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Culture Storm blows through The Lantern Sunday evening



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Cory Hughes demonstrates fire breathing Sunday night during the Culture Storm event at The Lantern. The purpose of the event was to show the local talent of artists and performers in Huntington.

By **ROB ENGLE**
THE PARTHENON

The inaugural Culture Storm event brought together more than 150 people, including regional artists, performers and members of the public, at The Lantern bar in downtown Huntington Sunday night.

The event was born out of a desire by local volunteers Zac White, Eric Wilson, Cyndi Fuller and Amanda Winters to showcase underrepresented artistic talent in the area.

"I want people in the area to realize that there are artists who don't have a proper display to show their work," White said. "It's nice that places like The Lantern are willingly just opening their doors and allowing all these artists to come in here and sell their work."

Culture Storm featured a range of talent, including photographers, visual artists, chefs, ceramic makers,

musicians, a DJ, a jewelry maker, a tattoo artist and a fire breather.

Cory Hughes, who performed his fire breathing demonstrations for onlookers outside the building, said he appreciated the opportunity to participate in the inaugural event.

"I've been breathing fire for about four or five years and professionally for about a year or so," Hughes said. "All these other people do this stuff all the time on their own. It's nice to have a place we can get together and share our talents."

Jimbo Valentine, an artist known around the city for his graphic design work, handling the art for the V-Club and Huntington Music & Arts Festival, said events like Culture Storm allow shy artists to display their work in a relaxed atmosphere.

"It's great to see people who do art, but would normally keep it at home in their bedroom and not

show it, get out and display their stuff," Valentine said. "There's no pretentiousness here. It's just a good time and excuse to get all your friends together. They did a great job at putting this together because I know that what it's like to manage artists. It's like herding cats; it takes a little bit of patience."

Lindsay George, who came from Charleston to support her husband, a tattoo artist, said participating in the event was an opportunity her husband, Chris, would not normally have.

"I'm out here tonight because my husband is a tattoo artist who loves to do art as well," George said. "In Charleston, tattoo artists don't really fit into the art scene, so we decided to come down and get his name out in Huntington."

Eric Wilson, co-founder of Culture Storm, said the turnout for the night

exceeded his expectations.

"I've been here several times on Sunday evening when it's been all but a ghost town," Wilson said. "Right now, we have people milling around, enjoying themselves. There's food, art, ceramics and the artists are mingling with the public, telling them what went into their work. This is more than what I ever imagined. Culture Storm, alive and thriving, and it was born today."

Wilson said a fresh batch of artists will be appearing at the next Culture Storm event, which is scheduled for January at the VIP area at Black Sheep Burrito & Brews.

Anyone interested in participating in the following Culture Storm scheduled for April can contact the organizers via the Huntington Culture Storm Facebook page.

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Ceramics artists Sara Boeknell (left) and Courtney Childers (right) sell their creations to patrons at Culture Storm Sunday night at The Lantern.



Josh Stewart and Danielle Ocheltree admire some of the artwork at Culture Storm Sunday night at The Lantern.

QUICK EVENTS

Invisible Women Panel
Wednesday, 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center room BE5

CAB Galactic Bowling
Thursday, 8 p.m. at Strike Zone; admission free to first 75 students with MU ID

Memorial Ceremony
Saturday, 10 a.m. at the Memorial Student Center

52nd Annual International Festival
Sunday, 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena

Muslim Student Association celebrates Islam Awareness Week



KAITLYN CLAY | THE PARTHENON

Muslim Student Association celebrates Islam Awareness Week and works to inform Marshall students about the misconceptions within the Muslim community.

By **DESMOND GROVES**
THE PARTHENON

Students in the Muslim Students Association are celebrating Islam Awareness this week to raise awareness about the Islamic religion and inform others about the misconceptions within the Muslim community and religion. Public administration graduate student and president of the organization Suzann Al-Qawasmi said this is the first year the current members of the association have done this event. Although students celebrated this week in the past, Al-Qawasmi said current members are re-vamping the celebration and said she hopes it will promote understanding and peace. “We’re really big on interfaith,” Al-Qawasmi said. “We just really believe that if we can reach people just from this one event, it’s really made me realize how similar we are even though

