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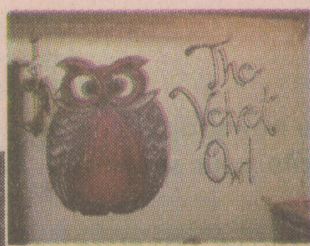
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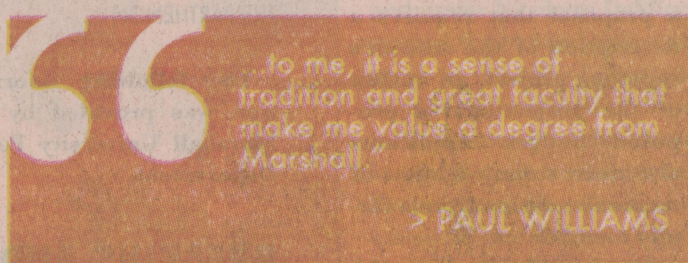
Campus Conversations discusses project to test learning outcomes

BY JOHN GIBB
THE PARTHENON

A discussion panel consisting of Marshall University students and faculty met Monday to discuss a new degree qualification project that would create new learning objectives and define learning outcomes that

graduates need for work. The Office of Academic Affairs created a series of discussions three years ago entitled "Campus Conversations," which initiates institutional change.

The panel, predominantly consisting of faculty, met to discuss the project that is partnered with the Lumina



Foundation. The project is the initial framework that illustrates the qualifications

students are expected to know and be able to do once they earn their degrees.

According to the Lumina Foundation handout regarding the degree qualifications profile, the project proposes specific learning outcomes that target the standard associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees.

Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Gayle Ormiston lead

the discussion and said the Higher Learning Commission contacted the president's office in March this year. The commission is in charge of watching the university's accreditation and updating the university when new rules and alternative accreditation

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WINDBLOWN

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A tree outside Smith Music Hall fell because of strong winds Monday afternoon. The tree stood on city of Huntington property, and Hal Greer Blvd was blocked off while it was cleaned up. American Electric Power made repairs to a fallen power line near campus.

Tree snaps during storm, minimal damage reported

THE PARTHENON

A tree outside Smith Music Hall fell because of strong winds Monday afternoon.

American Electric Power made repairs to a fallen power line.

Three bikes and a bike rack were damaged, and one light pole was broken. There was no apparent damage on any motor vehicles, said Karen Kirtley, interim senior vice president of finance and administration.

The tree was on city of Huntington property and was cleaned up by city crews.



Literacy Council celebrates 30 years

BY DWIGHT JORGE
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Tri-State Literacy Council, now in its 30th year, is eager to watch Marshall University Students.

The program was established in 1981 at a local church by women volunteers who taught English as a second language.

Literacy Council is, located on the third floor of Cabell County Public Library, 455 Ninth St. Plaza, is celebrating thirty years of service.

Literacy Council provides a one-on-one tutoring service available to adults by volunteers who are trained to teach adults to read.

Lynn Ormiston, director of the Literacy Council, said the program begins with having the student "feel comfortable and welcome."

Literacy Council serves four counties in the Tri-State area: Lawrence, Cabell, Wayne and Boyd.

Ormiston seeks for volunteers who are "looking for a challenge and willing to work for the long haul."

There are many opportunities for volunteering. Ormiston said, "Our kind of volunteer is somebody who understands the value in building a relationship and building a skill over time because that can be very life changing for an individual."

Lauren France, a junior majoring in elementary education, has been at Literacy Council since April.

"Teaching someone to read is absolutely the most rewarding and fulfilling

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Marshall hosts Ohio River Basin Conference

BY TYLER KES
THE PARTHENON

For the first time in five years, Marshall University is serving as host to the Ohio River Basin Conference.

This is the third time Marshall has served as host to

an event with topics centered on the Ohio River.

"The purpose for this specific meeting is to get as many people as possible together from around there who understand the resources in the Ohio river and try to get the word out to the public," said Charles

Somerville, dean of the College of Science.

The conference is a joint effort between two groups: The Ohio River Basin Consortium for Research and Education and the Ohio River Basin Alliance.

"Those two groups, OR-BCRE comes in from more

of a research and education point of view, ORBA comes from supporting navigation and an industrial point of view," Somerville said. "So getting the two groups together is really great."

The conference began Monday morning with a tour of the water treatment

plant, and a luncheon where river and steamboat historian Jerry Sutphin spoke about the history of steamboats on inland rivers, before ending with a series of breakout groups.

"I hope what this says

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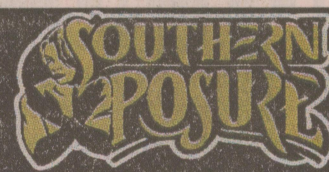
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Research Scholars Award assists in capstone projects

BY EDEN ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

Students seeking financial assistance for the funding of capstone projects have until Monday to submit applications.

The Research Scholars Award is a scholarship opportunity available for students working on their capstone project.

"Students are awarded money based on their financial needs regarding their capstone projects," Deanna Mader, Lewis College of Business representative on the Faculty Senate Research Committee, said.

Applicants may receive up to \$250 in assistance. The money is intended to supplement the expense of students' capstone projects.

"The money is granted to

students whose requests are within reason and do not include items that are already made available to them," Mader said.

Awards can be used toward any expense directly associated with students' capstone projects. Such expenses may include: printing, travel and equipment.

"The goal is to assist students in completing their capstone projects for their undergraduate degrees," Mader said.

Students working on their capstone project are eligible to apply. The Research Scholars Award is available each semester.

"Students have access to the application through Marshall's homepage and it gives the instructions," Mader said.

The application includes

a proposal that requires a description of the student's capstone project, an outline of the project and a proposed budget. Applicants also must submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.

"Applying for the Research Scholars Award helps students in a number of ways," Mader said. "It helps monetarily, it helps in formalizing their capstone project, and it gives experience in creating a budget- all of which are important career skills."

Applications can be submitted to the faculty senate office in room BW14 of the Memorial Student Center. The applications will be given to the Research Committee for evaluation.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Three stolen wallets, larceny reported

BY DALE JOHNSON
THE PARTHENON

The following information was provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

BREAKING AND ENTERING

A 34-year-old man was arrested at 9:48 p.m. on Sept. 19 at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Police said the man was attempting to steal two computers. The suspect was taken to Western Regional Jail.

