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Spanish department's Riddel nominated for West Virginia Professor of the Year

BY KELLEY BUGLER
THE PARTHENON

A modern languages professor at Marshall is a finalist for the 2010 West Virginia Professor of the Year honor.

Maria Carmen Riddel, a Spanish professor, will travel with four other finalists to Charleston on Friday for interviews with the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia.

"Dr. Riddel has made monumental contributions to the university and to the department of modern languages," said David Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "She is a tireless advocate of developing programs that allow students to master a second language and travel to foreign countries."

Riddel is a tenured professor and has taught at Marshall for 27 years.

"I received a letter in December announcing I was a finalist," Riddel said. "I couldn't believe it."

Riddel received Marshall's Hedrick Award in 2010, which is the highest award for outstanding faculty at the university. Marshall submits the Hedrick Award winner to the state pool for Professor of the Year.

"We get to attend a banquet at the Governor's Mansion in March," Riddel said. "They also host a reception for us at the Culture Center in Charleston."

The finalists will be honored at this March reception, and the 2010 Professor of the Year will be announced and receive a \$10,000 cash award, according to a press release from the Faculty Merit



Spanish professor Maria Carmen Riddel helps Noelle Kivett, sophomore economics major and Spanish minor from Parkersburg, W.Va., with an assignment. Riddel has been nominated for West Virginia professor of the Year.

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STATE OF THE UNION



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President Barack Obama gives his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill on Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

Obama optimistic about America's future

BY WHITNEY BURDETTE
THE PARTHENON

President Barack Obama said in his State of the Union speech Tuesday that he wants to "win the future" for America.

Speaking to a joint session of Congress, the president cited innovation, education and rebuilding of infrastructure as the three key steps to take to secure the future for America.

Before outlining these ideas, Obama addressed the efforts at bipartisanship that came about as a

result of the shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., on Jan. 8. Some members of Congress agreed to break tradition and sit with members of the opposite party during the president's speech. However, Obama pointed out that bipartisanship does not have to end with the speech.

"What comes of this moment will be determined not by whether we can sit together tonight, but whether we can work together tomorrow," Obama said.

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University College aids conditional students

BY WILLIAM D. LINEBERRY
THE PARTHENON

The University College at Marshall University is offering academic services to conditional students in order to allow them to gain general admittance to the university.

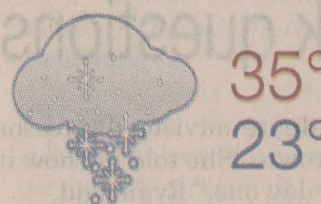
The University College offers many options to students who find themselves facing conditional admittance because of previous grades and test scores. The college grants admittance to students that have scored below Marshall's requirement on either the SAT or ACT.

The required high school grade point average for admittance to Marshall is a 2.0. The required score on the ACT is 19 and the required score on the SAT is 910, according to the general admissions page on Marshall University's website.

Patricia Gallagher, adviser at the University College, said students who do not meet these requirements are granted a conditional admittance and are advised by the University College staff.

"We are just like any other college at Marshall," Gallagher said. "Our goal is to provide students with a conditional admittance the

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Career Services provides mock job interviews

BY TREVAN J. HANNAHS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Career Services Center is using webcams to help students with job interviews.

The Career Service Center is offering an Interview Stream to all Marshall students with a JOBtrax account. The online service will allow students the privilege of conducting an interactive mock interview with people acting as employers by using their webcam to view themselves.

Cody Lambert, sophomore pre-science major from Branchland, W. Va., said he thinks the idea is relevant to the times.

"Any way you can use new technology to try and get a job in your career is just great," Lambert said.

Ashley Quaranta, junior political science major from Kenova, W. Va., said she thinks this will teach students how to better present themselves during an actual interview.

"I think it's a good program that is going to help students get jobs and apply for graduate school,"

Quaranta said.

Quaranta said she thinks the service will help prepare her for future law school interviews.

Mirek Bialk, senior career counselor, is a member of the Career Services team who came up with the idea.

During a job interview, Bialk said the most important quality to have is the ability to answer questions appropriately.

"You not only have to be able to answer questions, but you are also observed by the interviewers and they are paying attention to your verbal and non-verbal behavior," Bialk said.

Bialk said with the new Interview Stream, students can see the different types behaviors they present during the interview and how they perceive themselves.

Bialk said in terms of benefiting students' chances of internships, the new service could be a start.

"You can have a teleconference interview. It gives you the actual, real simulation of how it would be to be interviewed using teleconferencing technology,"

Bialk said.

Bialk said during a mock interview, students can record themselves and distribute the video among friends, relatives and members of the Career Services team.

"You can simply forward them a link. Just like setting up a YouTube video, only the people you have invited have access to your interview," Bialk said.