we have our differences we still have something that connects us.” “We are going to try to do this at least once a semester,” Al-Qawasmi said. “We’re going to have a whole week dedicated to events like this [table at the Memorial Student Center.] We will have some during the day and then some in the evening as well.” At the table, students can play a form of Jeopardy to answer questions to teach knowledge of the Islamic religion, find out about events going on during the week and also grab some candy. Freshman biology major and association member and association member Deena Dahshan said the group is going to try and do a different theme at the table everyday. “Monday, the first day, is Meet a Muslim, Tuesday is about the prophets, Muhammad and Jesus,” Dahshan said. “Wednesday is Hijab Day, followed by a

bake sale on Thursday and then Friday, we are inviting people to the Mosque to observe our prayer and asks questions so they can be more informed about the Islamic religion.” “When we do it next semester, we will probably have some of the same events, but we will make some of them different too,” Al-Qawasmi said. A board game night, two guests speakers and a movie night are on the schedule for evening events. Muslim Association of West Virginia members Sheikh Sameh and Sheikh Mostafa Rawash, will present Tuesday and Dr. Sylvia Nemmers will present Wednesday, talking about why she converted to the religion, despite all the negative media attention surrounding women who are in the religion. **Desmond Groves can be contacted at groves53@marshall.edu**

River Valley Child Development art auction

By **JOHN COLE GLOVER**
THE PARTHENON

Bidders packed into the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center Friday for an art auction benefitting local charities. The event featured an auction, live music, a silent auction, food and wine. The auction was held in the lower level lobby of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, while refreshments and the silent auction were on the upper mezzanine. The auction benefited River Valley Child Development, which offers the Enterprise Child Development Center as well as an after school program, School Age Connections. The pieces of artwork were made by children from six weeks to 11 years old and were professionally framed for the event. Most of the paintings sold went for between \$30 and \$80. Several parents were in attendance with their young children during the auction. Suzi Brodof, executive director of River Valley Child Development Services said she loves having the parents at the event. “I love to have the parents here,” Brodof said. “I’d like more people from the community to come out.” Brodof said she loved having the event in

the Performing Arts Center. The group has had events at the Birke Art Gallery in the past. The current art auction has been at the Performing Art Center for eight years. “The program outgrew the art gallery,” Brodof said. The most ever raised at the event was \$800 and Brodof said she hoped to exceed that this year. Guests said they enjoyed themselves and the atmosphere in the Performing Arts Center. “I came here because my sister works with these kids,” said Jordan Perdue, a guest at the event. “It is very possible I will come back.” Perdue said she felt this was a great way to raise awareness for the charities the event supported. The silent auction allowed guests to bid on a variety of prizes, such as gift baskets or lunch with former Marshall Football coach, Bobby Pruett and his wife, or a day with Huntington’s mayor Steve Williams. Several businesses had baskets available for bidding, including food coupons, a wine basket, a movie basket, bowling packages and game tickets. **John Cole Glover can be contacted at glover39@marshall.edu.**

Barboursville Epilepsy Awareness walk

By **KELSIE LIVELY**
THE PARTHENON

In honor of Epilepsy Awareness Month, an epilepsy awareness walk took place Saturday in Barboursville Park to raise knowledge for patients and treatment options. Members of Heroes 4 Higher, Batman and Batwoman, kicked off the event and led the walk around the Barboursville Lake, while interacting with the children attending the event. Samrina Hanif, epilepsy specialist at Marshall University Neuroscience, helped create the walk and symposium to coincide with Epilepsy Awareness Month. “This walk today at Barboursville Park is all about raising epilepsy awareness,” Hanif said. “This is the first walk of its kind in this Tri-State area where we are trying to promote different treatment options and work ups for our patients. Whether it’s children with autism or adults with hemangiomas or strokes who then go on to develop seizures we just want to raise awareness so that people are aware that there are different treatment options out there.” Cabell Huntington Hospital, Marshall Neuroscience and various epilepsy medication and device therapy vendors all sponsored the event. “This walk is mostly patient and family driven,” Hanif said. “It was upon their support and the enthusiasm that we initiated this.” “I’m really, really happy with the turnout,” Hanif said. “I love the enthusiasm, there are so many families here who have turned up and what was inspiring was that one child or

