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3-Dimensional art show

Sculpture students display their work at Gallery 842 **Life**, Page 6

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DREW HETZER | THE PARTHENON

Senior Marty Emerson uses an iPad while studying at the Drinko Library. The library has three iPads available for students and teachers to use on a first come, first serve basis. The duration of the rental is different between students and faculty members. Students may rent out the iPad for three hours at a time, while it is a seven day rental for faculty.

Drinko Library introduces iPad rentals for students and faculty

BY DREW HETZER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University libraries have expanded their higher education technology with iPads.

The Drinko Library announced earlier this week that they now offer iPads for checkout to students, faculty and staff.

Monica Brooks, assistant vice president for information technology at Marshall University, said as a logical progression, the iPads might eventually be utilized for classroom use.

"Faculty and staff can learn from students because many times students adopt mobile or new technology before

the faculty and staff do," she said.

Brooks said students need to be familiar with new technology and be able to adapt to a new workforce.

"Just in recent weeks, we have recruited some new faculty, and in one case the faculty candidate was very excited to be exposed to that mobile technology," she said. "That's a huge advantage, and I want to know they have a well-rounded skill set."

The iPad is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and the loan period is three hours for students and seven days for faculty, Brooks said. A valid MUID is required for checkout.

"Students have the freedom to download applications, but will still have to follow the library user and iPad liability

agreement forms," said Jonny Bradley, circulation supervisor at Drinko Library. "The iPad will be cleared after use to prevent any unwanted transfer of information. Any materials you purchase will still be active on your iTunes user account."

To prevent damage, the iPad must be returned directly to a circulation staff member and not placed in the book drop, Bradley said.

The late fee is \$1 per hour or \$10 for each day after the scheduled return time.

Marty Emerson, culinary student at Marshall, said he likes the Kindle application because it gives you the ability to read books at just the touch of a finger.

"Right now, we have four available

for checkout," Bradley said. "Three are here, and one is at the South Charleston campus."

"If you check it out, then you assume liability," Bradley said. "If the iPad is damaged, then it is \$850 to replace. Power cords and other cables are \$40."

Brooks said the loan period is longer for faculty and staff because they might need to travel to a meeting or work over the weekend.

"I think part of what we are doing right now is we are going to be looking at the use statistics very closely and gather data," she said. "It may become a necessity to extend the loan period or purchase more to meet the need."

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Local theater offers students on campus a free movie opportunity

BY TIFFANY BAJUS
THE PARTHENON

Signature Events will host a free movie night at the Cinema Theater on Fourth Avenue Saturday for students living in the residence halls.

"The Signature Events committee will be at the cinema between 3:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to pay for students to watch a selection of movies," said Tracey Eggleston, Marshall University residence life specialist.

Students will be able to choose between "Toy Story 3" at 5:25 p.m. or 7:35 p.m., "The Other Guys" at 5:20 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. and "Eat, Pray, Love" at 4:15

p.m. or 7:00 p.m., Eggleston said.

"In order for students to see a movie for free, they will need to present their residence hall key and MUID to a committee member at the theater," she said. "Once the students get signed in, we will pay for the movie of their choice."

The residence halls hosted this event last year and had a turnout of about 75 to 100 students, Eggleston said. With the event planned for a weekend when there is not much else going on, the committee members said they hope to double that number.

"Our goal is to give students something to do so they will stay in town on the weekends rather than going home,"

Eggleston said. "This event will give students the opportunity to see a movie with their friends that they may have missed at the theater before or maybe just didn't want to pay to see before it comes out on video."

Gabriel Hardiman, sophomore health care administration major from Huntington, said he would have attended this event last year had he known about it.

"I wish I would have known a free movie was offered while I lived in the dorms," Hardiman said. "I would have told all of my friends to go for sure."

Students should check fliers in the halls or ask residence advisers for more

information regarding this event and others like it, Eggleston said.

"The Signature Events committee is picking up the tab, so students should really take advantage of this event on Nov. 6," she said.

Students living in the residence halls are always looking for something free to do, said Ben Schamisso, senior communications major from Brussels, Belgium.

"Students tend to be bored, especially because it is the end of the semester, Schamisso said. "I think it is a good idea to offer free entertainment like a movie. I will definitely come to a movie."

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

Men's basketball plays exhibition against Concord

Sports

Men's basketball vs. Concord exhibition
7 p.m. | Cam Henderson Center

Women's Swimming vs. Youngstown State
Saturday | Huntington

Football vs. UAB
Saturday | Birmingham, Ala.



Entertainment

Trans-Siberian Orchestra
7 p.m. | Charleston Civic Center

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey: Illusionation
7:30 p.m. | Big Sandy Superstore Arena

Community

2010 Toys for Tots
All day | Memorial Student Center

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University Chorus
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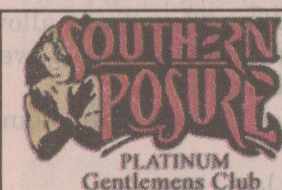
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Power shift causes battle lines to appear

BY PETER NICHOLAS AND JAMES OLIPHANT

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(MCT)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama conceded Wednesday he suffered “a shellacking” in Tuesday’s election and seemed headed toward a collision with Republican leaders over the administration’s health care initiative as an uneasy realignment of political power began to solidify.

Republicans formed transition teams and released reports outlining their plans while a somber Obama held a news conference that was a mix of contrition and defiance.

Obama said he was open to compromise with Republican leaders, who picked up at least 60 seats in Tuesday’s historic election, enough to regain control of the U.S. House when Congress opens its new session in January.

Tax cuts, changes in Washington’s culture, and elimination of pet spending projects all are issues on which the two sides might reach agreement, Obama said. But beyond a “tweak” or two, the president made plain he would not stand for repeal of a health care law that he views as the crowning achievement of his 22-month tenure.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, called the law a “monstrosity.” Obama, speaking to reporters in the East Room of the White House, said: “I think we’d be misreading the election if we thought that the American people want to see us for the next two years re-litigate arguments that we had over the last two years.”

The high-stakes confrontation is looming between the president and the reconfigured House of Representatives. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., will be demoted, with Boehner poised to take her place.

“The American people spoke, and I think it’s pretty clear that the Obama-Pelosi agenda is being rejected by the American people,” Boehner said. “They want the president to change course.”

Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., who is expected to become the House’s new majority leader, said the party’s focus will be reviving the economy.

“The first order of business has got to be create jobs,” he said.

But Cantor’s office on Wednesday circulated a 22-page working blueprint for the new Congress in which he explicitly vowed to attack the health care bill on every front, describing it with the pejorative term “ObamaCare.”