Bialk said the Career Services team can critique the interview in two ways.

"You can send a notification to a faculty member to view your video and provide feedback. If one wants to set up an appointment with Career Services, they can do that as well," Bialk said.

He said the convenience of the service is why Career Services is offering the online Interview Stream.

Bialk said students need a JOBtrax account and compatible computer with webcam features to conduct an interview. He said with the account, students could conduct the interview anywhere they wish.

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Regents College offers alternatives to non-traditional students

BY WILLIAM D. LINEBERRY
THE PARTHENON

The Regents College of Bachelor Arts is offering an alternative to non-traditional students in obtaining their bachelor degrees.

The college is allowing students whom have been out of high school for more than four years the chance to receive a college degree. The degree obtained is a bachelor's degree, however, the criteria for receiving the degree varies from a traditional set of courses.

Within the regents program, the enrolled student does not declare a major. A minor or "area of emphasis" can be declared, but is not required.

Marie Willis, an administrative assistant at the Regents College, said that the college is designed as a pragmatic approach to earning a degree.

"A lot of the people we see have been in the work force," Willis said. "People from all walks of life are in the program, though."

The requirements for the degree include 36 hours of general-education courses and 40 hours of upper-division courses, which require classes to be 300 and 400 level. The classes are meant to serve as a survey of courses offered. The student is not held to a set of specific classes, as long as the courses taken apply to the basic criteria, credit is acknowledged.

Credits may also be earned through a student's previous work experience. If a student enters the program with previous work experience, which the college classifies as credit worthy, the student may then receive a grant on a portion of credits required

for students without previous work experience.

Willis said the program is aimed at people who are taking a practical approach to receiving their degree. The people in the program have the desire to receive a degree, but external factors that non-traditional students face sometimes keeps the students from having a traditional collegiate experience, Willis said.

"There is no set type of individual within the college," Willis said. "We have people in their 20s to people who are in their 50s and 60s."

Willis said she has seen some students who lost their jobs they had maintained for years and have been recently laid off come into the college. They realize that a high school diploma does not go as far as it did when they were younger, so they want to extend their education to help benefit them in the search for a new job.

Amber Clifford, 33, a junior in Regents College and a business owner, said that the college allows her to maintain a business and still work towards her degree.

"I knew the college was set to work with people that are non-traditional in the sense of a standard college student," Clifford said. "I had gone to college eleven years ago, came back and was able to utilize the credits I had previously earned."

The Regents College at Marshall currently has 350 students enrolled and working towards their degree. The program accepts financial aid. Students can either attend classes full-time or part-time.

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Republicans respond to State of the Union

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Paul Ryan, R-Wis., delivered the Republican response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night.

Ryan said one of the biggest issues currently is the economy.

"Our debt is the product of acts by many presidents and many congresses over many years," Ryan said. "No one person or party is responsible for it."

Ryan said Obama came into office facing a severe fiscal and economic situation that cannot be blamed on either party, but the Republicans have a plan that would provide Americans with a better choice and a different vision.

"Our forthcoming budget is our obligation to you, to show you how we intend to do things differently," Ryan said. "If we act soon and if we act responsibly, people in and

near retirement will be protected."

Ryan said the government needs limitations that promote entrepreneurship and individual responsibility.

"We need to reclaim our American system of limited government, low taxes, reasonable regulations and sound money which has blessed us with unprecedented prosperity," he said. "That's the real secret to job creation, not borrowing and spending more money in Washington."



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American Artists of Color, the latest exhibit at the Huntington Museum of Art, features works from African-American, Asian-American and Hispanic-American artists. The exhibit includes paintings, prints and sculptures. American Artists of Color will run until April. For more information about the exhibit, check out Thursday's edition of The Parthenon.

Workshop encourages students to ask questions

BY ASHLEY GROHOSKI
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is offering opportunities for students to have a better understanding of what graduate college means for their future. The graduate college is continuing their Graduate School 101 sessions to enhance the students' expectations. The sessions fall in order of graduate school preparations that students face. This allows students to develop a more realistic view of what to look forward to when transitioning into the next step into their college careers.

Frank Gilliam and Bill Palmer will be the speakers of the first session, How to Choose a Graduate College. This will include advice for students who are unsure of how the graduate program would

improve their career hunt.

"I'd like to give advice to the students, and have the session become more student-driven, asking questions about my experiences and me offering the students advice," Gilliam said.

The following session focuses on the question: What is Graduate School Like? This session explores the experience of real-life issues that graduate school imposes on students. This offers less of a surprise to students and more of a preparation.

Aaron Ryan, a student ambassador and graduate student of Marshall University said that making the decision whether to attend graduate school was the most stressful part of the entire process.

"I'm pretty lucky because the political science department has a

great graduate adviser, Professor Cheryl Brown. "She told me how it was from day one," Ryan said.