LARCENY

Two men reported wallets stolen at 12:30 p.m. on

Sept. 19 from the Marshall University Recreation Center. The victims said their wallets were inside a locker inside of the men's locker room. The victims claimed no cash was stolen, only credit cards. There is no suspect at this time.

A man reported a wallet stolen at 7:56 p.m. Thursday from Twin Towers lobby. The victim said he left his wallet unattended sometime between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The report said there was \$39, credit cards and identification inside the wallet. There is no suspect at this time.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A 20-year-old female

was arrested at 3:45 a.m. Thursday on the 20th block of Seventh Avenue. She was arrested for public intoxication, but police said once the suspect was inside the vehicle she began kicking the shield between the back and front seats.

UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION

Three men were issued citations at 7:08 p.m. Saturday in the north freshman dorm for the underage consumption of alcohol. All three suspects are 18 years old.

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Supreme Court could rule on health care law early next year

BY DAVID SAVAGE
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU
(MCT)

WASHINGTON—The Obama administration set the stage Monday for the Supreme Court to rule early next year on the constitutionality of the president's health care law by declining to press for a full appeal in a lower court.

The Justice Department announced it will forego an appeal to the full 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. Such an appeal to the 10-member court could have taken months and delayed a final decision from

the high court until at least 2013.

In August, a 2-1 panel of the 11th Circuit became the first appellate court to declare unconstitutional the new requirement that all Americans have health insurance.

Now, the administration can appeal directly to the Supreme Court and ask the justices to schedule the case to be heard and decided during the term that begins next week and ends in June. If the court follows that schedule, the justices will hand down a ruling on Obama's signature legislation just as the election campaign moves

into high gear.

At issue for the court is whether Congress can use its power to "regulate commerce" to require that all Americans who have taxable income certify by 2014 that they have health insurance. If not, they must pay a tax penalty that begins at \$95.

The two judges based in Atlanta concluded Congress had overstepped its power by regulating the behavior of people who do not wish to buy insurance. This refusal to buy is not commerce, the judges said.

The administration's lawyers said this requirement is a reasonable and

necessary regulation to prevent freeloaders from taking advantage of the taxpayers. Under current law, hospitals must spend tens of billions of dollars each year to provide emergency care to people who lack insurance or the ability to pay. The new health care law also requires insurers to offer coverage to those who have pre-existing medical conditions.

The ruling in Atlanta grew out of a lawsuit filed by Republican officials of 26 states and the National Federation of Independent Business. They also balked at the law's requirement

that states expand their Medicaid program of providing health care for low-income persons.

The business federation said it was pleased with Monday's decision foregoing the drawn-out appeal in the lower court. "NFIB is excited that all indications point to the government going directly to the Supreme Court to hear our case and commends the administration on their decision," said Karen Harned, executive director of the group's legal center.

The justices may also want to consider a new issue that could delay a final ruling.

Earlier this month, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court, based in Virginia, threw out challenge to the health care law by citing a federal law that forbids disgruntled taxpayers from going to court until they have paid the disputed tax and filed for refund. Applying that rule, the judges said no court can rule on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act until after 2014 when the first taxpayer pays the penalty.

However, several other courts, including the 11th Circuit, said the penalty is not a "tax" and therefore, is subject to challenge before it takes effect.

Egyptian women, long allowed to vote, see little progress from revolt

BY HANNAH ALLAM
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS
(MCT)

CAIRO—Thousands of Egyptian women fought in the 18-day uprising that unseated longtime President Hosni Mubarak. They hurled stones at pro-regime attackers, delivered meals to hungry protesters, and drew global attention to the struggle through their blogs and Twitter accounts.

At least 15 women died in the uprising, according to official figures. Hundreds were wounded.

And still, complain prominent Egyptian feminists, women are being sidelined from post-Mubarak politics: their names ignored for government posts, and their divorce and custody rights threatened by a powerful new Islamist lobby.

Egyptian activists shrugged off the announcement over the weekend that Saudi women, who cannot drive and require a male guardian for even mundane business, finally won the right to vote and run as candidates in local elections. Egyptian women have been voting, in mostly rigged elections, since 1956.

But the revolution that ended Mubarak's 30-year dictatorship has done little for women's rights in the Arab world's most populous

country. With parliamentary elections just two months away, the outlook for women candidates is so dismal that Egyptian women activists are shelving dreams of leadership and progressive new laws because they fear they'll be too busy guarding their few hard-won gains of recent years.

"We won't waste our time finding women, training women, to run a campaign. They won't win," said Nehad Abu el-Komsan, head of the nonprofit Egyptian Center for Women's Rights. "We're using these two months just to strengthen groups that support women's rights."

Another obstacle for activists is that because Mubarak's widely despised wife, Suzanne, projected herself as a champion of Egyptian women, women's rights are stigmatized as belonging to the old regime, or worse, imposed by the West.

Nonprofit groups that once relied on U.S. or other foreign aid said their funding has dried up, partly because of political pressure against accepting American money, and partly because of new layers of bureaucracy in applying for such grants.

"Since the revolution was against the system, and Suzanne was the wife of the head of the system, women's rights were seen as part of a corrupt regime," said

Hoda Badran, head of the Cairo-based nonprofit Alliance for Arab Women, which used to receive U.S. funding. One newspaper published the word "traitor" next to Badran's photo to smear her as an American agent.

As a result, even some of the young female protest leaders are keeping quiet on women's issues, frustrating older feminists who consider them naive for thinking that the slogans of the uprising will automatically protect their rights.

"These girls think the revolution called for equality, democracy and social justice, so when that's accepted, women's rights will be covered," Badran said. "They think equality will free them all. We have great respect for them, and we are trying to discuss this. Our wisdom and years of experience with their energy and technology is what we need."

Many women from the new generation of Egyptian activists bristle at highlighting women's rights, insisting that the revolt was for reform in all sectors of society. To them, cultural and educational changes have to take place before any meaningful discussion of women's rights. And they deride Western-style feminists who push for women's rights without sensitivity to Egypt's conservative context.

"There are still women, and I meet them often, who think they were created to stay at home and be good and faithful housewives," said Rola Badr, an officer in the April 6 Democratic Front, an offshoot of the youth movement that was at the forefront of the uprising. "I can't talk with them about a woman becoming a minister before I help them erase what they've been fed for the past 30 years."