“If all of ObamaCare cannot be immediately repealed, then it is my intention to begin repealing it piece by piece, blocking funding for its implementation, and blocking the issuance of the regulations necessary to implement it,” Cantor said in the document. “In short, it is my intention to use every tool at our disposal to achieve full repeal of ObamaCare.”

As the two parties positioned themselves in the new political landscape, results from Tuesday’s elections were still coming in. Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., prevailed in a tight race against Republican Ken Buck, a tea party candidate. That means Republicans have thus far picked up a total of six Senate seats — four short of the number needed to gain the majority.

Senate contests in Alaska and Washington remained too close to call Wednesday. The race in Alaska, which involves write-in candidate Sen. Lisa Murkowski, could take weeks to resolve.

Obama held his news conference following an election that found him on the wrong side of a piece of political history. Less than a dozen House races are still undecided. But based on the results as of Wednesday, the GOP pick-ups represent the largest mid-term gain by either party since 1948.

Much as he insisted the election was not a referendum on him, Obama campaigned as if his name was on the ballot. He crisscrossed the country for his party, painting Republicans as an incompetent, obstructionist and backward-looking force in American politics. Now his agenda is where he hoped it would never be — at least partly in Republican hands.

He offered conciliatory words in his hour-long news conference, hoping to bridge differences that widened over the course of a toxic campaign. Rather than putting forward an agenda reflecting Democratic interests, he said policy must be an amalgam

of ideas embraced by both parties.

“So I think what we’re going to need to do, and what the American people want, is for us to mix and match ideas, figure out those areas where we can agree on, move forward on those, disagree without being disagreeable on those areas that we can’t agree on,” Obama said.

In the next few weeks, he said, he plans to hold a meeting with the four leaders of the House and Senate to discuss the tax cuts that are set to expire, among other issues. Aides to the president said he wants to govern from the center. In his news conference, he made his first post-election overture along those lines. He even appeared ready for a deal on the expiring tax cuts.

Throughout the campaign season, Obama criticized Republican insistence on extending all of the Bush tax cuts, which are set to expire this year.

His plan was extend them for people who earn less than \$250,000, but let them run out for those making more.

Asked Wednesday if he is willing to negotiate on that point, Obama said: “Absolutely.”

Obama also seemed optimistic that he could reach agreement with Republicans on changing the way Washington works — a major theme of his 2008 campaign. He accepted blame for slow progress on this front. He mentioned the elimination of “earmarks” — pet spending projects approved with minimal oversight — as one potential point of compromise.

The president said: “We were in such a hurry to get things done that we didn’t change how things got done. And I think that frustrated people.”

But it seems doubtful the elections will usher in a period of bipartisan comity. Each party hoped that the other would be the one to yield.

McConnell said he was “determined to stop the agenda Americans have rejected. We will work with the administration when they agree with the people, and confront them when they don’t.”

(Christi Parsons and Lisa Mascaro of the Tribune Washington Bureau contributed to this report.)

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Safe sex not as prevalent as health experts hope

BY MEG LOWRY

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If sex were a class, college-aged men and women would get an ‘F.’

According to the National Survey of Sexual Health and Behavior published Oct. 1, men ages 18 to 24 use condoms only 45 percent of the time, and women ages 18-24 used condoms only 38 percent of the time.

“The biggest problem with birth control is that people think they know more than they actually know,” said Ken Sarber, Health Educator for Student Health Services.

Chelsea Johnson, a junior from Lawrence, is a member of the Human Sexuality Education Committee at U. Kansas. Johnson said the fear of appearing promiscuous prevents people from regularly keeping condoms on hand.

“Some people just don’t keep condoms with them because they want to look ‘good’ or ‘better,’” Johnson said. “But when they inevitably have sex, they do it without protection.”

Sarber said this carelessness inevitably leads to great risk.

Nineteen million new sexually transmitted infections occur each year; half of those occur in people between the ages of 15 to 24, according to the National Prevention Information.

With perfect condom use, there is a 3 percent chance that pregnancy will occur each time a couple has sex. With imperfect use, a woman has

a 15 percent chance of becoming pregnant.

The NSSHB also found that when in a committed relationship, college-aged men and women are 50 percent less likely to use a condom. If a monogamous couple decides to have unprotected sex, much thought must go into the decision-making process, according to Sarber.

“Partners need to be asking each other important questions,” Sarber said. “How many partners have you had? Did you use condoms every single time? Did you have sex under the influence of alcohol?”

Often, Sarber said, partners are too nervous to bring up these questions.

“Even beyond the health aspect, unprotected sex can have a lot of psychological consequences,” Johnson said.

The Human Sexuality Education Committee is a student organization that offers a nine-week course on human sexuality, taught by former KU professor Dennis Dailey. DeAnna Coyle, president of the committee, said there are more than 40 students in the classes who attend regularly. The classes focus on all facets of sexuality, including body image, how sex influences personality, anatomy, sensuality and masturbation.

“People need to learn that sex doesn’t have to be random, or unprotected, or when you’re drunk,” Johnson said. “Students need to learn to be conscious of their sexual health every single time.”

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‘Freshman 15’ myth packs more weight than it’s worth

BY SARAH WALTERS

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Students have undoubtedly heard about the “Freshman 15.” It even has its own website.

However, while statistical information from multiple university campuses found a weight gain in populations of first year students, the weight gain was not as high as the “Freshman 15” suggests.

Studies conducted on multiple college campuses within the past decade found that first year students gain an average of 3 to 6 pounds.

College freshmen gain weight, but according to a Cornell University study, the legendary “Freshman 15” was rare among respondents. Researchers found that Cornell students tend to gain an average of 4 pounds during their first semester.

In another study conducted in September 2008 by researchers at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester, freshman weight gain was almost six times greater than that experienced by the general population who gain 2.7 pounds per year.

Meanwhile, researchers at Auburn University in Alabama found that the mean academic year weight gain was about 3 pounds for the entire group and 6 pounds for those who gained weight. Those who gained

weight also increased their overall body fat by about 4 pounds, according to the 2009 Auburn findings.

Researchers from all studies cited that causes of weight gain in their subjects included overeating in the dining halls, eating take-out food and food from vending machines, lack of exercise, lack of sleep, drinking too many high-calorie beverages, all-you-can-eat buffets, eating late at night and skipping meals.

The transition from home to college is a major change for students, and this lifestyle change plays a role in students’ health and wellness, University health experts said. They stressed the importance of maintaining activity levels, increasing fruit and vegetable intake and decreasing the consumption of snack food and comfort food.