Ryan said Brown encouraged him to get through the transition with the adviser's help.

"She helped me with every step from the decision process, to the application, to choosing classes," he said.

The university is continually offering assistance to students who need it. The sessions are meant to encourage students to research graduate colleges and become more confident during the preparation.

This semester's sessions also include the discussion of the Graduate School Admissions Tests, and the application process.

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CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of The Parthenon, the meeting place for campus religious organization Revolution was incorrect. Revolution meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Campus Christian Center.

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Pay to play isn't the way in major college sports

BY RON MORRIS
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(MCT)

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Those vocal advocates of paying college athletes for their services can forget about it. It's not going to happen. At least that is the word from Mark Emmert, the NCAA's new man in charge.

"We're not going to pay players to play sports," Emmert said Friday at an athletics banquet to celebrate Winthrop University's 125th anniversary.

Emmert's succinct comment was in response to the persistent chatter among fans that athletes are riding mopeds to class and scraping by in tattered T-shirts while NCAA coaches and administrators are driving luxury cars and sipping Dom Perignon.

It hardly seems fair, at least in the view of many fans. They claim the great imbalance could be solved by including athletes on the monthly payroll of every NCAA school.

Of course, it's not that simple. First, most of those yelping the loudest want only football players to be paid because that sport generates the bulk of operating budgets throughout the NCAA.

The problem with that line of thinking is NCAA schools would have to pay all athletes in men's and women's sports, which is not financially feasible. As Emmert pointed out, only 14 of the approximately 1,100 NCAA-member athletics departments broke even or turned a profit this past year.

So, what do we do about the public perception that the fat cats are living the high life off the underlings? Emmert says it starts with getting the word out about how the NCAA serves athletes. That means renaming amateurism rather than redefining it.

Emmert is doing his part on the former stance. Since taking over as NCAA president on Nov. 1, Emmert has made himself more visible than any of his predecessors. He has made numerous speaking engagements like the one at Winthrop, and has publicly reacted to just about every swirling controversy.

Upon the NCAA ruling that Auburn quarterback Cam Newton and five Ohio State football players could finish their seasons despite findings of wrongdoing for all, Emmert said NCAA guidelines need to be tightened. He also called for a crackdown on the kind of academic fraud that occurred at North Carolina.

Emmert is out preaching the good word about the NCAA. He tells audiences that student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than student bodies. He says student

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Women's swim and dive team add four to 2011-2012 squad

HERDZONE

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University swimming and diving team announces the signing of four swimmers on Tuesday morning.

Those joining the Thundering Herd for the 2011-12 squad include Alexandra Dscha, Loveland, Ohio, Kaley Gregory, Hurricane, W.Va., Emily Heniken, Northbrook, Ill., and Lauren Hurd, Orange Village, Ohio.

"The Marshall swimming and diving family is proud to welcome a very talented assembly of student athletes," said head coach Russell Hunt. "I am thrilled with our coaching staff's dedication to continuing the growth of this program. Alex, Kaley, Emily, and Lauren are all certain to play major roles in the future of Marshall swimming."

"This group is exceptional in the pool and the classroom, is driven to learn and improve, and will be immediate players in the fall," Hunt said. "I look forward to working with them as individuals and as teammates."

Alex is a four-year letterwinner at Loveland High School for head coach Dan Ketchum. She

has a list of accomplishments that include being the 2005 central zone 11-12 girl's open water Champion, a five-time Ohio LSC junior Olympic champion, a six-time FAVC all-conference first team member, a five-time FAVC all-conference second team member, state finalist in the 100 Backstroke, 100 Freestyle, 200 Medley Relay and 200 Freestyle Relay in 2010, USA Swimming sectional qualifier for the 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke (2010 Finalist) and 200 Backstroke.

"Alex has unique focus, and comes from a great high school program," Hunt said. "The fundamentals in training she is developing with her prep coaches will allow her to transition smoothly into NCAA competition."