So far, women have been conspicuously absent from the government's efforts to build a more democratic Egypt. An early transitional advisory panel, the so-called Wise Men, included just one woman, out of about 30 members. There were no women on the board to draft constitutional amendments, and none included in the reshuffling of governors. Only one woman serves in the caretaker Cabinet, and she's an unpopular figure from the former regime.

The interim government also scrapped a Mubarak-era quota that guaranteed 64 new parliamentary seats for women. Even youth groups that are demanding quotas for young Egyptians in the next government won't back the same kind of quota for women, activists complained. And despite the recent amendments, wording in the constitution still

implies that only a man can serve as president.

"It's a combination between the weak performance of the government and the poor attitudes toward women in Egypt," said Abu el-Komsan, who recently received a death threat because of her work. "Instead of asking, we must show our strength."

After several fruitless meetings with senior officials from the ruling military council and caretaker government, women's activists said, some groups are pushing for dramatic measures. One idea, scrapped for security reasons, called for mothers to drop off their children in Tahrir Square and let government forces deal with them for a day.

They're also trying unconventional conduits to decision-makers.

One recent afternoon, a small group of women gathered outside Prime Minister Essam Sharaf's house, shouting for his wife to push her husband to address their demands. Public relations specialists are teaching the activists how to pitch profiles of inspiring Egyptian women to local newspapers.

In June, women's activists held a national conference that created an umbrella group, the National Federation of Egyptian Women, to fight attacks on women's

rights in family law cases, promote the inclusion of women in government, and launch a public awareness campaign. They work long hours, fielding calls for guidance from discouraged activists around the country.

"I get literally hundreds of calls, women crying and afraid. After the first 20, I started telling them, 'Go to hell,'" Abu el-Komsan said. "If you're not going to defend yourselves, I'm not going to do anything." I told them, "Go write letters to all the newspapers, write in your own language, write with your spelling mistakes. Just organize."

In the election-season political grandstanding, candidates are courting the Islamists, the business community, Coptic Christians and the poor. Women, however, still aren't viewed as a vital constituency, despite official figures that show about 20 million women are eligible to vote.

Just one presidential candidate, the former Arab League chief Amr Moussa, has approached women's groups to pitch his vision for a new Egypt. Only a couple of the many emerging political parties explicitly call for women's rights as part of their charter goals. Even the secular, intellectual

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Marshall	1	0	1	3
UCF	0	0	2	2
Southern Miss	0	1	3	1
Memphis	0	0	1	3
UAB	0	2	0	3

WEST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
SMU	2	0	3	1
Tulsa	1	0	1	2
Tulane	1	1	2	4
Houston	0	0	0	1
Rice	0	0	1	2
UTEP	0	1	2	2

Marshall cheerleaders support Herd while practicing for own title



MARCUS CONSTANTINO|THE PARTHENON

Nicolette DeMicco cheers on the Herd during the Sept. 4 football game against WVU. DeMicco and her teammates are working toward the national competition in April.

BY SHAINA CARTER
THE PARTHENON

The football team is not the only team representing Marshall on the field—Marshall cheerleaders are right in the action too, cheering on the Herd.

Senior Sarah Davenport and junior Nicolette DeMicco started their cheerleading careers at the age of four and have been cheering ever since.

"I always thought cheerleading was in my heart, and I was a born cheerleader because of my high energy," Davenport said.

DeMicco knew she was meant to be a cheerleader because of the adrenaline rush it brought her.

"I knew cheerleading was for me because I have

a passion for it," DeMicco said. "And I love being." Cheering on the field brings many emotions to the team.

"It's the best feeling in the world, it gives me chills and every game I cry and look up—seeing the fans is just amazing," said Davenport.

Davenport is team captain and DeMicco leads the team with her positive attitude.

"I try to encourage everyone and keep them focused," Davenport said.

DeMicco's high energy and pep talks before the game get the team pumped up to cheer the football team to a victory. The most accomplished goal for Davenport and DeMicco during their cheering for Marshall is when they won the Lib Off.

At the 2011 Marshall University and West Virginia University basketball game both cheerleading teams competed in a stunting contest and the Marshall cheerleaders came out victorious.

The cheerleading team does more than cheer for The Herd. Every April, they travel to Daytona, FL to compete in the National competition.

"We hope to get top three at Nationals, but winning would be amazing," DeMicco said.

The cheerleaders are at every football game and will continue their season throughout basketball.

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Eagles: Vick has deep bone bruise on non-throwing hand

BY JONATHAN TAMARI
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (MCT)

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick has a deep bone bruise in his right hand — his non-throwing hand — and, after the Eagles' miserable home opener, that passed for good news Monday.

The team on Sunday thought the hand was broken.

The bruise is still problematic, though, leaving Vick's status for Sunday's game against the 49ers in doubt. He has not been ruled out, though.

"It all remains to be seen. I've got to take it one day at a time and see how everything unfolds," Vick said Monday, his hand wrapped into a thick club. "It's a little sore. It's still swollen, but I think with rehab we'll see how it recovers and how well it gets."

Coach Andy Reid would not say if Vince Young or Mike Kafka would get the start if Vick can't play.

"I haven't even gotten there

yet. I'm still on the swelling in Michael's hand and if he'll be ready to play," Reid said, obviously hoping that his franchise quarterback will be available as the Eagles try to improve from a 1-2 start. The team will be hoping to ease the swelling that forced Vick from Sunday's game.

"We'll see if we can get the swelling to where it's manageable and his hand where he feels comfortable," Reid said.

If Vick had broken his hand he would almost certainly be out Sunday — and possibly longer. For him to play this week, the swelling will have to ease enough for Vick to bend his hand and use it in game situations. On Monday afternoon, it was still as swollen as after Sunday's game, Reid said.

"He still has a bunch of swelling in it that's got to get out of there. It's sensitive to the touch right now," Reid said. "The positive is that there was not a fracture."

Still, a bone bruise can take more than a week to heal.

"Number 1, it's a painful injury, and No. 2, it makes that area susceptible to repeated trauma," said Michael Hausman, chief of hand and elbow surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. "Even a relatively minor injury could make it symptomatic again."