Exercise might not be the first priority for freshmen, Chantelle Russell, assistant director for fitness in the Physical Education and Recreation department, said.

She said that there are many options on campus and in Eugene for exercise. Not all exercise needs to be grueling work in the gym. Activities like bike-riding and hiking can be a fun way to hang out with friends while getting in exercise at the same time.

“The little things make a big difference,” Russell said.

The University understands the need for healthy options.

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NASA expected to attempt Discovery launch on Thursday

BY ROBERT BLOCK

THE ORLANDO SENTINEL
(MCT)

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA will resume the countdown to launch space shuttle Discovery at 3:29 p.m. Thursday — presuming the weather cooperates.

A Twitter message from NASA’s Mission Management Team meeting late Wednesday afternoon said that “managers will proceed with Discovery’s launch attempt today (Thursday) and will meet again at 5:30 a.m. to evaluate the weather.”

The decision followed an all-night effort by engineers to review data from Discovery’s engine controllers — computers that monitor the engines — to determine why the voltage in one of the backup computers dropped slightly on Tuesday. They detected no voltage irregularities, and their preliminary conclusion was that the electrical glitch that had forced postponement of Wednesday’s launch is not serious enough to delay the shuttle any further.

Meanwhile, the weather Thursday remains a concern, with an 80-percent chance of rain and low clouds that could force NASA to cancel the launch. There is a 40-percent chance that bad weather will prohibit fueling operations, which would begin about 6 a.m.

“If we scrub tomorrow it will likely be because of the weather,” said one contractor official not authorized to speak for NASA.

The forecast improves to 60 percent “go” on Friday. Winds are then expected to pick up, and Saturday’s forecast calls for a 60 percent chance that conditions would prohibit launch.

NASA must launch Discovery by Sunday or delay its mission of hauling supplies to the International Space Station until early December. The sun’s angle on the station between Monday and Nov. 23 will not allow the outpost to generate enough electricity to power both the station and the docked shuttle.

This will be Discovery’s final flight before being retired.

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WEDNESDAY'S
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Mavericks 102, Nuggets 101
Raptors 108, Jazz 125
Spurs, Suns — late
Grizzlies, Warriors — late
Thunder, Clippers — late
Lakers, Kings — late

NCAA FB

Rutgers 27, South Florida 28

NHL

Bruins 5, Sabres 2
Islanders 2, Hurricanes 7
Maple Leafs 4, Capitals 5 (SO)
Thrashers 4, Panthers 3
Devils 5, Blackhawks 3
Penguins 2, Stars 5
Red Wings, Flames — late
Predators, Coyotes — late
Lightning, Ducks — late

Marshall's Kissell
to compete at NCAA
Indoor Nationals

HERDZONE.COM

After winning the USTA/ITA Atlantic Regional two weeks ago, Michaela Kissell of the Marshall University tennis team is set to participate in the USTA/ITA National Indoor Collegiate Championships alongside the nation's elite.

The tournament will be held at the brand new USTA-Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y., and Columbia University will serve as the tournament host. It will run from Nov. 4 to 7.

Kissell is a part of the 32-player singles main-draw that consists of champions from the USTA/ITA Regional Championships, the USTA/ITA National Small College "Super Bowl" champions, the doubles champions and singles quarterfinalists from the Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships, as well as at-large and wild card selections made by the ITA National Tournament Committee.

The senior Hostetter, Pa., native earned a spot in the tournament by making her way through the 64-player Atlantic Regional to become the champion. Kissell went into the tournament at Old Dominion as the top seed and left undefeated with a record of 6-0.

Kissell's first round matchup will be with a familiar foe, Josipa Bek of Clemson. Kissell defeated Bek last year at the All-American Championships, but Bek returned the favor in the NCAA Tournament as she and her doubles teammate knocked out Kissell and Dominika Zaprazna in the first round.

Jana Juricova of California is the defending champion and she enters the weekend as the No.2 overall seed. Hilary Barte of Stanford is the No.1 seed.

Women's soccer falls to Houston in first round



Defender Emma Harrison heads for the open field in Marshall's 1-0 double-overtime win over East Carolina on Oct. 28. Harrison is one of five seniors wrapping up careers with the Herd.

HERDZONE.COM

ORLANDO, Fla. — Marshall women's soccer's 2010 campaign ended in the opening round of the Conference USA tournament, as Houston notched three second half goals en route to a 3-0 victory against the Herd on Wednesday night at the UCF Soccer Complex.

The Thundering Herd left its first C-USA tournament and concluded its season with a 7-9-3 record, while the Cougars (12-4-4) will move on to the semifinal contest against Memphis scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday.

The Herd kept Houston scoreless entering the break, despite being outshot 12-1 in the opening stanza.

The Cougars continued aggressive play and was finally rewarded in the 50th minute on a Sami Sackos rebound. The game-winner was Sackos's fifth goal of the season and came off a Lauri Byrne shot.

Byrne would add insurance from 19 yards out, in the 72nd minute to put Houston on top 2-0.

Jessica Zavalza would strike for the Cougars third and final goal, just 1:15 later. Thulin earned her second assist of the night on the play.

Goalkeeper Lexa Hughes registered eight saves in the losing effort. Houston keeper grabbed her ninth shutout of the season, with four saves in the contest.

Marshall bids farewell to its five graduating seniors; Kristen Berquist, Erika Duncan, Emma Harrison, Marisa Leconte and Meghan Wetzel.

Duncan will exit Marshall as the programs all-time leading scorer with 28 career goals. The two-time All-Conference second team selection holds Herd records in points (64), game-winning goals (7), shots (140), multiple goal matches (3), assists (8) and matches played (71).

Harrison concluded her Marshall career having started in 71 of her 74 matches, each placing her in second in the record books.

Berquist, Harrison and Duncan each earned post-season honors for their efforts both on the field and in the classroom this season.

"We really wanted to go further in the tournament, but we had a lot of girls receive awards and while making our first Conference USA tournament, so a lot of success game from the season," said head coach Kevin Long.

Yankees set to be aggressive in pursuing free agent Lee

BY ERIK BOLAND
NEWSDAY
(MCT)

Cliff Lee has no idea how long this will take or how it will play out.

He's never been through it before. The 32-year-old lefthander, who will be the prime free agent target of the Yankees this offseason, at 12:01 a.m. Sunday to be exact, is a free agent for the first time.

In the Rangers' clubhouse after his loss in

Game 5 of the World Series, after the final wave of media had departed, Lee was asked if his hope was for as quick a resolution as possible to his free agency.

