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Focus group finds lack of involvement among freshmen

BY ERIN SHAVER
THE PARTHENON

The Student Activities Programming Board conducted a focus group Tuesday to determine freshmen involvement in student activities.

The group of freshmen surveyed was selected randomly from UNI 101 class of 11 freshmen, said Mike Mellace, marketing and research intern for the Office of Student Activities.

"We want to basically find out, like on assessment day, what they think we're doing," Mellace said.

The students said they had not attended many, if any, student activities, Mellace said.

This confirmed what SAPB believed before conducting the focus group, Mellace said. It organized the group to test it theory and to determine how to increase involvement.

"We want to get these students' input and focus on events that interest them in order to draw more student involvement," Mellace said.

The group said it had not seen or heard any promotions for events hosted by SAPB, Mellace said.

"A lot of the students said things like, 'Oh, if I had known about that, I would have gone,'" Mellace said. "They weren't seeing our advertisements."

SAPB determined the promotions were not seen because students are more receptive and attentive to different styles of advertising, Mellace said.

"Most of the room hadn't read The Parthenon and weren't looking for advertisements," Mellace said. "They said creating an e-mail newsletter about events or utilizing Facebook would be better ways to market to them."

The Office of Student Activities hosted events in the past and had promotional issues because of misunderstandings some students had, Mellace said.

"A few years back, we were handing out tickets to a comedian," Mellace said. "We had a giant sign that said 'Free' and still had students walk up all day and ask us how much the tickets cost."

The activities are free to students because they pay a student activities fee along with their tuition each semester, Mellace said.

"That fee goes to student activities and student government," Mellace said. "We're doing this and want your input because we're spending your money on events. Tell us what you want, and we'll try to do it."

One of the goals for the response to the findings is to accommodate as many different students as they can when developing activities, said Luke Stanford, marketing and research intern for the Office of Student Activities.

"If you get more people involved, the event is a success," Stanford said. "You don't want to feel like it failed, and if it's not a success, we'll spend our money on something else."

SAPB is looking for ways to receive more input aside from their weekly meetings to communicate with students, Stanford said.

"We're putting comment boxes in the dorms and asking for student comments," Stanford said. "About 15 to 20 people show up to every meeting, but it's the same group each time, so we're reaching out to new people."

Stanford said students can also e-mail the office at student-activities@marshall.edu with ideas for events.

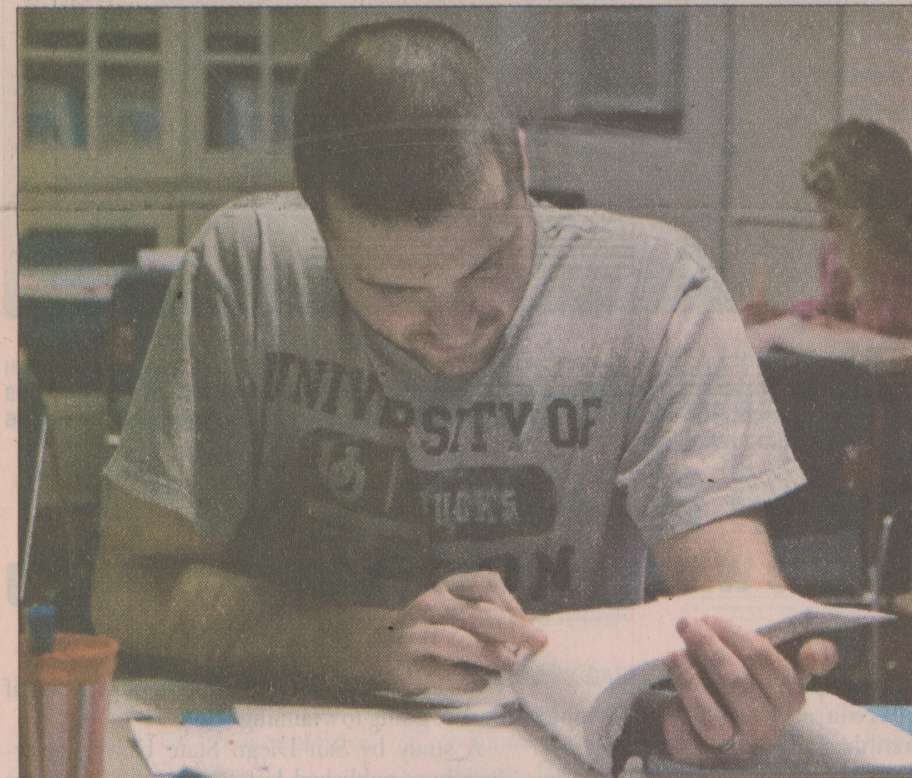
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Meagan Earls, left, freshman undecided major from Richlands, Va., and Joe Stefanov, sophomore criminal justice major from Columbus, Ohio, review the results from the focus group SAPB conducted Tuesday. SAPB determined freshman students are not as involved as upperclassmen and had not attended many student activities around campus.

University College works to improve Marshall's retention rate



SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON

Jeremy Bloom, sophomore secondary education major from Oregon, studies in University College's Math Workshop Tutoring Lab. University College is considering new changes to freshman orientation and will also change UNI 101 to make it more academic.

BY ELIZABETH ADAMS
THE PARTHENON

University College will be at the core of the new changes freshmen will see next fall.

"The goal of all of this is to try to improve student retention and student success," said Frances Hensley, associate vice president of academic affairs. "It's not that we've had problems with it; we've been working on retention ideas for quite some time. Creating University College and UNI 101 were earlier retention efforts."

New orientation ideas are underway and the director of University College is going to be involved with them, Hensley said.

Freshmen will begin the semester earlier than other students, starting the week before classes start for the new Marshall WOW Days, or Week of Welcome, Hensley said. During this week, freshmen will attend sessions that will incorporate some of the material from UNI 101, which will no longer be a graduation requirement, she said.

An overnight orientation, which will no longer be called orientation, but will be called Up Late At Marshall will begin this summer, said Sherri Stepp, interim dean of University College.

"We're doing two pilot programs with Up Late At Marshall this summer, and we would like to see those be successful, so we can expand that program for incorporation with next summer's orientation," Stepp said.

University College coordinates UNI 101, but Stepp said this responsibility is changing next school year. The new

core curriculum will be implemented and a new First Year Seminar for freshmen will replace UNI 101.