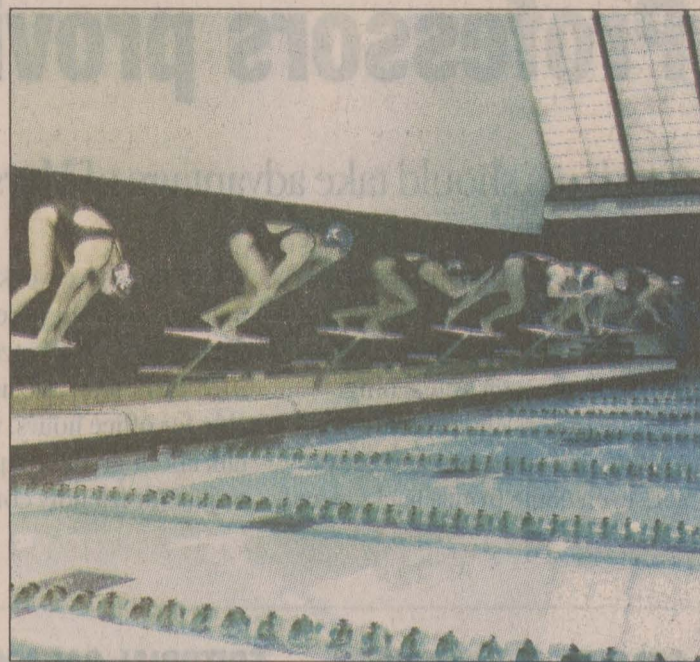
Kayla is a four-year letter winner at Hurricane High School, where she was also a member of the cross-country team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mu Alpha Theta and National Honors Society. She has a special tie to Marshall University as her father John was on the football team and her mother Karen was a cheerleader. She is a two-time state champion in

the 200 Freestyle and a state champion in the 100 Freestyle. She competed for club teams Sleepy Hollow, Wild Waves and HYCAT while also finishing as a four-time YMCA National Qualifier.

"Kaley is a versatile athlete who is only starting to realize her potential in the water," Hunt said. "She is a proud legacy of the great traditions at Marshall and possesses a true passion for her teammates; all of which will guide her to the next level."

Emily is a letter winner at Glenbrook North High School where she was a state qualifier in the 100 Butterfly, 200 Freestyle Relay, 200 Medley Relay and 400 Freestyle Relay. She finished in first at conference in the 100 Butterfly, 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay and 400 Freestyle Relay during her entire high school career. As a junior, she finished first in the 200 M Relay. Outside of swimming, she is a member of the Relay For Life Committee and member of the Varsity Club.

"Emily brings a mental toughness and a vision of what she plans to accomplish at Marshall,"



Marshall University's women's swim and dive team on the blocks in a competition against Xavier University.

Hunt said. "She is enthusiastic to contribute and significantly adds to our depth at several important positions."

Lauren is a product of Orange High School, where she swam for head coach Todd Boyle. She was a team co-captain her junior and senior seasons and named the Athlete of the Week during her freshman, sophomore and junior seasons. She was also named to the Chagrin Valley Conference first and second team during her high

school campaign, as well as a two-time Ohio State qualifier while also qualifying each year with two relay teams. She swam 13 years with the University Swim Club and Total Performance Swim Camps.

"Lauren has remarkable athletic ability and it will be exciting to watch her harness her unique talent," Hunt said. "Her competitive nature is accompanied by a no-nonsense approach that will lead her to success in Conference USA."

In his Bay Hill garage, Arnold Palmer remains a master craftsman at age 81



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Arnold Palmer accepts congratulations from the gallery after he made a long birdie putt on the 9th hole during the Par Three Contest of the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

BY JEFF SHAIN

THE ORLANDO SENTINEL
(MCT)

ORLANDO, Fla. — A street sign with the words "Arnie's Drive" is propped up on a shelf above the main workbench, which may be all anyone needs to identify the place's proprietor.

Underneath and to the

left, a dozen or so drivers lean against the bench. Nearby, a vise is bolted into the bench. A bucket stands off to the side and a few dozen club shafts are poking out waiting for assignment.

Off to the right, three dozen irons poke out from another shelf. Golf shoes — 44 pairs — line another shelf. Caps are on another

well enough must have the garage on his short list if he really needs to find the icon. It's probably right after his Bay Hill Club office, the clubhouse and the fairways.

"You see Arnold in here all the time, tinkering," one neighbor said as he passed by.

Palmer's townhouse lies only a few hundred yards behind his office that overlooks Bay Hill's first tee. Back in the day, "Arnie's Drive" might have signified the distance between the two.

He's lived at this address for perhaps 20 years and not once during that time has his garage sheltered an automobile.

"Never," he said with a sly smile. "That's where my golf clubs are. That's the way it's been from the beginning."

Palmer could easily equip a high school team with his club inventory on site. Not that he'd necessarily part with them. Most of the clubs have some meaning, if only as a model his company put out before it was absorbed by Callaway.

And he remains fascinated with club technology. On this particular morning, Palmer grabs a driver and mentions that the shaft is made of the same lightweight composite used in a Lamborghini roadster.

And yet, if you sniff around the clubs in the bag attached to Palmer's cart, several of his irons have a piece of lead tape attached to the back of the club head. It's very old-school.

"I won the Houston Open one year with three See PALMER I 5

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“Professor Riddel makes everyone feel like they are a part of the class.”

She is spirited, down to earth and really wants to be there teaching.”
Noelle Kivett, sophomore economics major from Petersburg, W. Va. commenting about professor Maria Carmen Riddel.