"I really don't know," Lee told Newsday. "This is my first time to do it (free agency) so I don't know what's going to happen. I don't know how aggressively teams get and how fast things work. I'll play it out and see how it works out. It's hard to know."

The Yankees will be plenty aggressive.

One official, after the Yankees wrapped up their organizational meetings in Tampa on Tuesday, said Lee "absolutely" was the team's No. 1 free agent target.

Among the other free agents the Yankees have discussed are Rays reliever Joaquin Benoit and Rays leftfielder Carl Crawford.

Meetings continued Wednesday in the Bronx between general manager

Brian Cashman, his baseball operations staff and scouts.

While other teams are interested in Lee — first among them the Rangers — the Yankees figure to get their man, the case just about every time they've zeroed in on a free agent. Lee is expected to land at least a five-year deal worth more than \$100 million.

But the top priorities before Lee, managing

general partner Hal Steinbrenner said in two radio interviews Tuesday, are resigning Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera.

"Obviously re-signing Jeter and Mo are going to be a priority," Steinbrenner said.

He said he expects next year's budget to be in the neighborhood of this year's — about \$206 million — but that there would be enough money;

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Childress: Acquiring Moss 'poor decision'

BY JUDD ZULGAD
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)
(MCT)

MINNEAPOLIS — If you were looking for answers as to why the Vikings placed Randy Moss on waivers after only four games, Winter Park was not the place to be Wednesday.

Vikings coach Brad Childress — speaking for the first time since word leaked Monday that the Vikings were planning to release Moss — admitted acquiring the wide receiver was a "poor decision," and added that jettisoning him was "probably the most unemotional decision I've made in this job here."

What Childress didn't divulge was what caused such a drastic move less than a month after the Vikings had given up a 2011 third-round pick to get Moss from New England. Moss was claimed by Tennessee off waivers Wednesday, taking the Vikings off the hook for paying the balance of his 2010 salary (\$3.388 million).

That was of little consolation to Vikings players and fans who felt Moss would provide the type of big-play receiver they needed so

badly with Sidney Rice out. Rice, coming off hip surgery, started practicing Wednesday but it's not clear when he will return.

"I'm not going to get into a lot of the particulars (about Moss)," Childress said. "I'm not going to do that. It's done. It was a decision that you don't take lightly, but it was a decision that I had to make and it's over."

Part of the issue was believed to be that Childress was never able to command Moss' respect, thus undermining him in a locker room in which the coach also has clashed with quarterback Brett Favre. Moss also showed a lack of hustle but that is nothing new for him.

The Vikings went 1-3 with Moss on their roster and will take a 2-5 record into Sunday's game against Arizona (3-4) at Mall of America Field. Considering Moss' popularity among many Vikings fans who remember him from his first stint with the team from 1998 to 2004, the mood in the building is expected to be far from favorable for Childress.

"I wouldn't know that," Childress said when asked

if this decision had put his job in jeopardy. "I'd say that's up to everybody else to look at. I know that basically it's usually tied to how many wins you have and how many losses you have."

Although he had the opportunity, Childress would not explain if he had the full support of owner Zygi Wilf or exactly how the situation played out.

"I go through about the same process all the time," Childress said. "I talk with Rick (Spielman, the Vikings' vice president of player personnel), I talk with Rob (Brzezinski, the VP of football operations). I let the owners know. The thing happened here, I talked to the team, then you let everybody else know what's going on. Actually, Rick was in a meeting."

Childress, who received a contract extension through 2013 last year, refused to divulge if that meant he told the players before ownership.

"I have to answer for my decisions," he said. "In the long run with ownership, obviously, my name is affixed to wins and losses in this program here. So, it's

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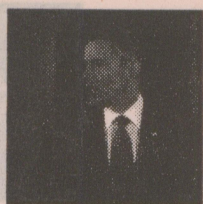
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"I've got to take direct responsibility

for the fact that we have not made as much progress as we needed to make."

President Obama, on Democrat losses in mid-term elections

THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Recession disadvantages postgrad job seekers

In time of economic downturns, college graduates should explore other options

The dire economic situation and its effects on national unemployment are weighing heavily on the minds of the current senior class, for whom the post-graduate years are fast approaching. As of September, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics placed unemployment at 9.6 percent, and a recent Gallup poll found that those aged 18-29 are faring even worse, with 15.8 percent actively seeking and failing to find work. Clearly, these are tough times for all, but recent

college graduates are particularly disadvantaged, with too many qualified applicants and too few entry-level positions.

It would be easy for students and recent graduates to feel frustrated and betrayed, as students often view a college education as a prudent investment toward a successful future. Despite our ambitions, this is not always the immediate reality. Most students in four-year institutions have invested enormous amounts of time,

effort, and money into their educations to ensure that they would have the skills necessary to be competitive applicants in the job market. Our parents were able to anticipate a clear path from college to career. Though our paths are less clear, their ambiguity frees us from the idea that there is a clear divide between college and the "real world."

Students who might have been expecting to immediately begin their careers in highly competitive fields directly after graduation will need to think creatively about other ways to gain experience while working toward their

ultimate goal. The idea of a career has drastically changed during our lifetime, and students should no longer expect to spend their entire professional lives in one field. It's easy to become pigeonholed in college, but the world encourages students to broaden their horizons and investigate other options that would utilize their skills sets in different ways. There are jobs out there and your skills will be needed, but the search will just require more effort than it would have in previous years.

Until your goals become clear, there should not be a stigma attached to spending some time after

graduation to explore options. Young adults can volunteer, seek advanced degrees, or explore the country or the world. This is the time when we are discovering where our calling lies. This is a process that will never look the same for two different people. We realize that it may be unhelpful or even overly simplistic to tell students to work harder, to think more creatively, or to discover the undiscovered, but there is no advice that will replace your own ingenuity.

By The Heights Editorial Board
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The closing of NPR's mind

We should have known about Juan Williams long ago. The signs of a simmering bigotry were always there. The political commentator wrote the book "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965." He followed that up with an admiring biography of Thurgood Marshall. Then, more books on the African-American religious experience, historically black colleges and black farmers.

If there was anyone clearly on the verge of exploding in a venomous rant against a minority group, it was Williams. And then, inevitably, it happened.

At least that's what National Public Radio must believe. The government-funded media outfit fired Williams for comments on the Fox News program "The O'Reilly Factor" that wouldn't even be considered particularly controversial outside the hothouse of NPR.

What Williams said on "The O'Reilly Factor" is that when he gets on a plane, he's worried if he sees people "in Muslim garb" who are "identifying themselves first and foremost as Muslims." In this, he was simply acknowledging an anxiety that is felt by millions of Americans who fly.