"It's a very different course," Stepp said. "First Year Seminar will be a regular three-hour, graded class that will involve critical thinking skills and continue the one book program that has been done in UNI 101. The class will be more academic than UNI 101."

Stepp said they will still coordinate a few sections of UNI 101 and are looking at implementing a couple of other study skills and career counseling classes.

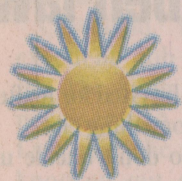
Hensley said the director of University College will probably be the director of the new Academic Success Center. The advisers from University College will also spend some time there helping students.

The Academic Success Center will be a place for students to get assistance, financial aid, career services, registration and admissions information at a central location on campus, Hensley said.

"Instead of having students going from office to office to try to find what they need, there will be one place where students can get information," Hensley said. "It wouldn't take the place of all of these other offices, but sometimes students just need some simple information. If we're able to do that in one central place, we think that it would be a real service to students."

"We have a lot of student advising traffic," Stepp said. "University College does intense advising with University College students and advises the College of Liberal Arts

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New alumni center gets a jump on going green

BY ELLEN KIST
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center, is joining the green revolution.

The hall, located on the corner of John Marshall Drive and Fifth Avenue, opened Saturday. To make the building more efficient, many initiatives were taken during construction, and the staff is working hard to do their part.

"The new facility is already feeling like home," said Tish Littlehales, director of Alumni Relations. "This feeling is not just for those who work here but for all who visit. Recycling and working toward furthering the green initiative is something that brings everyone in the entire building closer."

The staff has been in the building for three weeks. "We are trying to be more efficient," Littlehales said. "We ask everyone in the building to recycle each day."

There are two break rooms in the hall, Littlehales said. The two rooms have containers designated for recycling. Paper, glass, plastic and miscellaneous items are recycled in the hall.

"People have really been participating," Littlehales said. "The recycling is emptied every day and is typically full by the time it is emptied."

The building was constructed to be more efficient through the use of composite, ventilated roof

insulation panels, a geo-thermal system, plastic laminates, windows with Low-E coating glass, aluminum window frames, gypsum board to improve indoor air quality and T5 fluorescent lamps, which are smaller in size than typical lamps, according to the center's brochure.

The building was not built just to be green. It was built to be visually pleasing.

"I walked in the building and was in awe," said Nancy Campbell, the national president of the Marshall University Alumni Association. "I was just speechless. This place is just amazing to walk into."

The alumni center is not just for the use of

alumni, Campbell said. Students are encouraged to visit and use the alumni center for their events.

Sean Hornbuckle, student body president, attended the grand opening and noted the importance of students being involved with the alumni center.

"It is a great opportunity to come and connect with so many alumni," Hornbuckle said. "There is nowhere else where you are given the opportunity to network with so many successful and influential people in the Marshall community."

There will be a grand opening event for students to tour the center this spring, Littlehales said. The date will be announced within a few weeks of the event.

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Understanding religions: Hinduism

BY KATE MCCLOY
THE PARTHENON

The Campus Christian Center had an event on understanding Hinduism on Tuesday evening.

The event was hosted by the campus organization PROWL, People Reaching Out With Love, and was the last of three meetings on understanding different religions. These events included Judaism, Muslim and Hinduism faiths.

Numerically, Hinduism is the world's third largest religion, said Jeff Ruff, religious studies professor.

"When we talk about Hinduism it just doesn't work in certain kinds of ways the same way that we might think of Judaism or Christianity working because actually Hinduism is an umbrella term for a bunch of different religions," Ruff said.

Hinduism is more like a family of religions than just a single religion, Ruff said. Hinduism also has no founder.

"Hinduism has no first person," Ruff said. "Hinduism existed as an ethnic tradition back before recorded history. So really it is a designation of a place, it means the collection of the religions that come from the Indian subcontinent."

He said that if a Hindu is going to practice their religion, part of the practice is to go to sacred places. Those sacred places in India are often natural such as rivers, hot springs or sacred grows of trees.

"Worship activity by a Hindu has an individual component," Ruff said.

He said that while Christians would often say, "I'm going to church," a Hindu would very often say "I'm going for Darshan." Darshan means to see and be seen by God.

During a visit to the temple or house of worship, one brings a gift and washes their hands, feet and face outside then take off their shoes before entering, Ruff said.

"If it's anything before the modern period, it will

just be a small room. It's an intimate, homey environment and you ring the bell before you go inside."

There would be a priest inside when visiting the house of worship, he said.

Ruff said if the house of worship is a more traditional place, it will probably bring food, flowers or candy.

"The priest is standing there with a tray and will put something in your mouth," Ruff said. "It will often be an herb like basil. In central India it's almost always sugar and basil together. Then he'll dip his finger in a little bowl that has dye or ash in it, and he marks the forehead."

Ruff said the mark shows that you have been to worship that day.

"In the modern world that turned into cosmetics and as an identity marker," he said. "There is also the sort of notion that would be similar to Christianity that the grace sort of comes freely from the power of the god."

"I always like to use the example of the radio station, which is just broadcasting all the time in all directions, but you have to tune into it," Ruff said. "For Hindus you tune into that by doing religious actions."

He said there is one holiday in the fall, usually around October, that is probably as big for Hindus as Christmas is for Christians. There are a couple holidays in the winter and spring that are comparable in ways to Easter.

Chandler Gearhart, senior business management major from Roanoke, Va., has attended all three of the meetings about understanding different religions.

Gearhart said he couldn't choose a favorite meeting because he enjoyed them all.