Charles Leinberry, a hand and wrist specialist at the Rothman Institute, said an athlete such as Vick will need to get his hand back to a full range of motion, to make the pain manageable and have full strength.

"You treat the bone bruise or bone contusion a little more cautiously than you do a soft tissue contusion," Leinberry said.

While the swelling from a soft tissue bruise might decrease in three to four days, Leinberry said, a bone bruise can take another week, though recovery time depends on the individual. Hausman said a full recovery could take at least a week, and the risk of aggravating the injury could last

for up to six.

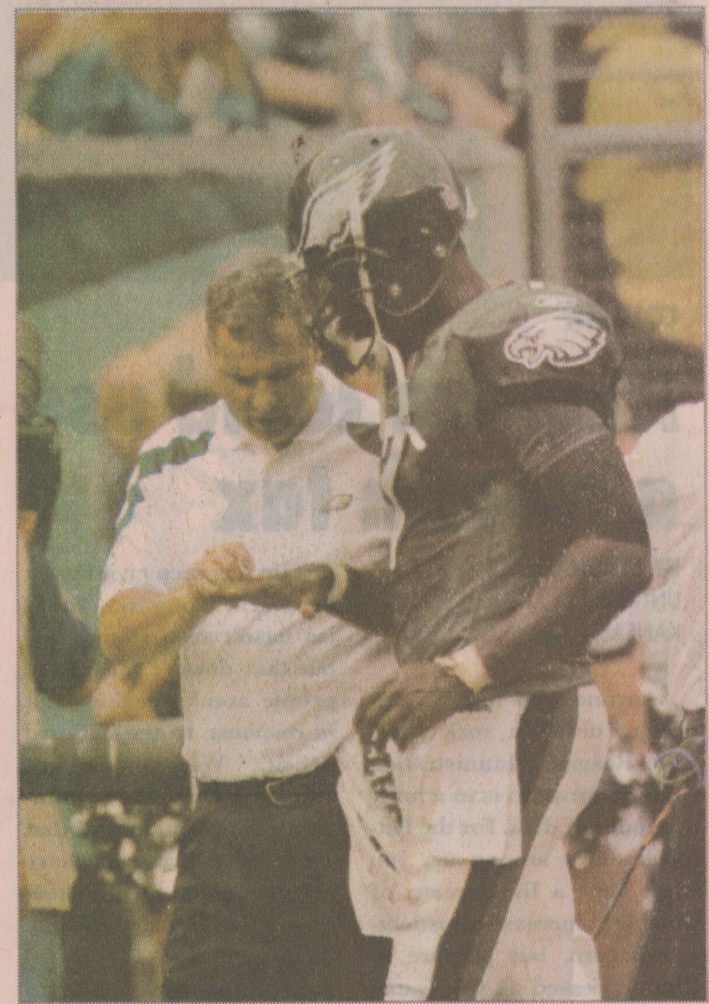
Vick said he would "evaluate the situation and make sure when I step on the field make sure it's a safe situation."

His durability is already a recurring theme just three days into the season and a new five-year contract.

Initial x-rays Sunday showed no fracture, but a second x-ray led the Eagles to believe there was a break, according to Reid. A CT scan Monday revealed that there was no break after all, Reid said. A blood vessel over the bone seemed to show a fracture in the x-ray images, Reid said, a relatively common situation that is often corrected by CT scans, both doctors said.

Vick was hurt while trying to protect himself on a hit by Giants defensive tackle Chris Canty, not when he braced himself as he fell to the ground, Reid said.

Reid would not commit to a starting quarterback if Vick is out. Young, far more experienced than Kafka, was not quite fully healthy last



CLEM MURRAY|PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/MCT

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick comes out of the game after the Eagles failed to score against the New York Giants and has his hand looked at by trainer Rick Burkholder. The Giants defeated the Eagles, 29-16.

week.

"That top-end this past week, I didn't think was there. But we'll see how he does this week," Reid said. "I think he's very close to be back physically."

On his radio show on

WIP-FM Monday night, Reid said he believes Young will be able to play Sunday if he's needed.

The Eagles are hoping that's not the case. For a second week, the quarterback watch continues.

Denver wants another shot at the Olympic rings

BY BRIAN GOMEZ
THE GAZETTE (MCT)

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Nearly 40 years ago, Denver gave away the Olympic rings. Now, it wants them back.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has had preliminary talks with Denver about the chance of a bid for the 2022 Winter Games, USOC chief executive officer Scott Blackmun revealed Friday after his keynote address during the U.S. Antlers Assembly at the Antlers Hilton.

It's still undetermined whether the Colorado Springs-based USOC will enter the fray for 2022, with Reno/Lake Tahoe, Nev., Salt Lake City and Bozeman, Mont., also weighing bids, or throw its weight behind a bid for the 2024 Summer Games, in which possibilities are Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia and Tulsa, Okla.

If the USOC tries for 2022, bid books outlining a city's plan for the Games — that would detail whether Olympic competition and practice venues are targeted for the Springs — would be due to the USOC in 2013, when the USOC also would offer an applicant city to the International Olympic Committee. The IOC will announce its short list in 2014 and pick the 2022 Olympic host in 2015 — at least 15 other nations have shown interest, the strongest contenders including Barcelona, Spain; Bern, Switzerland; Munich; Oslo, Norway; and Ostersund, Sweden.

"I think 20 years is long enough," Blackmun said in reference to the U.S. last hosting the Olympics in 2002 in Salt Lake City. He added that "it's important that we host the Games in the United States as a way to keep Americans connected to the team. ... I don't think there are limitations on our ability

to participate in a 2022 bid right now."

Bid leaders from Denver and Reno/Lake Tahoe (the Denver effort is headed by the Metro Denver Sports Commission, and Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock have discussed a 2022 bid) were in town for the USOC's annual gathering of 400 attendees.

However, the USOC, humbled in New York's bid for the 2012 Summer Games that went to London and in Chicago's bid for the 2016 Summer Games that went to Rio de Janeiro, hasn't figured out when it will submit its next Olympic proposal, attempting to overhaul a revenue-sharing pact with the IOC. It didn't bid for the 2018 Winter Games that went to Pyeongchang, South Korea, and it passed on the deadline for the 2020 Summer Games.