This may not be entirely rational (the odds of being victimized by terrorism are very small), and Muslim garb is an unlikely marker of a terrorist in a U.S. airport anyway (a terrorist is likelier to try to fit in). But the connection between Muslims and terrorism exists in the public consciousness because Muslim extremists do routinely carry out acts of terror in the name of their religion.

So don't blame Williams for this fear. His comment is the equivalent of Jesse Jackson's famous 1993 statement that, when worried about getting robbed, he always felt relieved to see the other person on the street with him wasn't a black youth. That no more made Jackson anti-black than Williams' remarks make him anti-Muslim.

Williams didn't go on to say that everyone looking Muslim should be rounded up at the airport, or prevented from flying, or anything untoward beyond the mere acknowledgment of his own nervous impulse. In fact, Williams made it clear that he doesn't think we're involved in a war against Islam, took care to distinguish between Muslims and extremists, insisted that we not paint with too broad a brush when discussing these issues, and condemned anti-Muslim violence and inflammatory statements that might incite it.

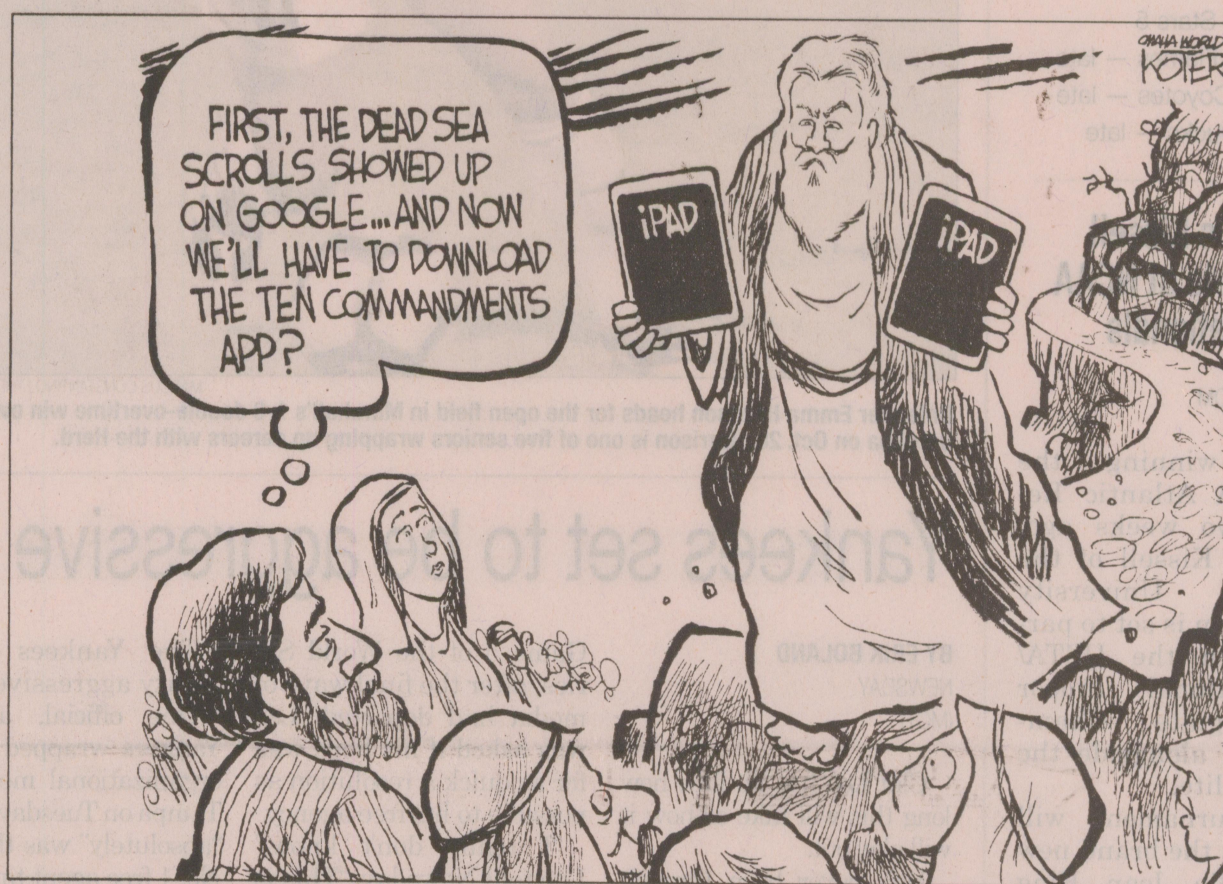
None of that was enough for him to escape the blanket of political correctness that is steadily encroaching on anything relating to Islam. NPR deemed Williams' remarks "inconsistent with our editorial standards and practices." The oh-so-thoughtful people at NPR obviously believe there are certain things that can't be thought or expressed, even if those things clearly aren't bigoted and are uttered by someone who clearly isn't a bigot.

With its decision, NPR has chipped away at the country's shrinking common ground for discourse. Let the record show that it wasn't Fox News that severed its relationship with Williams because he said unacceptably liberal things, and it wasn't Fox News viewers who agitated to have him dumped over his appearances on NPR. It's the self-consciously tolerant people who behaved illiberally, not for the first time, and certainly not for the last.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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YOUR THOUGHTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State should do away with food sales tax

An interesting fact that most people don't know about West Virginia is that in 1921 we were the first state to enact a sales tax. Today 45 out of 50 states have a statewide sales tax. The interesting difference across the nation is that some states tax minimally on necessity items, if not at all. Nationwide, more than half of states list unprepared food as 0 percent. The average for

taxation on unprepared food is about a 3 percent sales tax, with the range starting as low as 1 percent.

My proposal is that West Virginia removes sales tax on unprepared food within the next few years. Political pressure has gotten West Virginia to reduce sales tax. To catch up with the nationwide minority, West Virginia started a reduction plan on unprepared food in 2006, bringing it down from 6 percent to 3 percent in two years. West Virginia is ahead of the curve

on the taxing of prescriptions; only 40 percent of states don't, and we are among them. However, before this sounds proactive, you have to consider that this has more to do with political climate, namely our aging population, than on goodwill alone. Before simply complaining about the situation in West Virginia, citizens should take a stand.

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- Yes.....72%
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- I don't know.....5%

Moss

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not an attempt to deceive, it's just a matter of letting the people know that need to know."

Another factor in all of this is the Vikings stadium issue. Childress elected to answer 12 questions about Moss on Monday during a news conference and never revealed his true intentions. Many fans who ultimately could help decide the stadium issue saw that press conference.