adult with epilepsy and 15 members of their family were there supporting them. It’s just a community effort and I feel that in the same way the whole family can get together then the whole community can support epilepsy treatment options, epilepsy awareness and how to combat it in the future.” Dru Miltenberger, 11-year-old Southside Elementary student, attended the event with her family and took part in the day’s activities to raise awareness. Miltenberger was diagnosed with cortical dysplasia at age 8 and has since had five brain surgeries, her most recent being in Aug. “Today has been fun and everyone is nice,” Dru Miltenberger said. “It’s nice people came out to support epilepsy.” Dru Miltenberger’s brain surgeries were intended to remove the spot of her brain that was causing the seizures. Once removed, the seizures began occurring in a different spot that was not active before. “She was up to 30 seizures a day and still functioning,” Dru Miltenberger’s mother, Colleen Miltenberger said. “She still has about five a day but she does her own thing. She plays softball and basketball, we can’t play basketball this year because we just had surgery and left her partially paralyzed on her left side.” Along with the walk, an educational symposium will take place in the atrium of the Marshall University Medical Center on Nov. 10 from 3-5 p.m. where you can meet neurologists and learn more about epilepsy. **Kelsie Lively can be contacted at lively37@marshall.edu.**



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Batman and Batwoman attended the epilepsy walk and led the walk around Barboursville lake.



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The walk was created to bring awareness about epilepsy. The walk is mainly family and patient driven.

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Kicking woes doom Herd in loss

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University football team has to be kicking itself—pending it can actually connect on its target.

Missed kicks were the Herd’s undoing in its 27-24 triple overtime loss Saturday to the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders.

Marshall kickers Nick Smith and Amoreto Curraji combined to miss five field goals, including a potential game-winner at the end of regulation and another, which was blocked, to extend the game into a fourth overtime period.

Smith, who was named a semi-finalist for the Lou Groza College Place-Kicker Award Nov. 5, went just 1-4 on field goal attempts, missing a 44-yarder, 42-yarder and a 32-yarder which would have won the game as time expired.

Smith was replaced by Curraji, the team’s kickoff specialist, in overtime, but Curraji missed from 38 yards in the second overtime period and had his 39-yarder in the third overtime blocked, sealing the victory for Middle Tennessee State.

“You don’t ever turn away from the guys,” junior center Michael Selby said. “No matter who it is, everyone makes mistakes. You just got to be there for them and tell them ‘hey, get it next time.’”

The missed field goals weren’t the only errors for the Herd, as the team committed 11 penalties and the defense allowed a season-high 554 yards of total offense.

“Every week a team comes in, finding a way to run the ball on us, finding a ways to just get yards on us and everything,” senior linebacker Evan McKelvey said. “Every team finds a

weak spot. We just learn from that.”

Despite the gaudy yardage totals for Middle Tennessee State, the Herd defense held the Blue Raiders to just 17 points in regulation, coming up with multiple turnovers in the red zone.

The Herd forced two fumbles in the first half after Middle Tennessee

third and final turnover for the Marshall defense when he intercepted a pass in the end zone just before the halftime, negating a field goal opportunity for Middle Tennessee.

“Every Wednesday we have a turnover circuit,” McKelvey said. “We strip the ball, we do the fumble recovery, we do knock the ball out of

319-202.

Middle Tennessee State built a 10-point advantage entering the fourth quarter, outscoring the Herd 10-0 in the third.

The Herd defense forced three-and-outs on three of Middle Tennessee State’s four fourth quarter possessions affording Litton, who

this time, I threw it a little under him and (the defensive back) was playing good defense. As soon as he turned his head Check does what Check does and went over top of him and made a play.”

After a three-and-out by the defense, a 21-yard pass play from Litton to wide receiver Davonte Allen and a personal foul penalty by the Blue Raiders, Smith had a 32-yard field goal attempt to win the game in regulation, but missed wide left sending the game into extra sessions.

In the first overtime, the two teams traded touchdown passes with Litton hitting Allen for 19 yards up the sideline to answer the Blue Raiders’ opening score.

Awry field goal attempts by both teams marked the end of the second overtime period with Middle Tennessee’s Cody Clark missing a 31-yard attempt following Curraji’s 38-yard miss on Marshall’s possession.

Clark redeemed himself in the third overtime, connecting from 46 yards out. On Marshall’s subsequent possession, Litton’s pass to Allen came up a yard short on third down. After a false start penalty pushed the ball back to the Middle Tennessee State 21-yard line, Curraji’s kick was blocked as the Herd suffered its second loss of the season, snapping a seven-game winning streak.