"We haven't opened up

any kind of (domestic) process," Blackmun said. "If we decide to bid on 2022, we will be in touch with the cities that have approached us, and we'll create some kind of process so that people who might be interested in bidding will let us know. ... This is a long-term proposition. Even if you win the Games in your first bid, it's still a long-term proposition because it's seven years until that comes to fruition."

Denver is the only city to return the Olympics, when the IOC relocated the 1976 Winter Games to Innsbruck, Austria, in 1973 after objections from Colorado taxpayers over rising costs and environmental effects. The closest Nevada has come to the Olympics was the 1960 Squaw Valley Games, which were held on the California side of Lake Tahoe.

Regarding an Olympic bid, USOC chairman Larry Probst said, "It's premature to answer those questions."

Blackmun said the USOC has informed Denver and Reno/Lake Tahoe, "We appreciate their interest, but until we

resolve our revenue-sharing discussions with the IOC, we don't think it's appropriate for us to be focusing on

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COLUMN

America could use
a wealth tax

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Anyone who hasn't been living under a rock since the Reagan administration knows America is in a hefty amount of debt. For the Patrick Stars among us, you can view a live stream of the debt increase at usdebt-clock.com, but prepare to be depressed as you watch the federal deficit approach \$15 trillion. The website also shows figures such as tax revenue and gross domestic product. One of the most interesting, however, is the debt per taxpayer, which happens to be around \$131,000 — considerably more than most people make in a year.

Many people are already aware of thoughts and attitudes surrounding the national debt. I hope everyone reading this can agree that something needs to be done to resolve the issue. Ideas presented include increasing revenue through tax hikes for the general population and decreasing expenditures through reducing social security and other social welfare programs.

It's easy to see, however, that the pendulum has to swing both ways. Neither tax increases, nor expenditure cuts will solve the problem on its own. To ensure that future generations (including our own) are not plagued by a dark cloud of debt looming over their heads, some things need to change. At the current rate, we won't just have student loans to pay back but the debts of our country as well. Is this hitting closer to home college students?

Now, before we get too critical of our country, it's important to note that we are not alone in debt. Many countries around the world have been experiencing financial deficits in recent years. Greece has seen rioting and protest in response to its unpaid debts, and economically burdened Great

Britain has seen civil unrest in recent months. America hasn't seen rioting yet, but that doesn't mean that people aren't speaking out in response to the national deficit. Warren Buffett, one of America's wealthiest citizens, announced that wealthy individuals have been "coddled long enough by a billionaire-friendly Congress."

This statement seems to have been foreshadowing, as rich individuals from other countries have since been stepping forward to contribute to their governments to ease financial strain. In an article recently published in the Guardian, Helen Pidd reveals that French and Italian millionaires and billionaires have already made excessive contributions to their respective governments, and that a group of extremely wealthy Germans has volunteered for a five percent "wealth tax" to contribute more of their money to public debt.

Whether Warren Buffett intended to, he seems to have accelerated a movement of generous aristocrats around the world. The issue is that millionaires and billionaires in America seem to have a different sense of allegiance. They have more money than they need by a long shot, but still spend on lobbyists and tax lawyers to avoid higher taxes on their fortunes.

As one small step in the solution to America's debt problem, a wealth tax could raise billions of dollars in revenue for the federal government. Blanket tax hikes can be devastating for those living paycheck to paycheck, but a wealth tax could help ease strain on the government and its citizens. It is true that the majority of wealthy people have earned their fortunes and deserve to enjoy their financial success. However, as Uncle Ben famously told a young and frightened Spiderman: "With great power comes great responsibility."

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EDITORIAL

Competitive American students
seek more advanced degrees

The demand for educated employees in America has brought with it a newly strengthened competition among job-seeking hopefuls. And for the younger hopefuls, the education portion of their resume usually stands out to employers more than anything else.

The degree often does make the employee. Obviously, a higher degree should never be a downside. Seeking knowledge through education is an admirable goal. And as the pool of graduates grow, the higher the competitors' degrees need to be. Where once a two-year associate's only would have been required, many employers (offering the same job) now look for the candidate with a four-year bachelor's degree. And the same goes for those employers once seeking bachelor's:

now they are seeking candidates with a master's.

However, the obvious downside to a higher degree is the rising cost. For tuition alone, it costs approximately \$6,000 to get an associate's, \$25,000 to get a bachelor's and an additional \$20,000 (plus the cost of the bachelor's) to complete a master's degree.

According to Career Builder, a site that compiles salaries and allows employees to post resumes for employers to search, all else being equal, a more formal education or advanced credentials in any field of work will carry some weight in starting-salary offers. While it may not boost your salary much in some cases, having higher education on your resume certainly won't hurt.

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An open letter to an extremist

BY WILLIAM LINEBERRY
THE PARTHENON

Dear al-Shabaab jihad,
I was surprised to see that you and your fellow brothers withdrew from the capital of Somalia in August. After months of occupation, it seems that suddenly, you and your like-minded zealots decided to pick up and leave. This allowed Western aid groups to assuage the famine, malnourishment and oppression your fellow country men and women had been enduring. I fear that your withdrawal came too late and your stay — which never should have been — was far too long.

Your occupation of Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, serves as a symbol, which I plan to elaborate on in this letter. Were you able to accomplish what you set out to do? By killing and allowing millions of famished Somalis to die without the aid of organizations reinforce your naive dogma? Many died because of your stay, and many more will die long after your group has dissipated.

As Somalia has endured the last decade with almost no government to speak of and the constant threat of drought and political instability, you have been there to revel and exploit the people, the children. You have terrorized this land. You have ruined the country. Your hunt to recreate old Islamic

tradition in modern-day Somalia has left thousands dead with still a nebulous agenda. You took this idea of justice so far as to block Somalis that were fleeing the country to avoid one of the worst droughts the country has ever seen. You locked them in your prison that was once their country. You ruled them with your idea of morality and religion. And then you withdrew? Leaving behind skeletons of men, women and children. Perhaps you were feeling the same thirst nearly a million other Somalis were so you retreated. Or, you were run out by 9,000 African union troops. Despite your cowardice, Somalia is still suffering from famine that was exacerbated by your stay.

The drought in Somalia has led to a food shortage, which led to the current famine. I have seen the pictures of the suffering. The bloated stomachs of young children and the flies around their eyes. The world wanted to help and you denied them. You denied Somalis of life for your own pursuit of paradise. How were you able to justify keeping starving people from food and water?