Childress then informed his team of the decision. "Probably like most guys, (I was) a little bit shocked," said quarterback Brett Favre — and promptly went underground as fans sought answers. A short statement was all they got.

Asked about the failure to get in front of the story, Childress said: "As long as the right people are contacted in the right order I think that that's important. Obviously, it wouldn't have served a purpose to come out here and tell you guys and have you go running with it before the dominoes start to go down."

While Childress had made up his mind about Moss by Monday afternoon, he was not placed on the waiver wire until 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Childress said he had allowed Moss to remain in the Boston area after

Sunday's game and that he never did tell him first-hand that he was being released.

"I didn't end up talking to Randy," Childress said. "I made a number of phone calls that went unanswered. I texted him a few times to try to have him get back in touch. In the end, Rick ended up finally getting a conversation with him."

Childress and Favre both declined to go into any detail about what happened last Friday when Moss loudly mocked the food brought into the locker room by a local restaurant. Childress said he only found out about the incident later.

"I wouldn't do it," Favre said. "I was sitting in my locker eating the food. I thought it was pretty good."

Meanwhile, Wilf, who has not made himself available to comment this week, arrived Wednesday at Winter Park after being in his home state of New Jersey on Monday and Tuesday. It's likely Wilf is looking for some answers, though, such as how the Vikings due diligence on Moss could have failed them this badly.

"It was a poor decision," Childress said. "I've got to stand up and I have to make it right. When it's not right, you need to make it right."

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Freshman 15

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The Student Recreation Center on campus offers multiple physical education classes ranging from martial arts and tennis, to swimming and aerobics.

In regards to food, the dining halls on campus offer salads, wraps and other low-calorie and low-fat options.

"There are always healthy options to be found," University Health Center nutritionist Jessica Wilson said.

University Housing Food Services Director Tom Driscoll agreed that there are many options for freshmen to eat healthy during their first year of college.

"It comes down to choices," he said.

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enough to re-sign Jeter and Rivera and to shop in the free agent market.

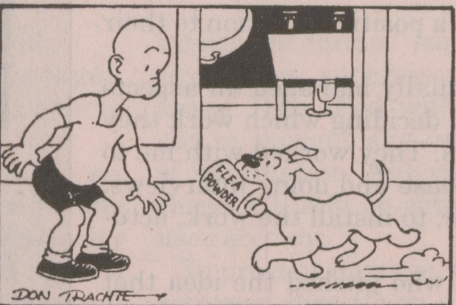
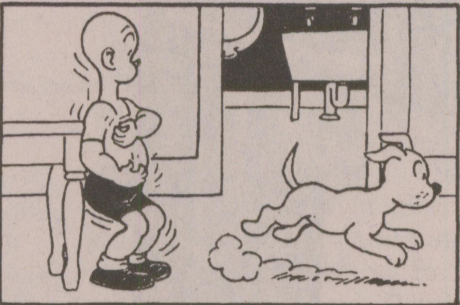
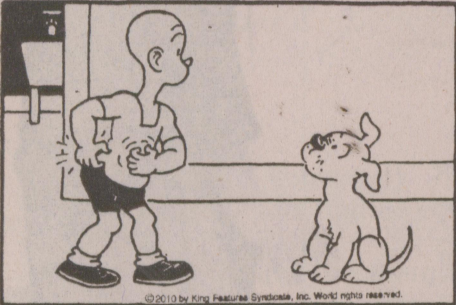
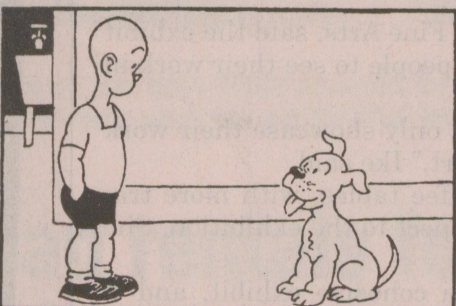
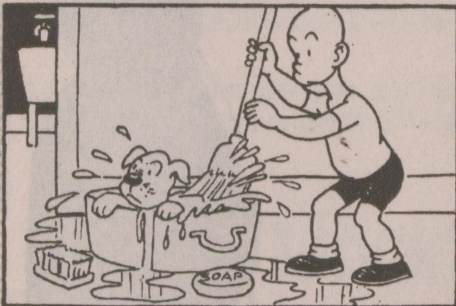
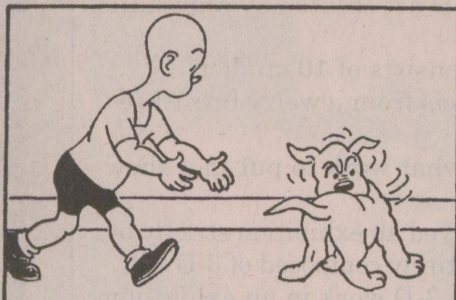
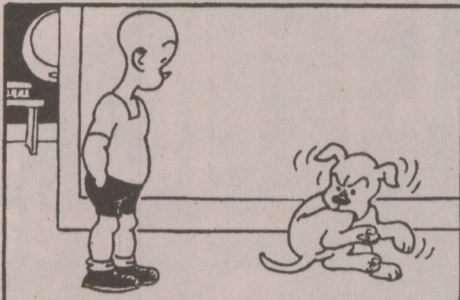
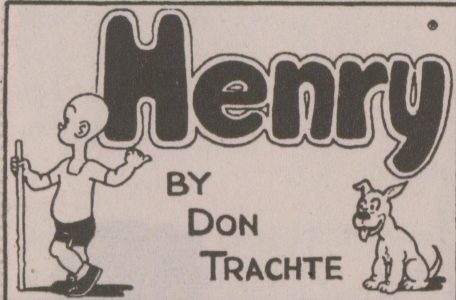
But those messages were somewhat obscured by Steinbrenner's remark warning fans that upcoming negotiations with Jeter could get "messy" before a deal is struck.

Tuesday was the first day of free agency for players and the Yankees have exclusive negotiating rights with their free agents until midnight Saturday. Clubs can start speaking with free agents as of 12:01 a.m. Sunday, a change invoked this season.

Teams now have five days after the final out of the World Series to exclusively negotiate with their free agents. In the past, it was 15 days.