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THE PARTHENON **EDITORIAL**

Professors provide lessons beyond the classroom

Students should take advantage of Marshall University's professors

We have amazing professors at Marshall University. They dedicate most of their days to students, doing things such as teaching, grading papers and preparing us for the real world. Some professors even come from a background

where they have worked in the field and now they are teaching us what they have learned.

Professors are usually available for office hours, where they talk about grades, papers, tests or just for friendly conversation.

Their office doors are always open for us to pop in and ask a question or just to sit and talk about what's going on in our lives.

Sometimes we fail to realize that a professor's job is 365 days a year. When we are enjoying our summer or mid-semester breaks, they are putting together the next year's or next semester's lesson

plan. They also conduct research so they can become better experts in their fields and help us receive a well-rounded education, no matter what our major is.

Several professors have won national awards, but we still need to take the time to appreciate the things they do for us. We should take advantage of the well-rounded

professors we have at Marshall and use them to our benefit so we can become more knowledgeable in our studies.

Students should realize the impact professors have on our lives. Take the time to get to know one of your professors here at Marshall, and thank them for giving so much of their time to us.

DELANEY MCLEMORE
WEDNESDAYS ARE FOR WOMEN

Attention all Marshall women



Delaney Mclemore
COLUMNIST

Can I explain how excited I am about this semester? Probably not. Between the classes I'm taking, the friends I have, the first healthy relationship

I've ever been in, and the joy of turning 21, I have a lot to be excited about. Perhaps my most exciting adventure, though, is writing this column and talking to you, whoever you may be.

I think that the reason I'm writing this column stems from my immense gratitude for the women and men on Marshall's campus that have helped me develop my sense of identity as a woman. If I'm being honest, though, the real reason I write this is to hopefully reach out to someone on campus and kind of smack them in the face with the reality of safety, identity, and equality. If I just get one girl to realize that going out and getting drunk by herself is a bad idea, then I feel like I've accomplished something.

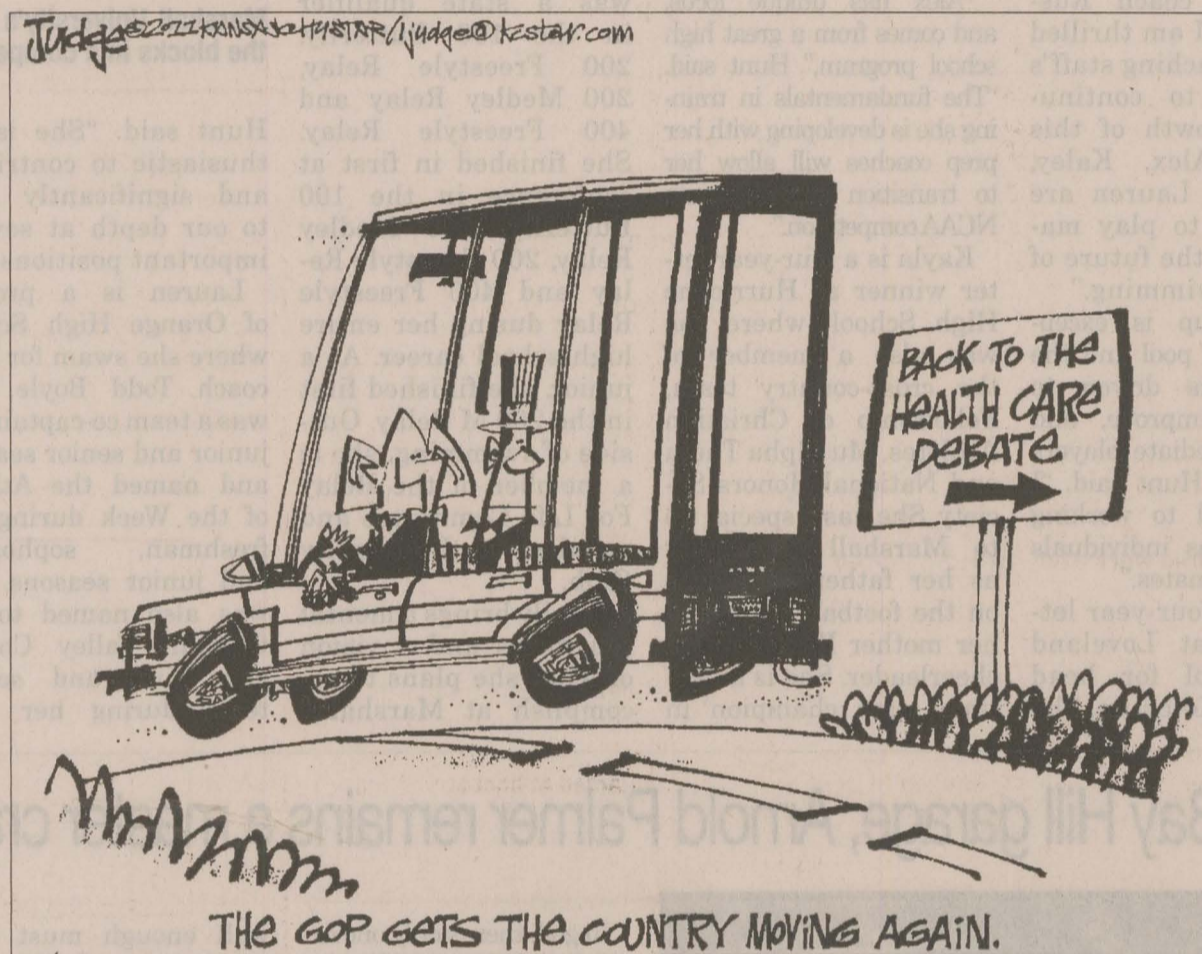
The amazing thing about this is that there actually has been a response. I've heard about young women using my columns in their speeches or programs in other states referring to my columns about rape or even a couple of amazing professors saying, "You go, girl!" It's an amazing feeling to be recognized, even just for a second, by people on Marshall's campus. I've been incredibly fortunate in that.