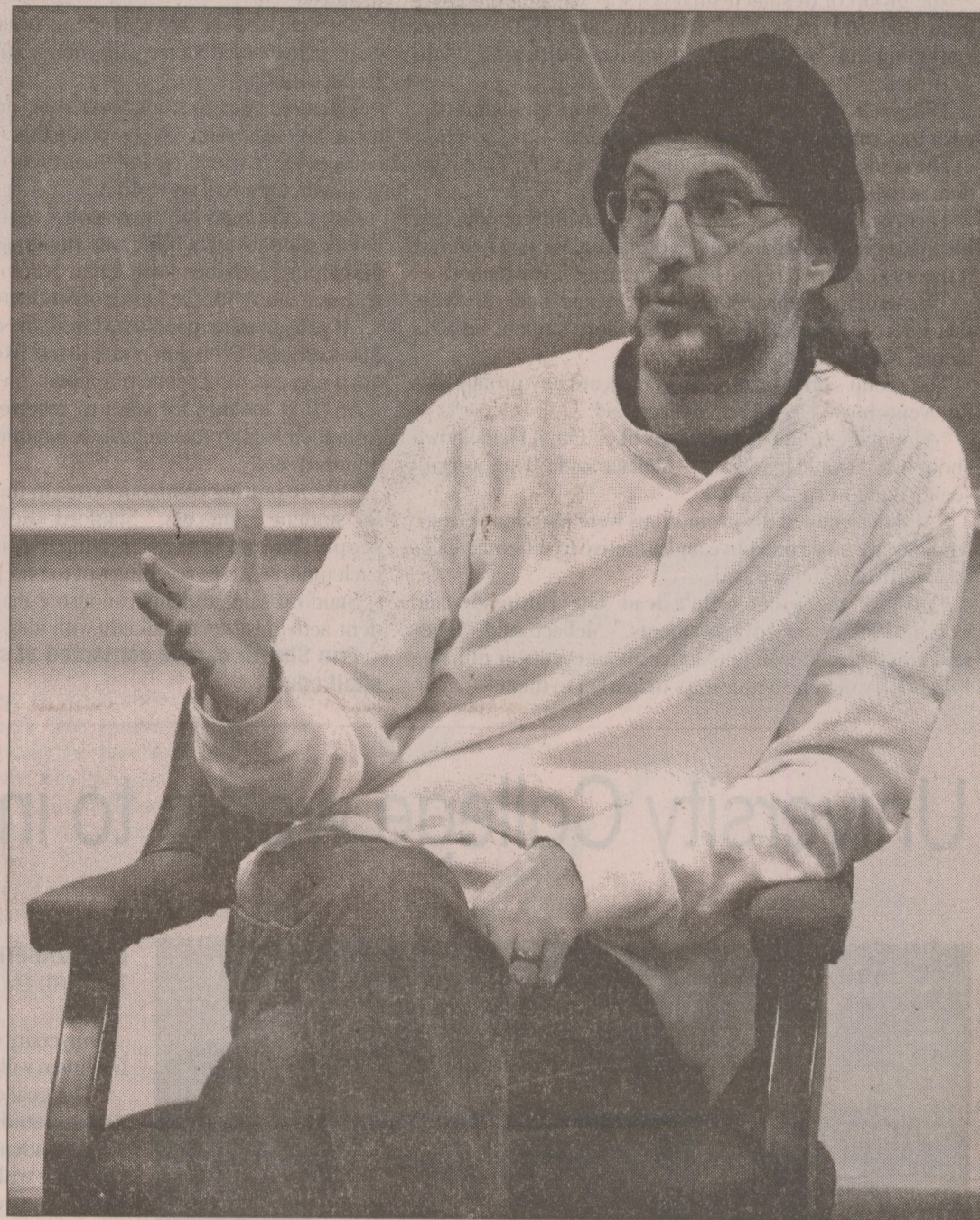
Although he enjoyed the meetings and thought they were a good idea to get people more familiar with religions aside from their own, they did not make him consider converting to one of the religions, he said.

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"Worship activity

by a Hindu has an individual component."

Jeff Ruff, religious studies professor



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Jeff Ruff, religious studies professor, speaks about Hinduism to Marshall students at the Campus Christian Center on Tuesday night. The event was sponsored by PROWL and was the third of three weeks of lectures about understanding religions.

Local nonprofit raises over \$1 million

BY KIMBERLY BRADLEY
THE PARTHENON

The United Way of the River Cities 2009 Live United Campaign raised \$1.11 million.

United Way is a national, nonprofit organization that raises money to improve the human condition of communities, according to the United Way Web site.

Although we didn't achieve our fundraising goal of \$1.4 million, we did reach some of our goals within the community, said Laura Gilliam, executive director of the United Ways of the River Cities.

The United Way of the River Cities raised 79.9 percent of their goal.

"The United Way initiatives continue to expand and engage many individuals and businesses in the community, and we are seeing more outcomes with these initiatives," Gilliam said. "We are able, for the first time, to see the outcomes from the funded partners."

"We were more than happy with the results of the campaign and how the community responded in such a big way," said Cassey Bowden, director of resource development and marketing for the United Way of the River Cities.

"We did see a mixture of donations due to the economic climate," Bowden said. "Organizations had to adapt to a variety of things including community donations. Last year, we had new partners step up and help even more than they had ever did before."

The campaign introduced general awareness of their campaign by making a statement to the general public.

"We took flash mobs to various places in the community, like Marshall University's student center, Pullman Square's fountain and the Huntington Mall's food court," Bowden said.

"Groups of people, when given a signal, would take off their coats and sweaters and underneath they would all be wearing their Live United white T-shirts," Bowden said. "They would stand still and silent for about two minutes and hold a sign promoting the campaign. We wanted for people to think, 'Who are these people?' and it created a buzz."

The campaign focused on giving, being an advocate for a cause and volunteering, according to the Live United brochure.

The United Way will host the annual event, "Celebration of Excellence" on March 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"It gives an opportunity to thank all the supporters in the United Way campaign and share with other communities," Bowden said.

"We are celebrating all the work that we've done in the last year and the individuals that have made us successful," Gilliam said.

Members of the community are invited to attend the celebration with reservation only, according to a news release.

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W.Va. Senate wants parental OK for teen tanning

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia teenagers would need a parent to sign off on their trip to the tanning salon if the state Senate gets its way.

The Senate voted unanimously on Wednesday to require teens between 14 and 18 to get written permission from their parents before using a tanning lamp, booth or bed.

The bill would also require teens younger than

14 to be accompanied by a parent or guardian if they're going to a tanning salon.

A study by San Diego State University researchers published last year in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine said the use of tanning lamps has been linked to two types of skin cancer.

The bill now goes to the House of Delegates.

W.Va. Senate moves to stiffen seat belt law

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Police in West Virginia could pull drivers over for failing to buckle up under a bill approved by the state Senate.

The Senate voted 27-5 on Wednesday to make the failure to wear a seat belt a primary offense, meaning drivers could be stopped for it even if they aren't violating other laws.

Currently, drivers can only be cited for it after they've been pulled over for something else.

Under the bill, drivers who don't buckle up could be fined up to \$15.

Republican Sen. Frank Deem of Wood County voted against the bill, saying his constituents are tired of the government telling them what to do.