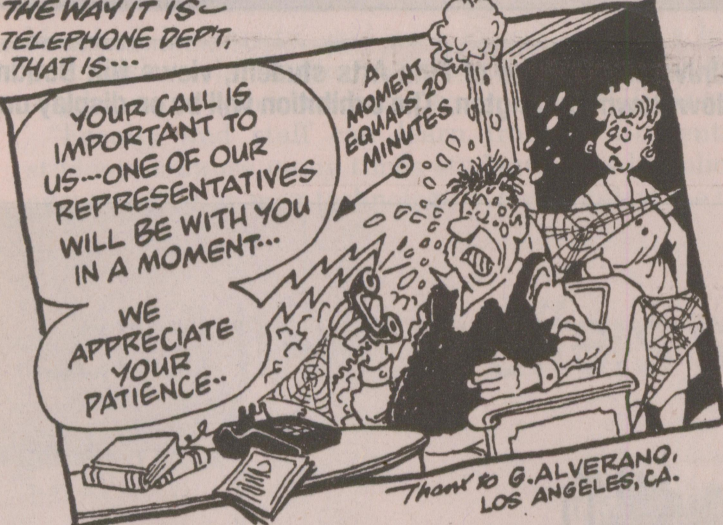
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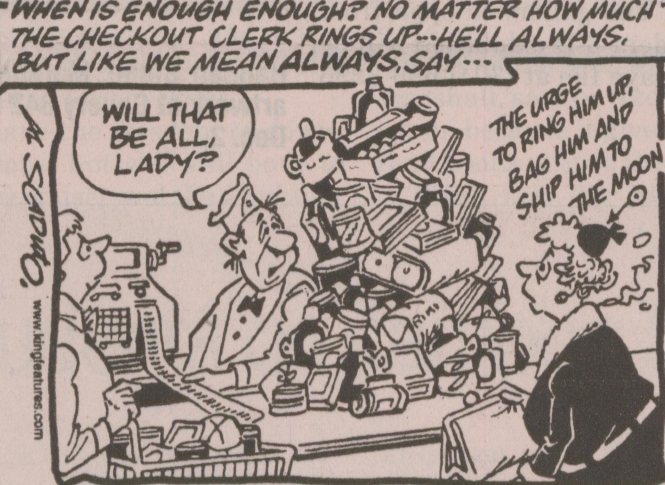
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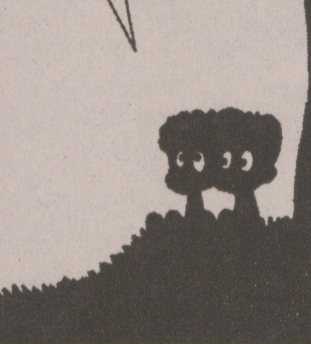
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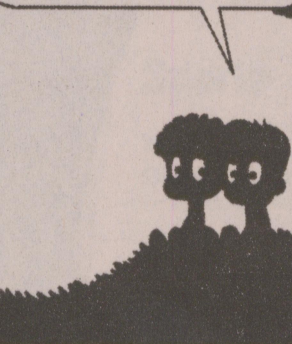


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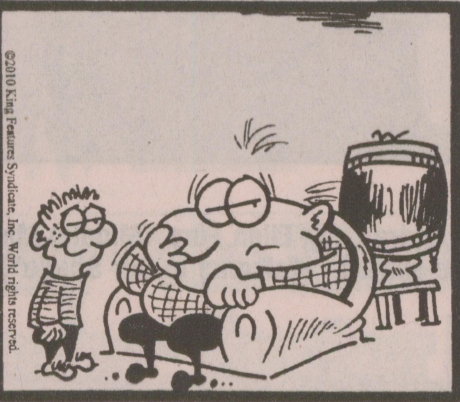


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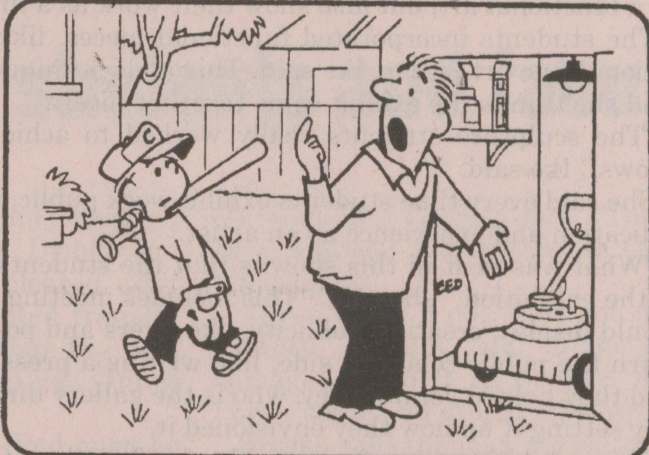
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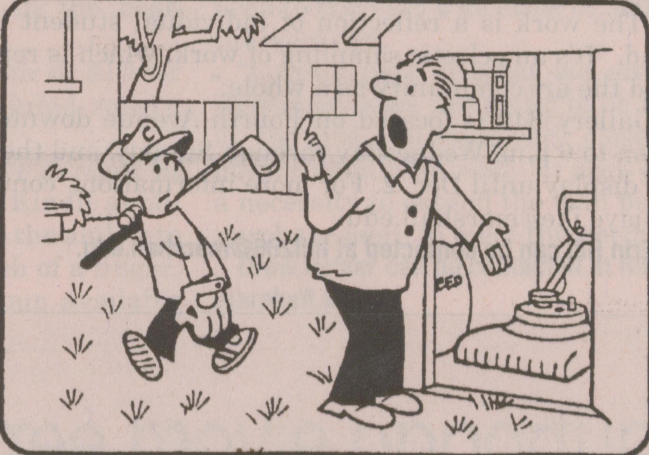
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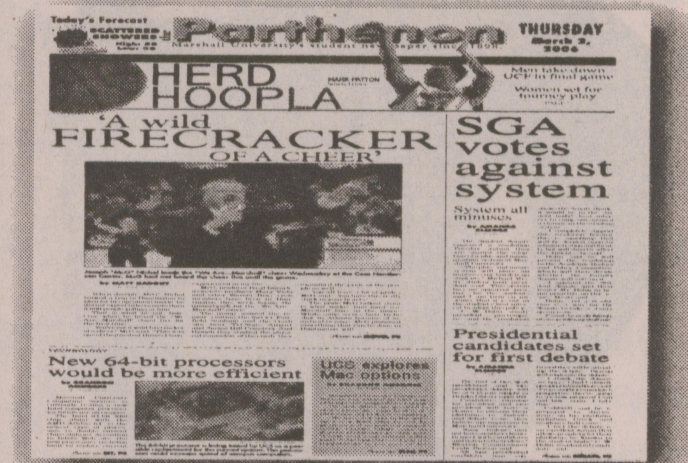
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'WELCOME TO OUR STUDIO' SCULPTURE STUDENTS DISPLAY 3-D ARTWORK AT GALLERY 842

BY ERIN HILL
THE PARTHENON

Gallery 842 is currently displaying an exhibition of 3-D art created by Marshall University sculpture students.