This semester I want to get real. I want to talk about respect. I want to talk about love. I want to talk about "It", which we've touched on before. I want to talk about what women on campus care about. I want you to tell me what you want to talk about. I've had women on campus come to me and ask for specific topics, and I'm saying now, expect it to happen this semester. You want me to point out how you rode your bike down the street and some guy yelled out of his car about how you had a nice you know what? You want to talk about how scary it is to go to the clinic to get birth control by yourself? It's happening.

Women of Marshall, this column is for you. And I've changed the title to "Wednesdays Are for Women." Let's make this semester the most honest semester so far and get the conversation started.

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DAVE MISTICH
AN EAR ON THE GROUND

Welcome back to the ride, folks

Welcome back, (hopefully still) loyal readers. Apologies for the hiatus from the world of live music entertainment around Huntington. I could go into details about my lack of presence in these pages, but I figure there are much more important things to address.



Dave Mistich
COLUMNIST

A recap for those who might have missed the earlier editions of "An Ear on the Ground" (or maybe a refresher for those of you who have read my work in the past), this column is devoted to stirring up awareness of the live music scene around town. It's a smorgasbord of sorts I tackle various aspects of music journalism—including criticism, interviews, updates, and a through dissection of the culture itself. While some may think that the names on the marquees around town aren't recognizable, there is always something to be talked about more thoughtfully and precisely than, "Man, those guys are great" or "This scene is lame." (Advisory to readers: please do not make such comments without a sufficient argument.)

Last semester I provided the readership of this column a condensed guide to the area's calendar, articulated the need for a mid-sized venue (with a capacity of roughly 1,200), and the humble and entirely sincere plea for the Keith-Albee to provide our students and residents with rock that everyone can enjoy.

(In case you haven't been reading the Herald-Dispatch, a few articles highlighting the Keith-Albee and its ongoing restoration have been published recently. I can't take any credit, but I will say that the attention being drawn to the venue makes me hopeful that one day the venue could establish itself which reflects the potential I see in it.)

Since my last column in November, I have caught some really fantastic shows around town. Stoner rock from The Sword, thrash from Municipal Waste, whiskey-infused alt-country from Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit, and the V Club's New Year's Eve triple threat of West Virginia bands Universes, The Fox Hunt, The Demon Beat come to mind without a strain.

And there is plenty more to come from both national acts and local acts alike. Take it upon yourself to check the calendars for Shamrock's, the V Club, the Keith-Albee, and any of the other venues around town. (I'm a columnist, not your personal assistant!) A handful of houses have been hosting gigs as of late, and while I don't necessarily feel comfortable promoting for them quite yet, if you ask around and know the right people, then I have no doubt you'll stumble upon some talent.

While it'd be unfair to promise what the following editions of this column will bring, I assure you it'll be worth your time to read it.

Welcome back to the ride folks, I promise it will only get better with time.

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What do you enjoy most about the snow?

- Possibility of classes getting canceled
- Being able to play with it
- I don't like the snow at all



RESULTS

If the gubernatorial election were held today who would you vote for?

- Rick Thompson.....33%
- Earl Ray Tomblin.....33%
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Pay to Play

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athletes are given golden opportunities to improve their life through scholarships.

"People fight like crazy to come to the United States to gain access to American universities because they are the best, and that includes athletes," Emmert says. "There is no place to get the kind of athletic experience, without being a professional, to get you ready for that profession that you can get anywhere in the world except at an American university.

While that is all well and good, it does not address the problems the NCAA faces in defining amateurism. More and more, it seems, student athletes are accepting under-the-table payouts that jeopardize their amateur status.