The zealots of the modern world living by old-world commandments are everywhere, apparently. Unfortunately, there are many groups similar to you but not exactly like you all around the world. As you have already created a connection

with al-Qaeda, you are well on your way to being known internationally and further establishing your agenda to the world. There are groups like you in the West, too. Some, like you, attack with malice. Others attack with rhetoric during televised political debates in the U.S. They, too, force those who do not subscribe to their beliefs into corners to be castigated.

The paradox of you fighting them and them fighting you because each of you believes the other to be mistaken is the conundrum of the world, or so it seems. It seems there are thousands of religions in the West and in the East. All carry a different interpretation of what it is to be just, to be right. Do we need these texts to address our deepest moral questions of all of humanity? Can one doctrine answer all the questions of the world? I think not, but thousands disagree with that. You are not like most, though. You enforce the scripture with a gun; you target those who do not adhere, they are the enemy, you are the savior — the martyr unafraid of death, embracing it, hoping for it.

All we have in this world is all there is. There is nothing above or below. Human compassion and empathy are our strongest gifts, and you are their foe.

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Clickers misuse in classrooms causes controversy among teachers, students

BY DANIEL WHEATON
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NEBRASKA VIA UWIRE

Grant Aslup had good intentions when he helped his friend cheat the attendance record for a science class at U. Nebraska-Lincoln last spring.

"My friend was recurrently sick and had unfortunate things happen to him, so I just kept his clicker," said Aslup, a sophomore theater major.

Aslup said he assisted his friend by using his clicker, in addition to his own, to answer quiz questions and report attendance.

Although he had positive intentions for lying for his friend, misusing clickers has grown across campuses nationwide. In his class of about 85 students, skipping was an easy matter for those who wanted to. With the clickers, lying about attendance just requires the goodwill of a classmate.

"In my Geology 101 course, many people skipped," said Reed Felderman, an undeclared sophomore. "I remember one guy having five clickers."

As reported in the Sept. 9, 2011, issue of The Chronicle

of Higher Education, students at colleges across the U.S. have been misusing the clickers to skip class or cheat. Some UNL students have admitted to misusing clickers and don't see it as a major issue, but UNL administrators can't tell how widespread the problem is because the issue hasn't been investigated.

"I'm an adult. I pay for classes," Aslup said. "I can choose if I want to go to class and deal with the consequences."

That attitude has faculty like Brad Buffum, an instructor at the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film, frustrated.

Buffum has dealt with this issue, but has embraced the caveats of using the technology. Buffum said he understands the limits of evaluation techniques such as the clicker and knows students misuse them.

"I know that people know how to cheat with them, I'm not dumb," he said. "If the student is dumb enough to get caught, they deserve whatever they get."

In response to this, Georgetown U. has implemented a "5 percent" rule, which means that only up to

5 percent of grades can be derived from clicker attendance and questions. UNL currently has no regulations regarding clickers, but some professors have led the charge against their misuse.

In his classes, Buffum uses the clickers as a way to promote discussion, which he sees as the clicker's purpose.

Because of his experiences, he altered his syllabus to reward people who come to class, rather than punish those who skip.

After an experience with a student who walked out on his class after using his clicker, he realized he had to change his thinking about the issue.

In that experience, Buffum said he saw no need to use clickers for grading students.

"No matter how cynical I get, it's never enough," Buffum said.

Kevin Lee, a research associate professor at UNL, supports the clickers in teaching and uses them for peer instruction.

"Its main benefit comes from students learning from each other by explaining and defending their understanding of concepts," Lee said. "Often the percentage

of correct answers to a projected conceptual question will go from 40 percent on a first vote to 90 percent on the second vote when a vibrant student discussion occurs in between."

Voting gives both instructor and students good feedback on what is understood by the class and what is not, he said.

Lee said he thinks instructors who use clickers to take attendance and give quizzes are missing the boat, because they're focusing on the technology instead of the teaching methods.

Even though the University Judicial Board hasn't heard a case of clicker-cheating, misusing clickers is punishable under academic dishonesty. Offenders could lose credit from a class or face suspension if found guilty, according to the UNL Student Code of Conduct.

Matthew Hecker, dean of students, said he hasn't dealt with any clicker-cheating students yet. But the attitude that it's OK doesn't sit well with him, he said.

"Where do they draw the line, at which act of academic dishonesty do you consider it a big deal?" Hecker said.

Harvard professor designing air-capture plant

BY JULIA G. COHN
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Harvard U. professor David W. Keith is working furiously to beat the winter weather. His company, Carbon Engineering, is designing a device to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by air capture, and the prototype wasn't built to withstand the winter cold.

The team is currently testing a device called a contactor, a central element to the machine that collects carbon dioxide, at U. Calgary.

Keith, a professor of applied physics at the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences as well as a professor of public policy at the Kennedy School, said work has fallen behind schedule. But the group remains optimistic about its innovation's potential to manage carbon buildup in the atmosphere.

Carbon Engineering's goal is to have a commercially viable technology by 2016. A typical plant would capture one million tons of carbon dioxide per year—the equivalent of taking about 300,000 cars off the road, according to the company's website.

Keith's machine involves capturing air and holding it

inside the contactor, where a chemical solution absorbs carbon dioxide. The machine then creates pure carbon dioxide, which can then be put to productive use.

Carbon Engineering is not the first to build a machine to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, but Keith's group is working on a larger scale, he said. Keith—who was named a Hero of the Environment by Time Magazine in 2009—also said that his group was focused from the beginning on the economic viability of its technology.

"There were commercial air-capture devices in the 1950s and 1960s so the basic feasibility of doing this commercially was already established," Keith said. "We are different because we are trying to think of how to do this in a way that is really cheap."

Keith said that despite growth in the industry, many are still skeptical of the technology.

"There is a great deal of resistance to the idea that it could be useful to do this," Keith said. "One of the biggest challenges for Carbon Engineering is getting over this hump. We do believe that there is something real here and we have lots of engineering to show it."

CONVERSATIONS

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processes become available.

Ormiston said the commission wanted the university to take part in an alternative process to promote quality improvement and new learning objectives.

The Lumina Foundation is an Indianapolis-based private foundation working toward increasing graduation rates.