Ellen Fure, senior visual art major, said the exhibit consists of 10 student artists and a variety of different work. The exhibit ranges from jewelry furniture to driftwood pieces.

"It's essential for us as artists to learn how to select what work to put in a show and learn how to publicize it," Fure said.

She also said this is the first time Gallery 842 has displayed an exhibition strictly by sculpture students at Marshall. She said the exhibit is entirely composed of 3-D art.

"This show is a great opportunity for us to exhibit our 3-D work in an exhibition that is strictly 3-D art," Fure said.

Jaye Ike, special events coordinator for the College of Fine Arts, said the exhibit of only 3-D art is important to the students and allows people to see their work in a different perspective.

"This gives sculpture students opportunity the to not only showcase their work as a functional art, but also show their work as a fine art," Ike said.

The students incorporated functional pieces, like coffee tables, with more traditional fine art pieces, Ike said. This adds a unique aspect to the exhibition. She said she thinks the exhibit came together nicely.

"The sculpture students really worked to achieve a cohesive exhibit, and it shows," Ike said.

She said every time students exhibit work public, it is a positive addition to their education and experience as an artist.

"What was neat in this show is that the students actually managed all aspects of the exhibition," she said. "This includes meeting and deciding which work they would display, creating publicity, like flyers and posters. They worked with me to learn the public relations side, like writing a press release and doing interviews, and they helped John Farley, who is the gallery director, to install the work, actually setting it up how they envisioned it."

This exhibition grew from an idea by Jonathan Cox, who pitched the idea that sculpture students could have a show of exclusively 3-D artwork, Ike said.

"The work is a reflection of individual student identity and perspective," Cox said. "It's an eclectic sampling of work, which is representative of the department and the art community as a whole."

Gallery 842 is located on Fourth Avenue downtown. The gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and the student 3-D exhibition will be on display until Dec. 2. For more information, contact Jaye Ike at (304)-696-3296 or jaye.ike@marshall.edu.

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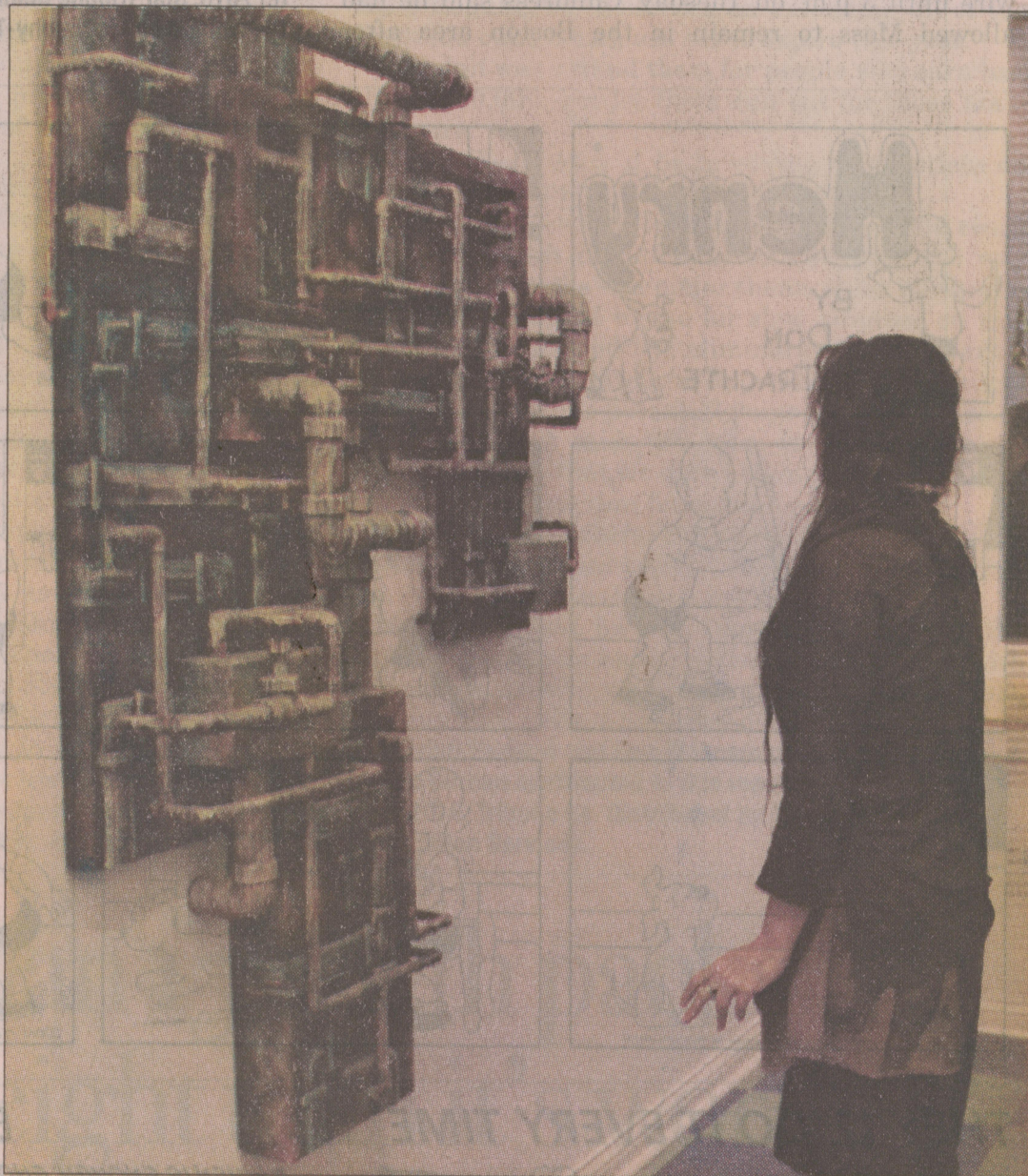


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Hannah Stone, Marshall University College of Fine Arts student, views Nik Botkin's artwork at Gallery 842 in downtown Huntington. The exhibition will be on display until Dec. 2.



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The Marshall University sculpture students in the exhibition (Front, left to right) Erica Teipelke, Andra Levy, Ellen Fure, (Middle) Miriah Dolen, Ellen Weed, Nik Botkin, (Back) Steven Romano, Rick Wolhoy and Sassa Nibert. One student, Michael Potter, is not pictured. The exhibit, "Welcome to Our Studio", features jewelry, furniture and driftwood pieces along with others.