Palmer

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sets of irons," he noted.

Palmer has never really lost the do-it-yourself approach. There's a grinding wheel on the workbench near the vise, plus a belt sander. He can change a grip in a matter of minutes, perfectly wrapping a strip of leather around the top of the shaft and affixing it in place with black tape.

"Most tour pros today have never done this," he said.

Truth be told, the Bay Hill hangout is merely a scaled-down version of the shop he keeps back home

Emmert prefers to use the term "pre-professional" rather than amateur. He says the NCAA is in the business of preparing its student-athletes to be professionals, whether it be in the business world or in the sports world.

"I think part of the amateurism issue is that we probably have gone too far in trying to protect student-athletes from the evils of professional sport," Emmert said. "So, if someone comes to a university and says I want to be an accountant or a journalist, the first thing we do is help them with internships. We get them to know other professionals. We try to almost immerse them in the profession, or accounting, or engineering, or whatever," Emmert said.

Emmert says NCAA schools help prepare athletes for professional sports by providing top-level coaching, training and facilities. He says the NCAA needs

to go further by educating athletes for a possible future in professional sports.

To that end, the NCAA recently formed a committee to study and make recommendations for how to better prepare student athletes for professional sports, and, more specifically, how the NCAA can deal with professional agents and their association with student athletes.

The committee includes representatives from the NCAA, the NFL and the NFL Players Association as well as agents, college coaches and college administrators. Emmert says it is too early to know what changes will be recommended to the current system but he believes they will be significant.

He also is certain the committee will not recommend that college athletes be paid.

in Latrobe, Pa. His office there includes a workbench tucked away on the two-story building's lower level, across the highway from Latrobe Country Club.

The gold mine, though, lies in a nondescript warehouse off one of the Latrobe CC fairways, well away from the clubhouse. One step inside, and a golf fan's jaw would go slack at the thousands of clubs, shoes, medals and other memorabilia lining shelf after shelf, floor to ceiling.

For those old enough to remember Palmer's many Pennzoil commercials sitting atop his dad's old tractor - the jalopy's parked in the warehouse most days. It still runs, too.

A few years ago, one of Palmer's assistants spent

weeks cataloging all the stuff in there. The tally of clubs alone exceeded ten thousand.

And that doesn't count the 5,000 or so clubs he's given to troops serving in Iraq, giving them a stress-relief outlet between missions.

"That kind of helped us take a little (inventory) out," Palmer said.

Don't worry, Palmer has plenty more. And maybe it's here among the shafts and grips and shoes that the icon finds the most serenity.

"I get away from everything and can do what I want in here," he said. "It gives me a new, fresh start every once in a while."

Conditional

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opportunity to raise their grades and transfer out into their chosen college."

"Students who are enrolled in the University College are given up to three semesters to gain full admittance into another college at Marshall," Gallagher said. "Students are unable to officially declare a major while in the college, however the interest of the student is taken into consideration during advising."

According to Marshall University's admissions page, the student's conditional admittance is terminated after a student completes 12 hours of graded course work and receives at least a 2.0 grade point average.

After this the student is granted a general admittance to the university, where they are then allowed to enroll within the college of their choice. General admittance is commonly obtained through entering the university with less than 26 hours of college credit and meeting the required score on either the SAT or the ACT.

James Rouse, criminal justice major from Harrisonburg, Va., said the University College was required for him to gain general admission into his college.

"I had to attend my first and second semester in order to get accepted into my college," Rouse said. "The classes I took were specifically for people who were trying to transfer out."

Rouse said that after his first year in the University College, he received general admission into the college of his choice. The classes, Rouse said, were demanding but benefited him.

The University College is also responsible for other resources provided to all Marshall students. The tutoring center, the new Student Resource Center and all placement exams are administered by the University College.

"Our overall goal is to aid in retention and recruiting at Marshall" Gallagher said. "We want to make sure that college does not become a one semester experience for our students."

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Riddel

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"Professor Riddel makes everyone feel like they are a part of the class," said Noelle Kivett, sophomore economics major and Spanish minor from Petersburg, W. Va. "She is spirited, down to earth and really wants to be there teaching."

Riddel is a native of Spain but has lived in Huntington for more than 40 years. She has taken students to Madrid every year for the past 21 years.

"I work with a lot of women writers in Spain," Riddel said. "I still have family and friends as well as a house in the village of Mogente, Valencia."

Kivett traveled to Spain with Riddel's study abroad group in June 2010. She had never been out of the country before and said Riddel helped her with

adjusting.

"She answered all of my questions and she was really easy to get a hold of before the trip and during the trip, too," Kivett said.

Kivett said it put her parents' minds at ease knowing a professor would be taking the trip with them.

"I have always wanted to travel, and I would never have known where to start without professor Riddel's program," Kivett said.