The bill now goes to the House of Delegates.

Pa. man faces charges for 3 incidents in 3 hours

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — A central Pennsylvania man faces charges for three separate incidents involving police in a span of three hours. Manheim Township police said 49-year-old Mark E. Blaylock was charged with theft of services after allegedly refusing to pay a \$69 cab fare around 11 a.m. About an hour later he was charged with public drunkenness after police said he was found lying on a road near his house.

Another hour after that, authorities said Blaylock called 911 to request police assistance. Investigators said he was cited for reporting a medical emergency without good cause because he told officers he needed them to fill a prescription.

Blaylock is facing a misdemeanor charge and a pair of summary offenses.



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As I see it

Lebron can make No. 6 his own

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear No. 23? If you're like me, you think of NBA legend Michael Jordan.

Now, what's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear No. 6? If Cleveland Cavaliers superstar LeBron James has his way, it will be his name that enters your mind.

On Monday, James filed the necessary paperwork to switch from No. 23 to No. 6 next season.

But why?

The King said it's a way of paying homage to his hero. In November, he said Jordan should be the only NBA player to ever wear the number and said every NBA player currently donning 23 on their jerseys should also make a number switch.

That seems sincere enough to me. I mean, there has even been talk of switching the NBA logo from Jerry West's image to the Jumpman logo.

James said the reason he chose No. 6 is because he wears it in the Olympics, his first child was born Oct. 6, his second child was born in June and it was the number of his second-favorite player, Julius Erving.

While this may be true, if you were a superstar athlete, wouldn't you want to make your own number as obviously recognizable as Jordan has No. 23?

It would be like NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson driving a racecar with Dale Earnhardt's No. 3 on the side. Yes, it may just be a way for James to get out from under the greatest and most recognizable athlete in the world's shadow.

But what about Bill Russell? He was No. 6, too. Many people have criticized James for overlooking this fact, but there is no way Russell made No. 6 as famous or as recognizable as Jordan did No. 23.

Nor, for that matter, did he make No. 6 as famous or recognizable as James more than likely will. It's hard to doubt James as the second-best player ever to play in the NBA, especially if he wins a few championships down the road.

Cleveland has done an excellent job of surrounding The King with the talent necessary to do just that. Last year the Cavaliers were knocked out of the playoffs in the Eastern Conference Finals by Dwight Howard and the Orlando Magic.

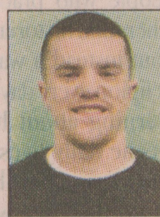
This year, the Cavs look equally as impressive as last year and acquired Shaquille O'Neal to handle Howard in the paint.

Also, the request for a number change should comfort Cavs fans who might be worried James will choose to skip town via free agency.

League rules only require player's to request number changes when they are staying with their current team, not when they switch teams. So, if he plans on leaving Cleveland, why would he file the paperwork?

I like James as much as the next Cavs fan, but I hope he enjoys his new number, one that is a constant reminder that Jordan has won six titles and he has won, well, none.

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Jonas Swecker
COLUMNIST

Sinking Ship



Marshall's senior forward Chantelle Handy puts up a shot against ECU in her last home game at the Cam Henderson Center Wednesday night. Handy finished the game with 11 points, but the Pirates outlasted the Herd 75-70.

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Nicklaus thinks Tiger will play soon in Masters

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP SPORTS WRITER

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Jack Nicklaus is going to appear at next month's Masters. He thinks Tiger Woods will as well.

Nicklaus said Wednesday that "it would surprise me" if Woods did not return to competitive golf in time for the Masters, a tournament the embattled world No. 1 has won four times in his career.

"I suspect he'll play something before Augusta," Nicklaus said behind the 18th green at PGA National, where the Honda Classic opens on Thursday. "Your guess is as good as mine. I'd be very surprised if he doesn't play something before Augusta."

Nicklaus has been reluctant to comment much about Woods since the saga involving revelations of infidelity began late last year, saying more than once that someone else's private life isn't any of his business.

He reiterated that belief again Wednesday after finishing his Pro-Am round at the South Florida course he redesigned.

A person with knowledge of Woods' schedule told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Woods returned to his home near Orlando, Fla., over the weekend after a week of family counseling and resumed practicing for the first time in nearly four months.

Like many, Nicklaus seemed to take that as a sign that Woods could be back sooner than later. The Masters begins April 8.

"It would surprise me if he didn't," Nicklaus said. "I can't imagine in 100 years he's going to miss this. None of you guys do either. But I don't know. I don't know. I've been very noncommittal about anything as it's not my business."

"But as it relates to him playing golf, my guess is as a golfer he's going to want to try to play Augusta if he's got his other things in order."

Earlier this year, Nicklaus said 2010 would be "a big year" for Woods if he wanted to get closer to Nicklaus' record of 18 major championships.

Three of this year's majors will be on courses where Woods has been dominant before, Augusta National, Pebble Beach and St. Andrews.

Of Woods' 14 majors, half have come on those three courses. Woods has never missed a Masters or a U.S. Open since 1995.

Nicklaus is going back to the Masters, a tournament he won six times, as an honorary starter this year.

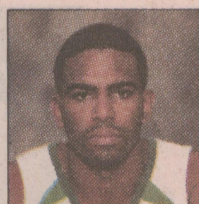
He agreed to take on the role last year, and will join Arnold Palmer for the opening shot of the tournament. In time, he expects Gary Player to join them.

The honorary start is something Nicklaus never saw as a player, and he spent several minutes Wednesday talking about that after finishing the round he played with Dan Marino, Drew Brees and saxophonist Kenny G. (For what it's worth, Nicklaus said he broke 80, after closing birdie-birdie.)

"I don't think we lost any momentum"

We played hard, we just didn't win. Our momentum is still good."

Marshall men's basketball forward Tyler Wilkerson after the team's 80-76 loss to UTEP. Marshall goes to Dallas to face SMU in the season finale



Marshall women fall to ECU on senior night

BY TROY HEMINGWAY
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women's basketball team lost a close game against ECU at the Cam Henderson Center on Wednesday night.

Marshall was defeated 75-70 on Senior Night for three Thundering Herd players.

Kendra King, Chantelle Handy and Angelica Harris laced up their sneakers for the final home game in their respective careers, and the comeback effort from the Herd was good but not quite enough against the Pirates.