Ormiston said the university's project will be discussed at Illinois in

November. "We are looking at beginning the project in January 2012, and it will continue for two years."

Ormiston said there is a need for an educated workforce and asked the audience what the significance or meaning of a Marshall degree means to them.

Chief of Staff for the Student Government Association Paul Williams attended the event and said the value he gets out of a

Marshall degree is a higher earning potential among others.

"The university is soon-to-be celebrating its 175th anniversary and to me, it is a sense of tradition and great faculty that make me value a degree from Marshall," Williams said.

University President Stephen Kopp attended the discussion and said there has been talk about a project like this for at least six

years.

Director of Career Services Denise Hogsett said during the discussion that there has been a problem with students in their junior and senior year not having any experience, whether it be volunteer or career-related experience.

Hogsett said it is difficult for students to obtain employment after graduation when they take the minimal requirements and do not get

involved in their major or within the community.

With the relative small size of the university, Marshall is known for its faculty-student engagement.

"Students need to think beyond the curriculum and get involved in more critical thinking and multicultural activities," Ormiston said.

"Campus Conversations" will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 12 in the auditorium on the fourth floor of the John

Deaver Drinko Library.

Student President Ray Harrell, Jr., said these discussions "give students a forum to communicate with faculty and administration in a no-pressure environment." Harrell said students are under-utilizing these discussions, and he would like to see more student involvement at the next meeting.

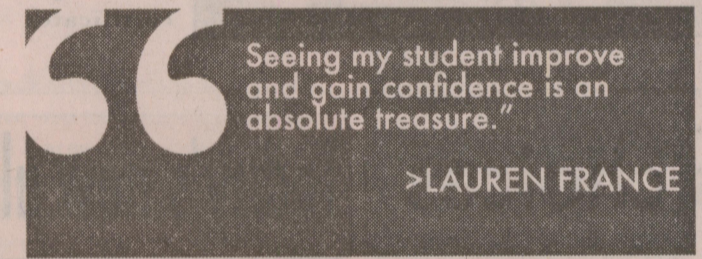
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task a person can accomplish," France said.

"Through tutoring, I feel like I actually have a hand in improving not only my student's literacy but also their way of life," France said. "I feel so proud when my student accomplishes another milestone. Even though we are known for teaching reading, we also tutor students in math, and we help our students with basic life skills like filling out forms, making lists, telling time, counting money. Seeing my student improve and gain confidence is an absolute



>LAUREN FRANCE

treasure."

"I am going to be a teacher, so I can use the strategies I learn here to assist in my classroom as well," France said. "The values and morals and experiences I have gained through Literacy Council will be something I will hold forever in my heart."

Ormiston said it's more than just teaching them how to read. It is "life changing for an individual, as well as that individual's whole family; it can provide them with opportunities that were unavailable to them before."

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WOMEN

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elites, activists said, address women's rights with flowery words of support, but no real action.

"Oh, our sisters, oh, our daughters, I hate that," Badran said, referring to male politicians' pandering. "It's a power transaction. It's not about feelings and emotions, and they won't get it until they feel our power. We have to show that we are half the society, we are organized, and we can use our votes for empowerment."

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to the public is that Marshall has a major role to play in the Ohio River Basin," Somerville said.

Somerville also said that the Ohio River is the second most commercially traveled river in the world.

Students who are interested in going to the events only need to show their student I.D. cards to get in.

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TUESDAYS' EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Breakfast, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- General Session/Opening featuring West Virginia Senator Robert H. Plymale, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Watershed Panel, from 9:25 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Coffee Break, from 10:35 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.
- Navigation Panel, from 10:50 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Lunch, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room BE5 in the Student Center.
- Marcellus Shale presentation, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- West Virginia's New Marcellus Regulations presentation, from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Coffee Break, from 3 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Mussels restoration in the Ohio Valley presentation, from 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Intermodal transportation and river ports presentation, from 4 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.

WEDNESDAY'S EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Breakfast, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Update on the Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Project presentation, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Working group presentations, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Wrap Up, from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Center, Don Morris Room.
- Lunch with wildlife artist Chuck Ripper, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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“I think you end up doing the stuff you were supposed to do at the time you were supposed to do it.”
-Robert Downey, Jr.

Have a hoot, save some loot at The Velvet Owl

BY NIKKI DOTSON
THE PARTHENON

A large sign on an inside wall reads: “Let me dress you from head to toe, and it won’t cost you an arm and a leg.”

Racks of clothes, a wall of jewelry and items to decorate a home line the walls of antique and thrift store, The Velvet Owl, which opened in May.

Located on West 14th Street in Huntington, The Velvet Owl is surrounded by other antique stores. Traci Burton-Stacy, owner of The Velvet Owl, said her store is unique just like the items inside.

“It’s just like the back of my business card says,” Burton said. “My store is a fun, funky collection of modern/vintage ladies clothing and accessories for yourself and your nest.”

Business ownership runs in the Burton family.

Business ownership runs in the Burton family.

“It’s always been my passion,” Burton said. I’ve always wanted to do something like this. My family was always in the restaurant business, and after the restaurant closed in April, I knew if I didn’t do it now, I never would.”

The store has clothing, fashion accessories and home decor. Burton said he supplies the store and takes consignment items.

“At first, it was just a reason to clean my closet,” Burton said. “Everything in the store was my own things, and it did so well after the first month, I started having to have people come in and consign,” Burton said.