“That’s football,” Litton said. “Things like that happen. Turnovers happen, missed field goals happen, penalties happen. That’s football, that’s what you signed up for.”

The Herd will be at home Saturday for Senior Day as it takes on Florida International University at 3:30 p.m.

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Marshall kicker Nick Smith attempts a field goal against the University of North Texas Oct. 24.

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State had driven inside the Marshall 20-yard line. The first preserved a 0-0 tie as defensive tackle Steve Dillon punched the ball lose and junior linebacker Devontre’a Tyler came up with the recovery, while the second was forced by defensive end Gary Thompson and recovered by freshman end Ryan Bee with 12 minutes left in the second quarter.

Sophomore slot cornerback Antavis Rowe also came up with the

quarterback’s hands; its just little things like that causes us to want to do it on Saturdays. It transfers over to the game.”

The defense’s well-timed turnovers and an 88-yard scoring drive by the Marshall offense, which culminated in a 1-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Chase Litton to tight end Emmanuel Byrd allowed the Herd to head into halftime tied 7-7, despite being outgained

completed 34 of his 56 passes for 346 yards with three touchdowns and one interception, and the offense time to mount a comeback.

The offense made up the deficit, tying the game 17-17 with 1:06 remaining after Litton threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to tight end Ryan Yuracheck, who caught six passes for 40 yards and a touchdown.

“We threw the same route the week before on Charlotte,” Litton said, “and

Men’s soccer secures C-USA tournament bid

By **MALCOLM WALTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University’s men’s soccer team (7-8-1, 2-5-1) defeated Old Dominion University (8-4-3, 3-3-2) 1-0 Saturday in its regular season finale.

The win earned the Herd the seventh seed in the Conference USA Championships, which begins Wednesday.

Marshall junior midfielder Trevor Starcher scored the only goal of the game with eight minutes remaining.

“Arthur [Duchense] just played the ball in off the corner, and it just basically fell in my lap,” Starcher said. “And then I was able to get a good look and put it away.”

Thomas Oliver, Marshall’s assistant coach, said he thought the biggest key to the team’s victory was its pre-game preparation.

“We had a good idea of what we wanted to do,” Oliver said. “And we thought we had a good idea of what they were going to do. As the game rolled on, it could have been anybody’s game. We felt like we had some really good chances at the end to score a couple goals, but we

didn’t. And then Trevor came up with the big goal, and we hung on.”

After defeating Old Dominion, Marshall is unbeaten in

the ball just didn’t bounce our way, and we lost some one-goal games,” Oliver said. “And in our conference, a lot of the games are one-goal games, and we



Junior defender Arthur Duchesne dribbles the ball in a match earlier this season.

PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

its last four contests, including three consecutives wins. Before its 1-1 draw to the University of New Mexico Oct. 23, the Herd had lost seven straight matches.

Oliver said he does not think the team has gotten hot at the right time as much as it has put together solid performances as of late.

“We were a little unfortunate early in the season where

need to have those go our way. So, the tie against New Mexico was good for us to start gaining some momentum.”

No. 7 Marshall faces No. 2 University of North Carolina at Charlotte 7 p.m. Wednesday at Transamerica Field in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Women’s soccer falls just short in conference championship

THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women’s soccer team lost in the program’s first-ever Conference USA Championship appearance Sunday to the top-seeded University of North Texas 1-0.

North Texas got out to an early advantage when Amber Haggerty rebounded her own shot and slipped it past Marshall goalkeeper Lizzie Kish in the 16th minute.

Kish and the Herd defense kept North Texas off the scoreboard the rest of the way despite the Mean Green launching 12 shots. The Marshall offense came up empty as well, failing to convert on each of its four first-half shots.

In the second half, the Herd outshot North Texas 5-4, including on-goal attempts by junior forward Sydney Arnold and senior midfielder Kelly Culicerto. However, the North Texas defense

managed to blank the Herd in the second period as well securing the victory and an automatic bid in the NCAA Tournament.

“North Texas is a team that has demonstrated all season why they were the number one seed and continued to do so in the finals,” Marshall head coach Kevin Long said. “In the end, North Texas made it very hard to get through their back line and when we did, their keeper was right there every time.”

