHLEY SODOSKY**
THE PARTHENON

A total of 87 new administration and faculty members were formally introduced at the first general faculty meeting of the school year Tuesday.

Faculty Senate Chair Larry Stickler gave welcoming remarks and regarded President Gary White's absence from the meeting.

Sherri Smith associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of undergraduate studies, introduced new administrative staff and was followed by the introduction of new faculty by individual college deans.

"The purpose of this meeting is to introduce new faculty to the Marshall community," Stickler said.

The College of Business, College of Education and Professional Development, College of Health Professions, College of Information Technology and Engineering, College of Liberal Arts and College of Science all had a large number of new staff members to introduce.

The College of Art and Media introduced four new faculty members including visiting assistant professor of music Jesse Nolan. Nolan teaches three Jazz classes this semester and said he is enjoying being faculty at Marshall.

"It's an awesome opportunity for me," said Nolan. "A great place for me."

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine had the largest number of new staff members adding 29 new members bringing the staff to 240 full time members as and 180 residents and fellows.

The Marshall School of Pharmacy added four new staff members to their program. School of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Kevin Yingling said he

appreciates the opportunity to be at Marshall.

"It is quite impressive to see the breath and the complexity of this university," Yingling said. "This is the right place for higher education, this is the right place if you have an illness where you want to be helped."

University Libraries was the last to be presented in the meeting and introduced one new faculty member.

Stickler ended the meeting with a State of the University Address in absence of Interim President White, who was in Logan, West Virginia for personal issues. White plans to speak to faculty at a later date.

Stickler stated strings of comments from faculty members about the university's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

"The bottom line is, we have dedicated faculty committed to student success," Stickler said.

Budget cuts, transparency issues and low salaries were some of the issues brought up during the address. Stickler said it is important for faculty members to discuss issues with administration.

Stickler made comments regarding the presidential search.

Stickler said faculty is urged to meet new candidates in October during campus visits.

"New presidency can be scary or it can be exciting, we don't know," Stickler said. "That's why we need your help."

Staff met directly after the meeting for a reception to honor the new university personal featuring music by Rachel Ward, Administrative secretary with faculty senate.

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Army Old Gaurd Historical Trumpets and Flutes performing on campus

By **CHANTIL FOSTER**
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The United States Army Old Guard Historical Trumpets and Flutes will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Smith Recital Hall on Marshall University's campus.

Marshall alumni, Master Sgt. Lutricia Tampa Fields, will be the group leader for the evening of the performance and Staff Sgt. Deanna Bertsche Hamm will be performing using a Baroque flute.

Professor of music Wendell Dobbs said he looks forward to having the historical group in Huntington for a free performance.

"It's an enormous honor to have this world-renowned group on our campus to perform their exciting music," Dobbs said. "It's a particular privilege to have back home two of our most extraordinary graduates from our music program."

The program will feature various instruments inspired by 18th century models. Marshall's music faculty and students are set to accompany the group in playing two songs from the ensemble. Violinist and conductor Elizabeth Reed Smith will lead the group affiliated with Marshall.

The first piece of the performance will include flutist Antonio Vivaldi and second flutist J.S. Bach's "Third Orchestral Suite."

Fields said she is eager to be back to her alma mater and to visit with her former teachers and colleagues.

"Having been a service member for 15 years and bringing that life experience back to the university where I studied music, where it all began, if you will, it really is an honor and very exciting," Fields said. "It's always very exciting to come back home because West Virginia is my home."

The U.S. Army Old Guard has been helping the community via educational outreach. The group often times will provide clinics at schools and universities across the country.

The ensemble has performed at big venues such as the International Trumpet Guild Conference, the National Flute Association National Convention, the Pentagon and the Department of State.

The John Deaver Drinko Academy sponsors the event.

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Saudi Arabia National Day celebrated by students, mayor



ABOVE AND BELOW: Huntington Mayor Steve Williams celebrates Saudi Arabia National Day Tuesday on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.



By **MICHAEL BROWN**
THE PARTHENON

Mayor of Huntington Steve Williams greeted the Saudi Students Association as it celebrated Saudi Arabia National day, which is held Sept. 23 every year. King Abdulaziz Abdulrahman Al Saud founded Saudi Arabia on Sept. 23 in 1932.

This year marks Marshall University's third year having the Saudi Students Association on campus. Saudi Arabia is the largest country in the Middle East and is located in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula.

President of the association Abdullah Asiri said members are celebrating their journey to the acquisition of knowledge. During the event, students and others in the crowd were able to learn more about the culture and even try Saudi Arabian food.

"This is something that we want to do every year to share and expose culture to others here at Marshall University," Asiri

said. "The event is a channel for us to communicate with the American people here and stay in touch as well as exchange knowledge. There are currently three events happening in our country right now."