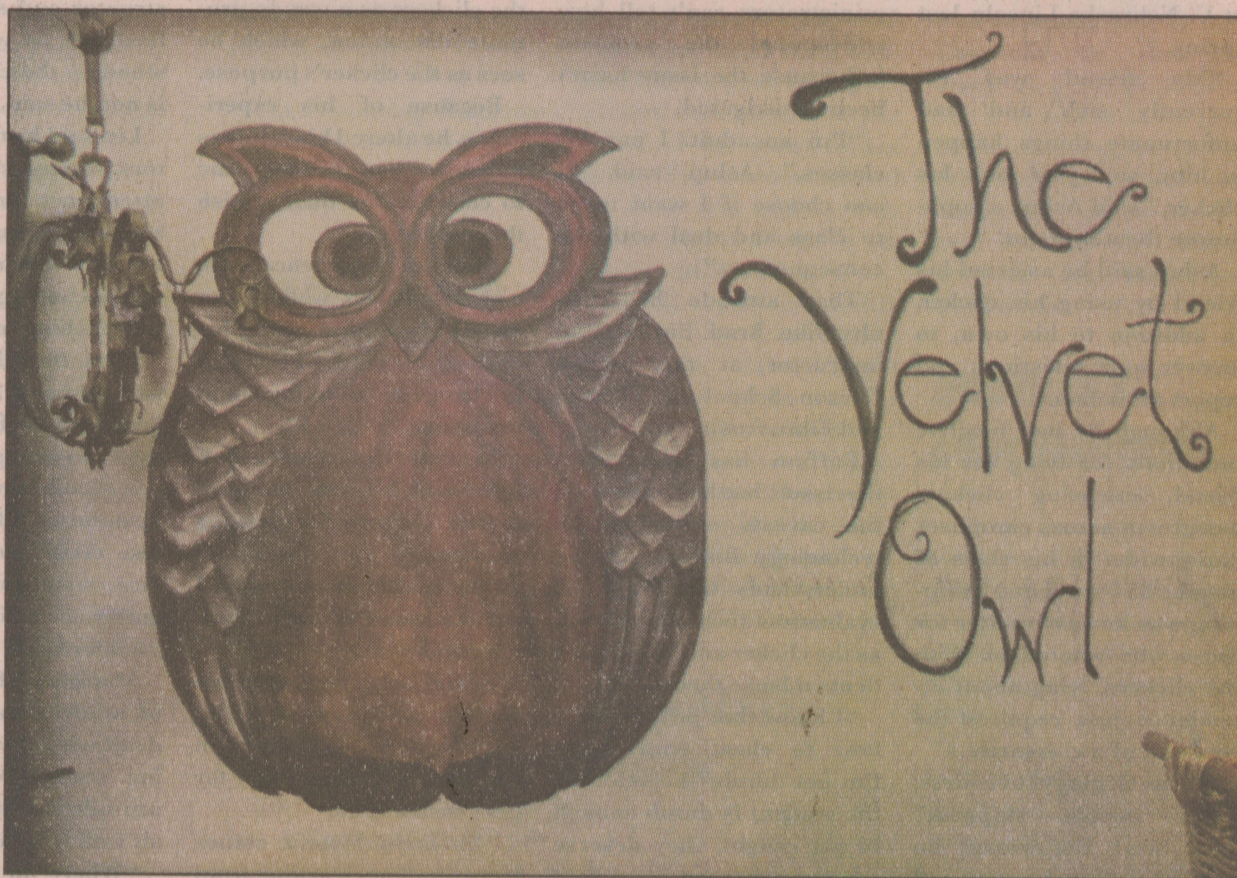
Burton said, with the economy in its current condition, more and more people are buying second-hand and resale.

“You don’t have to spend a lot of money on some fad or trend, you can buy the original from 1975, and it’s going to be better than anything

else you can buy,” Burton said. “I would much rather have the original interpretation of something than something that has been mass produced, that you are going to go out and see every other girl wearing.”

Burton’s favorite era is the 1970s, but she wants to offer a variety of clothing and items.

“My love is vintage,” she said. “That’s always going to be the first thing, but I also want to have some resale clothing and some new clothes. There are things with tags still



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on them in here.” The Velvet Owl’s target customer range is between younger, college and mid-aged, but Burton said the store could appeal to everyone.

“More younger people are drawn here, but when older people come in, they always find something,” Burton said. “Even if they don’t find something for themselves,

several people coming in say things like ‘My daughter would love this.’ There is something here for everyone.”

Most payment types are accepted, except checks. Customers can purchase gift certificates

as well. Burton said if a customer is looking for something and doesn’t find it in her store, she makes it her mission to find it for them.

“If you are looking for something, tell me, and I’ll find you something, I’ll be your personal shopper,” Burton said. “Tell me what you want and I’ll go grab it, because I live for that. I like the hunt.”

Clothing items from the Velvet Owl will be featured in a fashion show at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at the TIPS building, located at 1057 Sixth Ave.

“The fashion show is a way for students and the community to get together and have a good time while watching a great fashion show,” said Lisa Sullivan, host of the TIPS fashion show. Nikki Dotson can be contacted at dotson76@marshall.edu.

Tropical Moon gives customers choices

BY RACHEL FORD
THE PARTHENON

Edwin Lake was inspired to open a self-serve frozen yogurt shop in Huntington after seeing similar places while traveling around the country.

“Every city my wife and I traveled to had a self-serve frozen yogurt shop,” Lake said. “Our question was why couldn’t Huntington have one?”

Tropical Moon Frozen Yogurt is located in downtown Huntington on Fourth Ave. and Ninth St.

The shop opened on Sept. 16. “The customer gets exactly what they want,” Lake said. “They can get a little bit of yogurt or a lot of

yogurt, depending on their preference.”

The yogurt shop allows customers to choose any combination of flavors and toppings based on the amount they want.

Lake said he and his wife planned the business for a year and a half before beginning construction.

Tropical Moon is Lake’s first self-owned business attempt, after working at WSAZ as operations manager for over 30 years.

The company has 50 rotating flavors. Lake said classic flavors, including chocolate, vanilla and cake batter, will always be available.

Nine yogurts and one

sorbet are always available. There are also over 25 toppings available. Lake is taking suggestions for possible future toppings.

Current available toppings range from fresh fruit to different candies. Granola, cereal and nuts are also available choices.

All yogurts are fat-free, low-fat or sugar-free. The yogurt is also gluten-free.

The yogurt costs 44 cents an ounce.

“It’s different from other frozen yogurt places I’ve been to,” said Dori McDonough, sophomore criminal justice major from Poway, Calif. “You have to get the correct combination to make it

delicious.” Tropical Moon is the first frozen yogurt place of its kind in Huntington.

“It is a more healthy alternative to Coldstone,” said Emily Walton, sophomore criminal justice major from Huntington.

Lake said he plans on offering coupons to customers and discounts to Marshall students. They also plan to have punch cards for frequent customers.

Gift cards will also be available soon.

“Business so far has been steady,” Lake said.

Lake has been relying on business through word of mouth.

Tropical Moon will have a grand opening on Sept. 29.

Tropical Moon Frozen Yogurt is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

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