Falling behind early and having to fight back has been a common theme for the Herd this season, and Wednesday night's game against ECU (20-9, 9-7 C-USA) was no different. The Pirates were keyed by a 19-5 run in the first half to take a 39-24 lead into halftime.

Three-pointers were made by Kelly Smith and Allison Spivey in the last 30 seconds of the first half, and head coach Royce Chadwick said it seemed to let the air out of the team.

"We didn't close out the first half very smart basketball wise," Chadwick said. "We gave up a three and then went down the court with 24 seconds left and shot too quickly and gave up another three. We went into the locker room deflated."

The Herd didn't stay down for long as they came out for

the second half and cut the lead down to five in the first six minutes. Junior forward Tynikki Crook, who had 21 points and seven rebounds in the contest, led Marshall (14-15, 6-10 C-USA) in both categories. King and Handy also had good games for the Herd with 14 and 11 points respectively.

When asked what changed for the Herd to start the second half, Crook said it had a lot to do with being focused coming out of the locker room.

"It was our mindset," Crook said. "We took it one possession at a time and really focused on limiting the offensive rebounds."

ECU had 10 offensive rebounds in the first half and the Herd did a great job limiting that in the second half when the Pirates only had two.

Marshall was able to cut the lead to 54-53 after a Mystee Dale 3-pointer with 8:45 left in the game. That was as close as the Herd would get, as ECU made clutch free throws down the stretch to hold off the comeback.

ECU was led by sophomore center Jean Best, who scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds. The Herd had no answer for Best, who continually posted up in the paint and converted layups and free throws throughout the game.

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"My plans were messed up. I now have more debt, and I'm taking classes that were my least choice." Whitney Thompson, student at Fresno State University in California, about budget cuts resulting in canceled classes and class waiting lists doubling or tripling

THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

In a world of diversity, we can learn about each other

Just getting educated about the daily lives of different people can promote understanding and peace

People are different. That's just the way it is. We're different colors, speak numerous languages and come from all parts of the globe. We shouldn't ignore these distinctions, they add a little spice to life and can make everything more enjoyable. Diversity in culture has given us all kinds of foods such as curry, Italian spaghetti, German beer, gyros and chimichangas to name a few. Cultures

provide us so many different ways to dance, celebrate holidays and follow tradition. Pick anything, and there are a thousand ways that people go about doing it. These variations certainly make life more interesting and colorful. At the same time however, they can cause conflict. If you look back through history, many wars were caused by people who couldn't or wouldn't understand each other. Sunnis and

Shiites are of the same religion, Islam, but they believe different things, and that has caused several instances of religious intolerance, political fights and outbreaks of violence. In the 1990s, the civil war in Rwanda was because the two African peoples, the Hutus and Tutsis, fought to gain power over Central Africa. It is so easy to get offended or be thrown completely off-guard by someone. Something as simple as "yes" and "no" can be misunderstood. In the U.S., nodding the head up and down means "yes," but in Bulgaria and Greece, this sign means "no." The "OK" hand gesture we commonly use

in the U.S. has many other meanings in other parts of the world. In Brazil and Germany, the "OK" symbol means something obscene, in Japan it means money and in France it can mean "zero" or "worthless." From little disparities such as these to the ones that cause even greater dissension, it is important to try to learn as much as we can about each other and promote tolerance. Tuesday night ended the last session on understanding different religions, which was hosted by the Campus Christian Center and put on by student organization PROWL, People Reaching Out With Love.

This event covered the religions of Hinduism, Judaism and Islam. It wasn't about trying to convert people to a different religion or even about trying to understand the religions in a philosophical way. It was about educating on the daily lifestyle of people who practice those religions. Teachers and historians weren't the speakers, but instead it was our peers who live the religion every day. Learning about how these religions affect the daily lives and habits of their followers can really help those of us who don't do that, see where they are coming from and why they do some of the things they do. Which in turn can help us all live peacefully with one another.