Senior psychology student Yaris Mason said the event went really well. "I had to come to the event for a class, but I am actually very happy that I came," Mason said. "I really enjoyed myself. It was nice to be so educated about a culture that I didn't know much about. I think this was an excellent event."

The association said that they have never had a more organized and successful event than the one held yesterday. Members said they were very happy to see so many people show up and they were happy to have so much participation from the students here on campus.

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Elkins High School attends SGA meeting

By **CADI DUPLAGA**
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The Marshall University Student Government Association met Tuesday for its weekly Senate meeting.

SGA had special guests in attendance. Students from Elkins High School came to see what SGA is like at a collegiate level.

Approximately 20 students were in attendance from the high school. Student Body Vice President Izzy Rogner said she was excited to have high schoolers in attendance and was excited to see their interest in the program.

"Having Elkins High School join our weekly senate meeting and see what truly goes into an

impactful student government at the college level was a great experience for them as well as us as a senate," Rogner said. "It was a reminder of why we're here as an organization and that younger generations are excited to learn about student involvement as well."

The students not only sat in on the senate meeting, but they also sat in for the finance and judiciary committee.

Two senate apprentices were sworn in during the meeting as well as five senators.

Three bills were passed for the Pakistan Student Association, Students of Nutrition and Dietetics and Student Athlete Committee.

Campus life and service chairwoman Rachel Robrach said she was pleased with the way the meeting went.

"Several funding bills were amended and approved today as well as many more senators and senator apprentices," Rohrbach said. "It is really great to see SGA growing and helping the campus."

Student representatives were also appointed for Faculty Senate Committees.

Next week, SGA members are set to discuss the academic calendar for next year to decide if the semester should last 14 or 15 weeks.

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Women's basketball team assists the community



Members of the women's basketball team huddle-up last season as head coach Matt Daniels draws up a play.

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By **BRITTANIE FOWLER**
THE PARTHENON

Whether volunteering at Fit Fest or the Facing Hunger Foodbank, the Marshall University women's basketball team is assisting the Huntington community.

While half the team participated in the annual Fit Fest Sunday, an event to benefit the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health, the other half volunteered at the Facing Hunger Foodbank last week. At the foodbank, the team helped gather food for the organization's Backpack Program, which ensures clients of all ages have access to enough food.

Norrisha Victrum, a senior guard for the Herd, said she and her teammates enjoyed helping the community.

"We split up in two groups," Victrum said. "One group went to a foodbank, and my group went to Fit Fest. Fit Fest was for all ages. The kids were running 25 meters, 50 meters, 100 meters, one-half mile, one mile, and then after that, the parents ran the 10K."

Victrum said she and her teammates also had the opportunity to participate in the action.

"We ran with some of the kids just to race against them and speed it up some," Victrum said.

Bethany Williams, a representative for Fit Fest in West Virginia,

said she was thrilled to see the team's support.

"The women's basketball team did a tremendous job encouraging all the children participating in the dashes, one-half mile and mile race," Williams said. "They were able to help at the finish line of all the races, awarding all participants with ribbons and water."

Williams said the team had a great impact on the event and those who attended.

"I heard a lot of good buzzing from all the parents and participants about how wonderful it was to have the girls come out and help, showing they too care about the community," Williams said. "They were able to try some of the activities which would in turn encourage the children looking up to them to participate and try new activities."

Williams said she believes the team benefits from the experience as well.

"The more they get out there and participate, the more the community will give back to them and support what they are trying to accomplish," Williams said.

Victrum said the team emphasizes the importance of its fan base and focuses on creating a connection with the community.

"They're our main fans," Victrum said. "I mean win or lose they're going to be in the stands. They're still going to know who

we are, and they're still going to support us. Even when we didn't have a good game, they're still going to say 'you had a good game.' They always give us positive feedback, so I just think it's good to give back to the people that show us support and are always there for us."

Williams said she believes the impact of volunteering is something that will stick with the players for the rest of their lives.

"The more they get out and network, the more well-rounded as an individual they will become," Williams said. "And the impact of that last far beyond their years at Marshall."

Victrum said the volunteering experience was eye opening for her and her teammates because it is easy to take the simple things in life for granted.

"I think we benefited from this just by seeing how grateful we are and how blessed we are," Victrum said. "These kids, this is something they really need. We're really not struggling how other people are. Even though we probably don't have like a thousand people at the games, people still know who you are and look up to you and think you're the greatest person in the world. We are important around here, so I think that was an eye opener."

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Herd volleyball to host Hilltoppers in first conference match of season

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's volleyball team returns to the Cam Henderson Center Wednesday as it opens conference play against the C-USA defending champion Western Kentucky University.