Arnold, Culicerto and senior midfielder Erin Simmons were named to the C-USA All-Tournament team.

The Herd, which earned its highest seed in school history as the conference’s number two seed, doubled its program postseason win total in the conference tournament with victories over the University of Louisiana Tech and Old Dominion University in the tournament quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively.

Long said despite the loss in the conference championship, he’s proud of the work ethic the team put in throughout the entire season en route to producing perhaps the best single season in program history.

“I can’t begin to express how extremely proud I am of this team and the effort they put forth every single day,” Long said. “I can’t wipe away the sting this loss carries with it. When it passes, there is an awful lot for this Thundering Herd team to be proud of.”



Junior forward Sydney Arnold controls the ball in a match last season.

PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

Volleyball team falls to Rice, clinging to postseason chances

THE PARTHENON

In its final home game of the season, Marshall University’s volleyball team fell to Rice University Sunday in a 3-0 decision.

The Herd falls to 15-12 (6-8 C-USA) with the loss, while Rice improves to 19-9 (9-5 C-USA).

Marshall was led by sophomore Taylor Pelton with 10 kills and sophomore Kayla Simmons, who registered 31 assists.

The first set began with both teams trading points. However, Rice held onto an advantage through the first portion of the set and costly errors by the Herd helped Rice jump to a three-point lead.

From there, the Rice attack proved to be difficult for the Herd, as it trailed 14-10, forcing Marshall head coach Mitch Jacobs to call a timeout. The Owls went on to claim the first set, 25-17.

Marshall jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the second set, but the Owls forced two errors on the Herd to tie the game at 2-2. The set would go back-and-forth throughout, as neither team would hold a lead larger than two.

Midway through the set, Rice broke away on a five-point run to give itself a five-point lead. After allowing Marshall to bring the game close, Rice responded with five straight points to close out the set, 25-19.

Coming out of the break, the third set began much like the first, with both teams trading points to start. However, Rice would regain control and close out the game, defeating Marshall 25-20 in the final set.

Marshall faces Western Kentucky University 7 p.m. Thursday in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Jacobs said the Hilltoppers will be a major challenge for the team.

“Western Kentucky is a great team,” Jacobs said in a news release. “They’re ranked in the top 25 for a reason. They did lose to Rice recently but responded by defeating FIU earlier this week.”

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STATE EDITORIAL

The Exponent Telegram of Clarksburg on non-violent drug offenders being released from prison:

THE EXPONENT TELEGRAM

On Nov. 2, the first of 44 federal inmates were released from their prison sentences early because of sentencing guideline modification returned to Northern West Virginia, according to U.S. Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld.

It is important to note that while these individuals have been released from prison, many remain under federal supervision.

Ihlenfeld said that 68 percent of those returning to Northern West Virginia will be placed in halfway houses or home confinement.

So while they may be out from behind bars, they must conform to federal Bureau of Prisons regulations to remain so.

Their early release is part of the effort to shorten criminal sentences for some drug crimes in response to concerns over prison overcrowding, the costs of housing inmates and the fact that the United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world.

Make no mistake, all of those factors are legitimate concerns. And handing out shorter sentences to non-violent drug offenders is one way to address those issues.

We support efforts to make drug rehabilitation available to those who are addicted, with the emphasis on treating those who are ill.

We believe there is support for this approach in handling drug cases on both the federal and state level.

We must begin to provide treatment instead of punishment if we hope to beat back the scourge of illegal drug use.

However, it is a narrow line to walk when those addicted turn to dealing or other criminal activity to support their habits.

With that in mind, we're hopeful those in legal circles are able to differentiate between those who possess for personal use and those who are clearly marketing the product — and thus escalating the

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EDITORIAL



NICK SCHNELLE | COLUMBIA DAILY TRIBUNE VIA AP

Former Missouri receiver L'Damian Washington, left, speaks with tailback Russell Hansbrough and other football players outside of the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex Sunday in Columbia, Missouri. Student protests over racial incidents on the campus escalated over the weekend when some football players announced they will not participate in team activities until the school's president is removed.

Mizzou situation shows power of student protest

University of Missouri president Timothy M. Wolfe and University Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin have both resigned from their positions following several student protests.

Mizzou's entire football team held a strike, claiming the administration did little to nothing in combating racism on campus. After Wolfe stepped down, Mizzou's athletic department issued a statement, making the claim that the football team's strike would have ultimately cost the university \$1 million due to cancellation fees. This number astonished many.