CICELY TUTSON REAL TALK

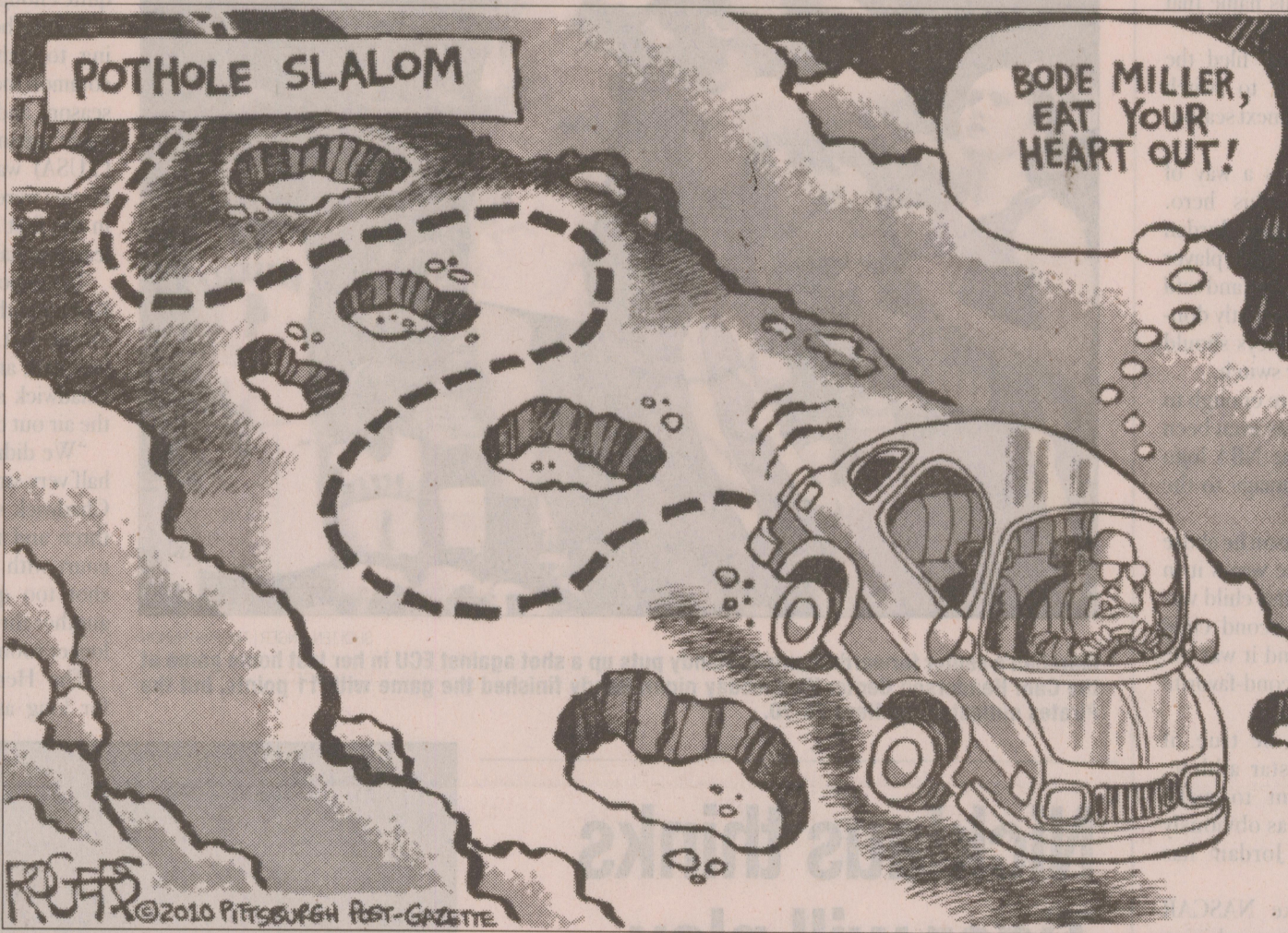
Take care of yourself and others

Michael Bosil, the 18-year-old son of entertainer Marie Osmond, ended his life this week. This comes just after the suicides of "Growing Pains" actor Andrew Koenig and fashion designer Alexander McQueen. One can look at these young men's lives with the money and fame and wonder why they would ever be depressed. But depression can affect anyone regardless of economic status

and, suicide is not limited to just Hollywood. According to Mental Health America, suicide is the second leading cause of death for college age students and eight out of 10 people considering suicide give some sign of their intentions. Even with these staggering statistics, there is still a stigma in our culture against people who suffer from depression and other mental health issues. This causes a reluctance in people to seek out counseling. We wouldn't give someone a hard time about going to the doctor if they are physically sick, but there are people out there who would question someone for seeing a doctor regarding their mental health. But, mental health is just as important as physical health, and you should never feel ashamed to take care of yourself. As someone who has suffered from depression, I will tell you there is absolutely nothing wrong with seeking out help if you're having problems. Talking to someone is the bravest and smartest thing you can do. Marshall has a free counseling center on campus.

Even if you don't talk to a professional, your friends, classmates and even a professor you trust is better than keeping your feelings bottled up inside. Everyone goes through rough times, and depression has afflicted so many people. One of the most beautiful women in the world, Halle Berry, struggled with depression and attempted suicide. But then, she thought about her mother and the people who care about her and that stopped her. Sometimes people can miss the warning signs of someone contemplating suicide. A change in personality, giving away belongings, lack of interest in future plans, hopelessness, and any number of things can be a sign that something is wrong. These things are so subtle that it may not register that there is a problem until it is too late. I know everyone is stressed and busy with midterms, but take a minute to talk to the people around you. Take care of yourself and take care of each other. **Contact Cicely Tutson at tutson@marshall.edu.**

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Sex offender faces charges in California teen's murder

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A convicted sex offender charged Wednesday with murdering 17-year-old Chelsea King while raping or attempting to rape her was linked to the crime by DNA from semen found in her clothing, a state Justice Department spokeswoman said.

The break led to the weekend arrest of 30-year-old John Albert Gardner III as thousands of people still held out hope that an extensive search would find the teen alive even though she had not been seen since last Thursday.

Prosecutors declined to answer questions about the evidence against Gardner.

However, California Department of Justice spokeswoman Christine Gasparac told The Associated Press that Gardner was identified after the semen from clothing found by investigators was run through a national database.

The semen had been detected by the San Diego County crime lab and forwarded to the state, where technicians ran it through the national Combined DNA Index System.

"We were able within two hours to get a match to Gardner, and they were able to make the arrest," Gasparac said.

On Wednesday the 30-year-old Gardner stood silently in court, wrists shackled to his waist and eyes mostly cast downward, showing no emotion as an attorney entered pleas of not guilty in the potential death penalty case.

San Diego County prosecutors charged Gardner with one count of murder with a special circumstance allegation that the crime occurred in the commission of rape or attempted rape.

A second count of assault with intent to commit rape was filed in connection with a December attack on another female.

The victim's parents, Brent and Kelly King, struggled to maintain their composure as they watched the courtroom scene.

District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis said a decision on whether to seek the death penalty would be made later.

"It is a very somber decision," she said.

Gardner's public defender, Michael Popkins, did not address reporters.

Superior Court Judge Joseph Brannigan ordered that Gardner, previously convicted in a 2000 molestation, be held without bail.

The Lake Elsinore man was arrested Sunday as a huge search was under way in a wilderness park in northeastern San Diego, where King's car was found parked Thursday night with her belongings inside.

A body was finally found in a shallow lakeside grave on Tuesday, and authorities said they believed it was King, although formal identification by the coroner was pending.

Dumanis said the case has "rocked San Diego."

Early Wednesday, a spray-painted message was found on the garage at the home of the suspect's mother. It said, "Chelseas blood is on you. Move out." Police did not know who painted it.

Gardner lived at the Rancho Bernardo home in 2000 when he molested a 13-year-old neighbor. The home is down the street from an elementary school and near the park where King was last seen Thursday wearing running clothes.

A piece of paper taped to the front door told visitors to leave.

Thousands of people joined the search and then mourned the Poway High School straight-A student at a candlelight vigil Tuesday night.

Drivers complain that Toyota's repairs didn't work despite recalls

DETROIT (AP) — At least 15 Toyota drivers have complained to U.S. safety officials that their cars sped up by themselves even after being fixed under recalls for sticky gas pedals or floor mat problems, according to an Associated Press analysis.

The development raises questions about whether Toyota's repairs will bring an end to the cases of wild, uncontrolled acceleration or if there may be electronic causes behind the complaints that have dogged the automaker.

Although the allegations were unverified by the agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Wednesday it was contacting people who have complained about acceleration problems even after repairs were done under two large recalls. The agency wants to hear from others who have had similar troubles, it said.