The first serve is set for 6 p.m.

Western Kentucky enters the matchup with a 12-2 record and a six-match winning streak.

Jessica Lucas, who was named this week's C-USA Setter of the Week, leads the Hilltoppers with a team-high 525 assists, averaging 10.71 per set.

Lucas finished this past week with a pair of double-doubles including a near triple-double with 48 assists, 14 digs and six kills against Northern Illinois University.

The Herd (9-4) is coming off a win in its second match of the Comfort INN-Vitational against Samford University, where it swept the Bulldogs, 3-0.

Taylor Pelton, a sophomore, led the way for Marshall with 15 kills, while Cassie Weaver, a junior, followed with 14.

The Herd's Allie Kellerman, a junior, had a match-high 19 digs in the Comfort INN-Vitational and earned all-tournament honors, her third all-tourney team of the year.

Earlier this season, Kellerman was named to the Eagle Challenge and the Panthers Invitational teams while being named the MVP of the latter.

Kellerman leads the Herd with 259 digs this season, a mark that ranks 21st in the NCAA. She also has 29 assists and 10 aces this season.

Last season, Marshall fell to Western Kentucky in both of the teams' meetings.

The Herd continues its home stand Friday and Sunday against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Louisiana Tech University, respectively.



Marshall sophomore Kayla Simmons and junior Taylor Riedel look to make a play during a match against Eastern Kentucky Sept. 1.

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Eradicating the stigma behind abortion through hashtags and social media solidarity



Jane Caro @JaneCaro · Sep 21
Women are not merely portals through which other human beings enter the world. They are fully as human as you are. #shoutyourabortion

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Rebecca Cohen @GynoStar · Sep 21
This is your reminder that, whoever you are, somebody you like and respect has had an abortion. #shoutyourabortion

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Clementine Ford @clementine_ford · Sep 20
Abortion is a medical procedure, not a moral quagmire. It is more dangerous to give birth than it is to have an abortion. #shoutyourabortion

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Clementine Ford @clementine_ford · Sep 20
I've had 2 abortions. I don't have to justify or explain them to anybody. My life is more valuable than a potential life. #shoutyourabortion

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Sophia @SophiaSkySays · Sep 20
18 & broke + pregnant = bad. Abortion + 3yrs later + married + stable job = a great life for my baby. #ShoutYourAbortion

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Leah Torres, MD @LeahNTorres · Sep 20
My birth mother put me up for adoption. Her autonomy was respected.

I provide abortions b/c I respect that autonomy.

#shoutyourabortion

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Allie Ilagan @allieil · Sep 20
@thelindywest Because I had a choice then, now I have a life stable and healthy enough to welcome a baby on my terms. #ShoutYourAbortion

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Women take to Twitter to vocalize their experiences and stances on Planned Parenthood with the #ShoutYourAbortion hashtag.

COLUMN

Tracking your reproductive health just got easier

By AMANDA GIBSON
THE PARTHENON

One of the newest iPhone features with iOS 9 is the Reproductive Health feature in the Health app, where users can now track things like sexual activity and menstruation.

Third party period-tracking apps were popular in the past, but with iPhone's new ability, they may just remain there. Apple has increased its focus on overall health with the addition of the Apple Watch, which has fitness tracking capabilities, and the Health app, which originally tracked fitness, vitals, food and more. And now it has increased the umbrella of health to also include reproductive health.

The new Reproductive Health feature can be pretty specific depending on your needs.

When adding a sexual activity data point, you can choose the date and time and whether you used protection or no protection.

For the menstruation data points, you can specify when your cycle started, the date, the time and how heavy the flow.

If you open the Health app in iOS 9, Reproductive Health should be listed sixth on the options list. From there, you will have the ability to track multiple reproductive health concerns.

The app is highly geared toward women, also having the ability to track basal body temperature, spotting and ovulation test results, along with menstruation.

Since the app is stored locally on your phone,

it is easier to get to, doesn't take up extra gigabytes like a similar third-party app, and it is relatively simple to use.

You can even see your data points in graph form over the period of a day, a week, a month and a year. You can add the graphs to the dashboard, which allows you to see all of your reproductive health data as soon as you open your Health app.

The app keeps all your data personal, but you can also opt to share it with other apps.

There are some parts of the feature that are not as perfect as they could be. For example, there is not an option to track when a cycle ends in the menstruation tracker, you can only track when it begins. When you add a data point in the menstruation tracker, it only lets you put a data point as Start of Cycle and you can answer yes or no. This makes this small part of the feature a little difficult to use, as it is important to know when a cycle begins and ends for some people. Instead, you would have to add two data points and answer no for the one that represents the end of the cycle.