Students are generally considered more likely to be

social justice advocates than their counterparts who aren't enrolled. Protests are not something new to college campuses. Students protested things from the Vietnam war to, more recently, police brutality.

The team joined in on protesting after graduate student Jonathan Butler began a hunger strike earlier last week. The team members focused on the health of Butler, saying they were dedicated to ensuring the health of another student. This showed solidarity among students and inspired others to join in on protests.

Students across the nation need to take notice of this. Students held enough power and

leverage in the situation to ultimately cause the president to step down.

This sends a powerful message to young people all over the nation. When students see injustices, they do not have to sit by. Citizens reserve the right to gather for whatever cases they deem necessary. Instead of sitting back and letting committees do all the work, students can throw their influence into the mix, because colleges need to serve students first, meaning their opinions should hold weight with those higher-ups in various administrations.

This scandal can show every day students it does not

take a board of governors to make serious changes in their universities. More men and women should take a stance on issues affecting them and those around them.

The events in Missouri can serve as a check to the faculty and staff of United States higher education institutions; the men and women who attend these schools are more powerful than many think.

Those students who were involved in strikes and walk outs demonstrated more initiative and school spirit than those who just sat by silently, letting racism run rampant on their campuses, without any ramifications.

COLUMN



MARK LENNIHAN | AP PHOTO

In this July 16 photo, a woman walks out of a Starbucks with a beverage in hand, in New York.

A New View: They're just red cups.

By NANCY PEYTON
THE PARTHENON

The holiday season is upon us again and with it comes a few traditions. One of those traditions is the annual Starbucks Christmas cup.

There's been a huge uproar on the Internet about this year's cup design. People are saying that the plain red cup is symbolizing the expanding tradition of leaving Christ out of today's culture.

I am a Christian and I have no problem whatsoever with the cup design. I do not feel that Starbucks intentionally set out to make Christians feel alienated.

There are times when this kind of public outcry is needed, but this kind of response should only come when genuine harm has been done.

We have become an overly sensitive society. People are easily offended by everything they see.

I'm not saying nothing out there is offensive. There are definitely things out there meant to hurt and offend specific groups of people. But not every little thing being done is being done to spite someone.

The red cup scandal has been blown way out of proportion. There are much more important things for Christians and everyone else to be focused on this holiday season.

Instead of spreading feelings of hate and drawing lines in the sand around ourselves, we should be enjoying this wonderful time of year.

We don't have to all come together in peace and harmony. That's an unobtainable idea at this point in society. But we can put our differences aside, if only for a little while and celebrate the fact that we live in a country where we're free to express our distress over red cups.

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Kristen Iverson presents in A.E. Visiting Writers Series

By **KELSIE LIVELY**
THE PARTHENON

The A.E. Visiting Writers Series brought author Kristen Iverson to campus to read excerpts from her award-winning book "Full Body Burden: Growing Up in the Shadows of Rocky Flats."

Iverson's book details her childhood growing up in the silences surrounding the secret nuclear weapons facility known as Rocky Flats located between Denver and Boulder, Colorado.

Many of the people living near Rocky Flats made a living by being unknowingly subjected to high levels of plutonium that contaminated the area for miles; the workers were forced to keep the details of their job secret from the outside world.

"People who worked at Rocky Flats were forbidden to talk about the kind of work they did and if they talked about their jobs they could get fired," Iverson said. "People in the community did not know because of the secrecy surrounding the Atomic Energy Act."

"Full Body Burden" brings the issues of the area's devastation to light; from illnesses of community member to near Chernobyl like disasters.

"Where I grew up, our house was right next to a lake. We had horses, dogs and lots of critters; we were outside all the time, my two sisters and I and my brother," Iverson said. "We rode our horses in the fields, we swam in the lake, we had the kind of childhood, my mother had come from Scandinavian farm family, where you put kids out in the morning and you tell them to come back at supper time. That's the kind of childhood that I had and I was very grateful for that, it was wonderful. But what we didn't know when

we were riding our horses around the fields there and swimming in the lake was that area was deeply contaminated, the air, the water and the soil with toxic and radio active contamination."