"If Toyota owners are still experiencing sudden acceleration incidents after taking their cars to the dealership, we want to know about it," agency administrator David Strickland said in a statement.

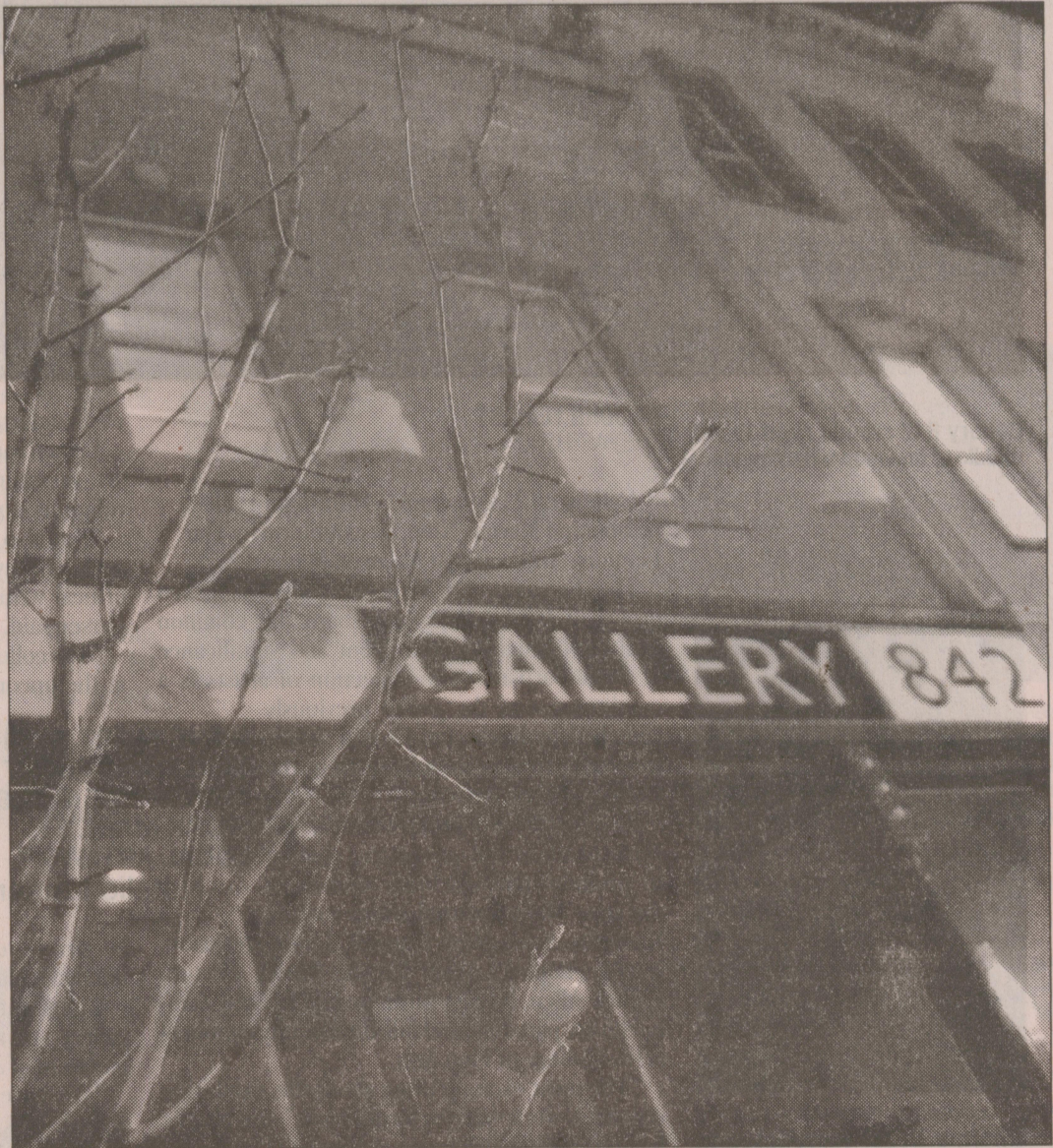


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Gallery 842, located at 842 4th Ave., is a successful downtown gallery managed by Marshall University faculty. A new exhibit, *Mavens Nine*, will open March 12.

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Senate moves to repeal antiquated laws

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginians are one step closer to being able to wave the red flag, wear hats in a theater and engage in "lewd cohabitation" without fear of punishment.

The state Senate voted unanimously on Wednesday to repeal a number of antiquated sections of the criminal code, some dating back to before West Virginia separated from Virginia.

Some of the activities punishable by fines or jail included displaying red or black flags, doing certain jobs on Sunday, wearing hats in a theater, public swearing and adultery.

Supporters of the legislation say that, although the laws are no longer enforced, it's bad policy to leave them on the books.

The bill now goes to the House of Delegates.

SINKING

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game, Chadwick said that his team showed a lot of effort and maturity in the comeback.

"We showed a lot of character and fight trying to get back into the game," Chadwick said. "Our defense in the second half wasn't as strong as it needed to be and when you are down 15 you have no margin for error."

Marshall travels to Tulsa for the C-USA tournament starting on Monday. The team is energized and Crook they are ready for the challenge.

"We are excited and looking forward to it," Crook said. "In March you start out with a 0-0 record again. We are looking to have a perfect record in the tournament."

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Spring brings seasonal allergies, doctors suggest limiting time spent outdoors

BY ANDREA POLING
THE PARTHENON

Spring means warmer temperatures and blooming flowers, but it can also mean runny noses and itchy eyes for seasonal allergy sufferers.

Dr. Jeffery L. Shaw, allergist for University Family Allergy, said seasonal allergies are a response to substances in the environment.

"It's a response to various proteins found in the environment such as pollen, animal dander and molds," Shaw said. "It usually affects any part of the respiratory tract from the nose down to the lungs."

An estimated 35 million Americans suffer from allergies to pollen and mold, and more than 12 million doctors visits result from allergic rhinitis, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Web site.

"If it affects the nose, we call it allergic rhinitis," Shaw said. "If it affects the lungs, we call it allergic asthma or the eyes it is allergic conjunctivitis."

Shaw said there are certain symptoms a person with seasonal allergies can have.

"Seasonal allergies typically cause eyes to be itchy, watery and red," Shaw said. "You can also have sneezing, nasal drainage, itchy nose and post-nasal drainage. If you have allergic asthma, there can be a cough, wheeze or shortness of breath that occurs seasonally."