But overall, Apple has yet again given users another way to track their health, except this time in even broader terms with the Reproductive Health feature. And although it is geared mostly toward women's reproductive health, both men and women may find it useful in tracking their health in their everyday lives.

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In this Sept. 9 photo, people look over the new Apple iPhone 6s models during a product display following an Apple event in San Francisco. Photography gets even better with Apple's new iPhones, making them worth getting for \$100 more than last year's models.

Water exhibition makes a splash at opening reception

By **ROB ENGLE**
THE PARTHENON

The traveling video installation *Water, Water Everywhere: Paean to a Vanishing Resource* began its nine month stay at the Huntington Museum of Art on Tuesday with an opening reception sponsored by the Marshall University College of Science.

The traveling exhibit curated by award-winning cultural journalist Jennifer Heath, examines the world's most crucial resource from ethical, political and personal angles. The exhibit is comprised of films from 41 artists worldwide that range from 30 seconds to 30 minutes.

John Farley, preparator at the museum, said these videos explore the concept of water from all angles.

"Some of these videos deal with the topic of water in an overtly political way, while others in a humorous way," Farley said. "Some do in a personal way and others in a big-picture, societal way. The common denominator is water as a resource and these artists are grappling with that one way or another."

Farley also noted that the message of the exhibit is particularly timely considering how water conservation has become a recognized



Mike Beck and Cindy Dearborn demonstrate how a stream of water can be bent using static electricity.

public issue. "We're hearing more and more in recent years about the importance surrounding the water supply," Farley said. "These videos drive home the fact that this is a conversation



Brette Scala and Marty Farrell enjoy one the films that part of the *Water, Water Everywhere* exhibit.

we need to be having. It's a conversation that should have already taken place."

In addition to the premiere of the exhibit, scientific demonstrations were held for the public by the HMA conservatory

public involved." Water, Water Everywhere will remain at the Huntington Museum of Art until June 2016. **Rob Engle can be contacted at engle17@marshall.edu.**

Column

Artist Profile: Most Exalted

By **RYAN FISCHER**
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington art scene contains an array of individual communities, but some of them seem to be at the forefront of our attention while others are left to the periphery.

Local groups that capture the most widely circulated and critically accepted material arts include Marshall University's School of Arts and Media and The Huntington Museum of Art.

The institutions have created a linear agenda for the arts, which includes a standard that is both professed and enforced.

This is not a criticism, but a side effect of their purpose in describing and refining the arts.

But what lies outside of the critical rite-of-way? Although these institutions cannot be expected to maintain and display it, there is a wild and growing movement of arts within our community that has yet to be exposed to the masses.

To gain a better perspective of our culture and environment, we should be encouraged to look deeply within the community to find raw and unfiltered expressions of art.

One photographer within our city has piqued my interest of late and he is professionally known as Most Exalted.

Most Exalted's work is an inspiring mix of moody scenery and familiar sights. The emotions tied into sitting around with friends on the couch, speaking to someone face to face and seeing the hazy, crazed flashes of faces while dancing in tight spaces are all perfectly captured by his works.

His documentary and event shots are particularly striking, as they seem to transplant the viewer into the situation itself, whether you were a curious and detached observer or in the center of action.

I recently caught up with the local artist in his home studio, where we talked about his interests in art and his beginnings as a photographer here in West Virginia.

Most Exalted began shooting around 1996, when the digital revolution had not taken full swing and photo-taking was a much different concept as compared to today's photographic world.

"There really wasn't any software because I was shooting black and white film where you would process it in a two or three reel tank," Most Exalted said. "And I pretty much knew that if I hand spooled my shots I could get maybe about 40 photos at the time."

This process is what allowed Most Exalted to adapt into his current style, a style that places a heavy emphasis on documenting people and events candidly, building surrealistic portraits and coordinating fantastic light manipulations.

"I guess portraiture would always be my primary interest and the other would just be the documentary way of shooting, street photography to a degree," Most Exalted said.

He also said that the works of Robert Mapplethorpe and Diane Arbus were influential on his style, artists whose work includes controversial surrealism and portraiture.

These artists represent the groundbreaking change and progress that photography can bring about, like Mapplethorpe's publicized efforts in taboo breaking for the New York homosexual community in the early 70's.

The works of Most Exalted inspire me at a level of non-traditionalism and counterculturalism that can't normally be met and I think there is something exciting to be discovered for everyone through his pieces.

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This week's #ParthePet is... Sassy



Sassy is a pound "puppy" who was rescued 12 years ago and has lived the spoiled life ever since then. She loves long naps on her human's bed, sitting in the sunshine, getting table scraps and greeting her human at the door. She doesn't like baths, blueberries, grapes or men.