According to Iverson, Plutonium has a half-life of 24,100 years making it dangerous for 250,000 years. Plutonium is invisible and highly dangerous to humans; people cannot see, taste or feel it, knowing whether or not they are being exposed is almost impossible.

The issues with Rocky Flats are ongoing. Iverson said for this reason, there is no real end to her book.

"There are many sights like Rocky Flats around the country, although Rocky Flats in many way is one of the worst," Iverson said. Like many people that lived in that area of Colorado at the time, Iverson herself worked at Rocky Flats until she decided to go to school and get her Ph. D. and become an English Professor.

After leaving Rocky Flats, Iverson said she knew she would write a book about this one day but did not realize it would take 10 years of research before having her book published in 2012.

Iverson's book "Full Body Burden" has received awards such as the 2013 Colorado Book Award and the Reading the West Book Award in Nonfiction. Iverson's book was chosen as one of the Best Books of 2012 by Kirkus Reviews, the American Library Association, Mother Jones Magazine and Best Book about Justice by The Atlantic.

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Kristen Iverson signs copies of her book for students attending the Visiting Writers Series event Monday evening in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center. Iverson read excerpts from her award-winning book "Full Body Burden: Growing Up in the Shadows of Rocky Flats."

University of Missouri seeks new leadership after poor handling of racial issues

By **ASHLEY SODOSKY**
THE PARTHENON

The University of Missouri president resigned Monday after a semester full of student protests and complaints of poorly addressed racial incidents on campus.

Protests were putting the university of 35,000 at a standing academic halt. Students began hunger strikes and students and faculty boycotted classes. The protests were heightened and gained attention when the university football team refused to play until the removal of Tim Wolfe, university president.

The university of Missouri student government officially called for Wolfe's removal. Along side him, R. Bowen Loftin, chancellor of the university's flagship in Columbia' will also resign at the end of the year.

The university's four campuses were under the responsibility of Wolfe. Wolfe had been the target of multiple protests including one black graduate student, Jonathan Butler, on a hunger strike for his removal.

Students said tensions across campus have increased since last year's shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer in near by Ferguson. A campus group called Concerned Student 1950 banded together to achieve systematic support.

Accusations of Wolfe's negligence of addressing racial and bigoted incidents include the student body president being called the n-word, an incident when a white student climbed onto stage and shouted slurs when a black group rehearsed a skit, and most recently when a swastika was drawn on a wall with human feces.

Monday's Board of Curators meeting sought the announcement of Wolfe's resignation. Wolfe said that he takes "full responsibility for the frustration" of students.

Donald Cupps, the board's chair, expressed sympathy for Missouri students.

"It saddens me that some who have attended our university have ever felt fear, being unwelcome, or have experienced racism," said Cupps. "To those who

have suffered, I apologize on behalf of the university for being slow to respond to experiences that are unacceptable and offensive in our campus communities and in our society."

After Wolfe's resignation students began posting to social media about the notice. Butler posted to Twitter "This is only the first step! More change is to come!"

The university announced that administrator Hank Foley would act as interim chancellor at the end of the year and an appropriate interim president would be found soon.

Foley said that he wants "to make people feel included and make them feel that this is their campus."

He said his next steps as chancellor include meeting with the members of Concerned Student 1950.

The university system said in a news release that it will appoint its first chief officer for diversity, inclusion and equity.

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Free show on campus Tuesday

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Local bands Embracer, Sly Roosevelt and A Story Told will join two touring bands on stage 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Campus Christian Center for a free show open to the public.

Dead Leaves of Cleveland, Ohio and PINE of Ottawa, Canada are on tour through the northeastern United States and Canada and are stopping by Huntington between their tour kickoff in Nashville, Tennessee and the next date in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Embracer bassist, Dylan Costinteen, said Dead Leaves was interested in playing a show in the area and exploring the market. Embracer had played at the Campus Christian Center previously for charity shows, so the show was booked there.

Dead Leaves and PINE released a 7"/digital split Nov. 6 through Take This to Heart Records, the same label through which Embracer released its three-song acoustic EP "Mend."

Huntington-based Sly Roosevelt and Charleston-based A Story Told join the show roster to round out an eclectic indie-rock bill.

Intercultural Affairs makes Annual Outstanding Intercultural Students Weekend possible

By **MICHAEL BROWN**
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Marshall University's Office of Intercultural Affairs hosted its annual Outstanding Intercultural Students Weekend.