Shaw said one way to reduce symptoms is to minimize exposure to allergens.

"The hardest part with seasonal allergies is that it would mean shutting ourselves indoors, which is not usually an option for people," Shaw said.

Shaw said another way to reduce exposure to allergens is to avoid going outdoors at certain times of the day.

"We can limit our outdoor exposure to times other than 5 a.m. to 10 a.m., when pollen counts are the highest," Shaw said. "After being outdoors, use nasal saline rinses to remove pollen from our nasal passages."

According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Web site, allergy symptoms are less prominent on rainy, cloudy or windless day, because the pollen doesn't move around as much in hot, dry weather.

Shaw said there are treatments for seasonal allergies.

"Allergies are typically treated with medications including antihistamines, which can be available over the counter or by prescription," Shaw said. "Nasal sprays and other medications that are typically prescription attack the allergies in a different way."

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undecided students."

University College also currently coordinates tutoring services, the national student exchange and UNI 101.

"We have to work out a lot of details," Stepp said. "The general ideas have been floating around for a while, and now it's getting down to the brass tacks of who's doing what, what kind of deadlines we have and who else do we need to get involved at this point."

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Have a question about sex?
Ask Suzy SexTalk

E-mail her at suzysextalk@gmail.com

1. Mavens Nine: an exhibition by the Feminist Art Project, Gallery 842, opens March 12th
2. Art in a Time of Change: Social Justice Symposium, The Birke Art Gallery, until March 23rd
3. LitGraphic: The World of the Graphic Novel, Huntington Museum of Art, until May 23rd
4. Two Beers, One Art show, The Java Joint, opens March 11th
5. Lost Kingdoms of the Nile: Nubian Treasures, The Clay Center in Charleston, until April 11th



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE PRESTON
Gallery 842 stands right in the middle of downtown Huntington.

BY JOHN YEINGST
THE PARTHENON

Gallery 842 in downtown Huntington will be opening Mavens Nine, an exhibition by The Feminist Art Project at 6 p.m. on March 12.

The Feminist Art Project is an established group of local artists who share the common goal of highlighting the talent and significance of female artists. The collection of artists is a continuation of the group previously launched by Katherine Cox in 2008, according to a news release from the College of Fine Arts.

People will see a group of artists, diverse in ideas and aesthetics, coming to promote and celebrate women in the arts. Many featured artists such as Katherine Cox, Mary Grassell, Linda Helgason, Natalie Larsen, Staci Leech, Carter Seaton, Earline Allen, Natalie Burdette and Kristen Zammiello are part-time and full-time faculty members at the College of Fine Arts.

"The most exciting thing about this exhibition is that it is work made by local artists," said Natalie Larsen, assistant professor at Marshall University. "These are gifted, engaged and hardworking artists that are right here in West Virginia. It is proof of the quality of artists we have in our own backyard and proof of the potential the local arts community has to continue to bring quality,

challenging art to the people of Huntington."

Larsen said her work is influenced by medieval art, literature, genealogy, American history and religious studies.

"I'm also influenced by contemporary artists such as Amy Cutler, William Kentridge and the critical writings of art historian, Dave Hickey," Larsen said.

"The collection of work, which will be presented at the upcoming exhibition, Mavens Nine, is an eclectic variation," said Natalie Gibbs, adjunct faculty member of the College of Fine Arts. "Nearly all disciplines are present, ranging from painting and graphite drawings to relief prints and sculptural busts. The common denominator among the show would most likely be strong, effective imagery produced by like-minded female artists from this area."

Gibbs said Gallery 842 is the first successful gallery sponsored by Marshall University's Department of Art and Design.

"We have enjoyed three successful openings and are looking forward to another in the middle of March," Gibbs said. "It is a testament of the talents of the area as well as the appreciation of art."

Gallery 842 is located at 842 Fourth Ave. in Huntington. The exhibition will continue until April 23.

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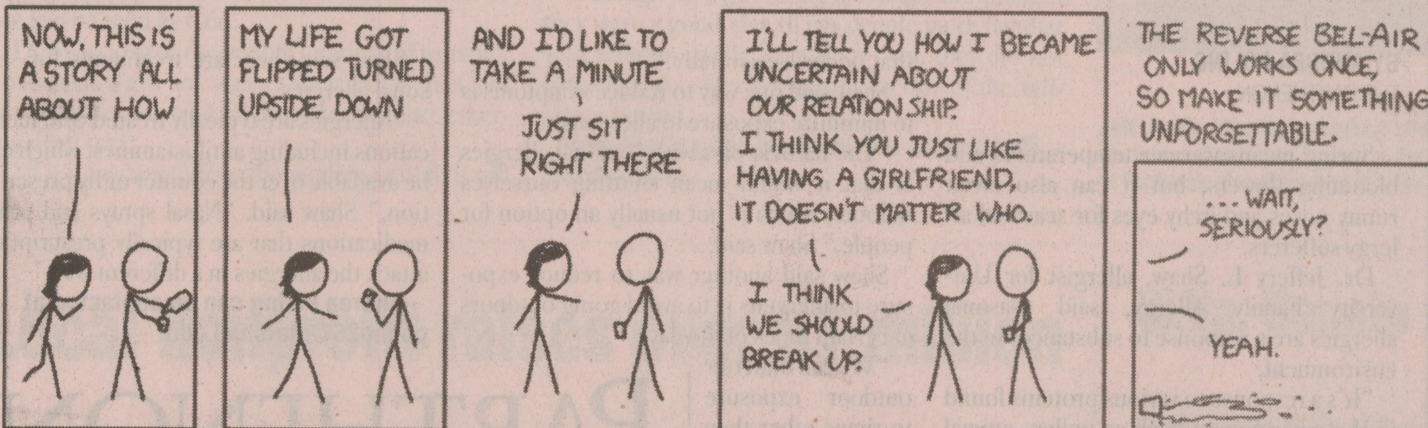


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Assistant professor Natalie Larsen puts the final touches on one of her most recent paintings.



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'Dharma Boys' (acrylic) was featured in the most recent exhibition.

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Community Bulletin

- Register for the Marshall Revolution art show today in the Memorial Student Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Also in the Student Center, check out the study abroad fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Ally Kat's Bar on Fourth Avenue will be having a pool tournament on Friday all day long.

- There is a free bluegrass show tomorrow evening, 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 43 in Kentucky.

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