Outstanding minority students from high schools all over West Virginia and the Tri-State were in attendance. The purpose of the weekend is to help students fall in love with the university and all it has to offer.

"What I enjoyed most was their acceptance of each other," said graduate student with the office of Intercultural Affairs, Shaleena Ross. "They were very welcoming and friendly with students from other high schools, backgrounds and cultures. They all kind of bonded and when they split off into groups to do Zumba, rock climb and swim. I think they realized that sometimes the differences that sometimes keep you apart in situations like high schools, will bring you together in college."

"They looked around and saw other people, who didn't look the same, talk the same or dress the same that were interested in the same things," Ross said. "That, to me is the point of the weekend. To gain exposure to other cultures and to embrace

the intercultural spirit that is steadily growing at Marshall University."

During the weekend, students were able to have discussions with the dean of the college of their choice. Students had the chance to have a talk with current Marshall students where they got to ask real questions about anything college related.

"This is a big recruiting tool, it helps the recruiting office to bring in more minority students," said intern program manager for the office of Intercultural Affairs, Lisa Allen. "I think the weekend was a huge successful. It was a lot of hard work."

"It was hard for me to take on such a hard and stressful task that in the past my fellow coworker, Fran Jackson, did a lot of work for," Allen said. "We did very well this weekend; it couldn't have been done without the entire team of Intercultural Affairs, Volunteers, the deans, and Sudexo. This is a huge group effort to make a group event."

The weekend ended with a semi formal banquet where students were given certificates for participating in the weekend.

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involved in the actual trafficking of drugs, especially if they are carrying guns or other means to turn to violence as they conduct their "business."

We're also hopeful that any further reduction of prison sentences be limited to only those with nonviolent convictions.

Those who have inflicted harm upon others should serve out their sentences accordingly, sending a clear message that violence is not the answer to our problems.

We're sure this change in sentencing guidelines has caused some angst among those in law enforcement and the general public.

We understand there are legitimate concerns when there is an appearance that some are able to get away with criminal behavior or face lesser punishment.

But the verdict on the modified sentencing guidelines won't be known anytime soon. It will take time to study their effects and the overall effect on the drug trade in West Virginia.

We're hopeful the new guidelines are a step toward providing more help to those addicted instead of just locking away the problem and hoping that it goes away.

That solution just hasn't worked.

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#INTOMUVIEWS | Nichcha Subdee

By JARED CASTO
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Nichcha Subdee is an INTO student from Thailand who has been in America for 10 months. Her major is biology, but she is also studying English through the INTO program. In her free time, Subdee enjoys watching movies at Pullman Square and eating at Roosters. Subdee also loves planning trips and traveling. Over spring break, she went to Washington, DC where she enjoyed the variety of museums she was able to explore. Subdee likes Marshall and Huntington because of the quiet environment that is prime for studying and avoiding other distractions. After graduating, Subdee plans to go back to Thailand where she will be a teacher.

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Q: How long have you been in America?

A: Around 10 months. I came here in January.

Q: How do you think you’ve adapted to America so far?

A: I adapted a lot when I came here. Here, in dormitories women and men live in the same dorm. But, in my country, we separate men in a separate building from women. So it was kind of a shock for me. There were all kinds of shocks for me when I came here.

Q: How and why did you choose to come to Marshall?

A: Because this city barely has something that can interrupt me. It doesn’t have a lot of things that I can do or something that I have to drive a car for. I like to live here because nothing can interrupt me. It’s good for studying.

Q: What are your plans after you graduate?

A: Because I got a scholarship from the Thai government, the condition is that I have to go back after I graduate. So I plan to go back to Thailand. I want to be a teacher, so I will be a teacher in my country.

Q: Have you managed to keep in touch with your family?

A: Yeah. I talk with my father every day. The Internet now has made the world closer. I use Skype to video talk with them. It’s easy to use.

Q: Is there anything else that you think people should know about you?

A: So, basically I look Chinese because my grandfather is from China. When I came here, many Chinese people tried to talk to me in Chinese. I was kind of like “What?” I want to tell people that I am Thai. I think it’s good that they look at me like I’m Chinese, but actually I am Thai.



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Nichcha Subdee is an INTO student from Thailand who enjoys spending time in Pullman Square and traveling to new places any chance she has.