Kivett said Riddel's program was affordable and she plans to continue to travel.

"I like the contact and the trips to Spain with new students," Riddel said. "Not only do they become better speakers, but they see a bigger, broader world than the one they know."

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Union

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He said bipartisanship and elections are not what is important to most Americans. With an unemployment rate of more than 9 percent, the biggest worry for Americans is jobs.

"At stake is whether new jobs and industries take root in this country or somewhere else," Obama said.

To spark job growth in the U.S., Obama wants to encourage innovation to make the American workforce more competitive on the global level.

"We are the nation that put cars in driveways and computers in offices," Obama said. "In America, innovation doesn't just change our lives. It's how we make a living."

Obama said the government began researching and funding space science after the Russians launched a satellite called Sputnik in the late 1950s. As a result, new industries and millions of jobs were created.

"This is our generation's Sputnik moment," Obama said.

Obama said he will send a budget to Congress soon that will outline investments in biomedical research, information technology and clean energy technology. An investment Obama said will "strengthen our security, protect our planet and create countless new jobs for our people."

Innovation is just the first step at protecting the future. Without an educated workforce, jobs will disappear.

"To compete, higher education must be within reach of every American," Obama said. He asked Congress to make permanent a tuition tax credit that would be

worth \$10,000 for four years of college.

To attract businesses, the government needs to rebuild infrastructure, including railways, newer airports and high-speed internet. Obama said he wants a majority of Americans to have access to this revamped infrastructure.

"Within 25 years, our goal is to give 80 percent of American access to high-speed rail, which could allow you to go places in half the time it takes to travel by car," Obama said.

Although faster internet benefits everyone, Obama said he wants people in rural communities to feel connected.

"It's about connecting every part of America to the digital age," he said. "It's about connecting a rural community in Iowa or Alabama where farmers and small business owners will be able to sell their products all over the world."

Obama said he hopes innovation, education and infrastructure will create jobs and motivate foreign companies to do business in America. He encouraged members of Congress to put aside differences and work together to fund projects and reform education to protect America's future.

"We may have our differences in policy, but we all believe in the rights enshrined in our constitution," Obama said. "We may have different opinions, but we believe in the same promise that says this is a place where you can make it if you try."

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Letter Box

by Linda Thistle

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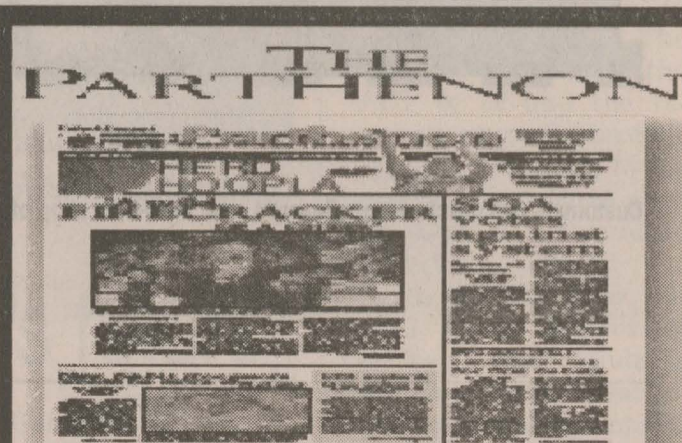
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-Eva Madden

Ceredo-Kenova customizes visitors' experience

BY ELIZABETH STEWART
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Students don't have to travel very far for a truly customizable experience. All you have to do is take a short drive west down Route 60 to Ceredo-Kenova.

Start the day with a stop at The Music Box. This family-owned music store has been in business for more than 13 years and sells custom-made banjos.

"Making the banjos is really where it all started and the store just sort of grew out of it," said owner Oral Williamson, who has been building banjos for more than 20 years.

Oral has passed down his skills and passion for music to his son Paul.

"I've been helping out since I was 14, and I've definitely learned a lot," Paul said.

The Music Box offers more than just banjos, however. "We try to get in unique instruments that some of the bigger music stores might not have," said Linda Williamson, who co-owns the store with husband Oral.

Visitors can also sign up to increase their musical skills, as The Music Box offers lessons for everything from the fiddle to singing to the mandolin.

After travelers get their fill of music, a short trip will not only take them down the road but also 80 years into the past.

Griffith and Feil Pharmacy is designed to resemble a 1929 soda fountain complete with jerks and banana splits. This pharmacy and diner offers not only a feast for your stomach, but for your eyes as well.

"I love the visual history of the area you can experience here, that is why I brought my family here," said Huntington resident Eva Madden.

The walls are lined with mementos from Ceredo-Kenova's past and present.

Visitors can play their favorite song on the jukebox while a Griffith and Feil soda jerk whips up any phosphate, float or flavored soda you can think of.

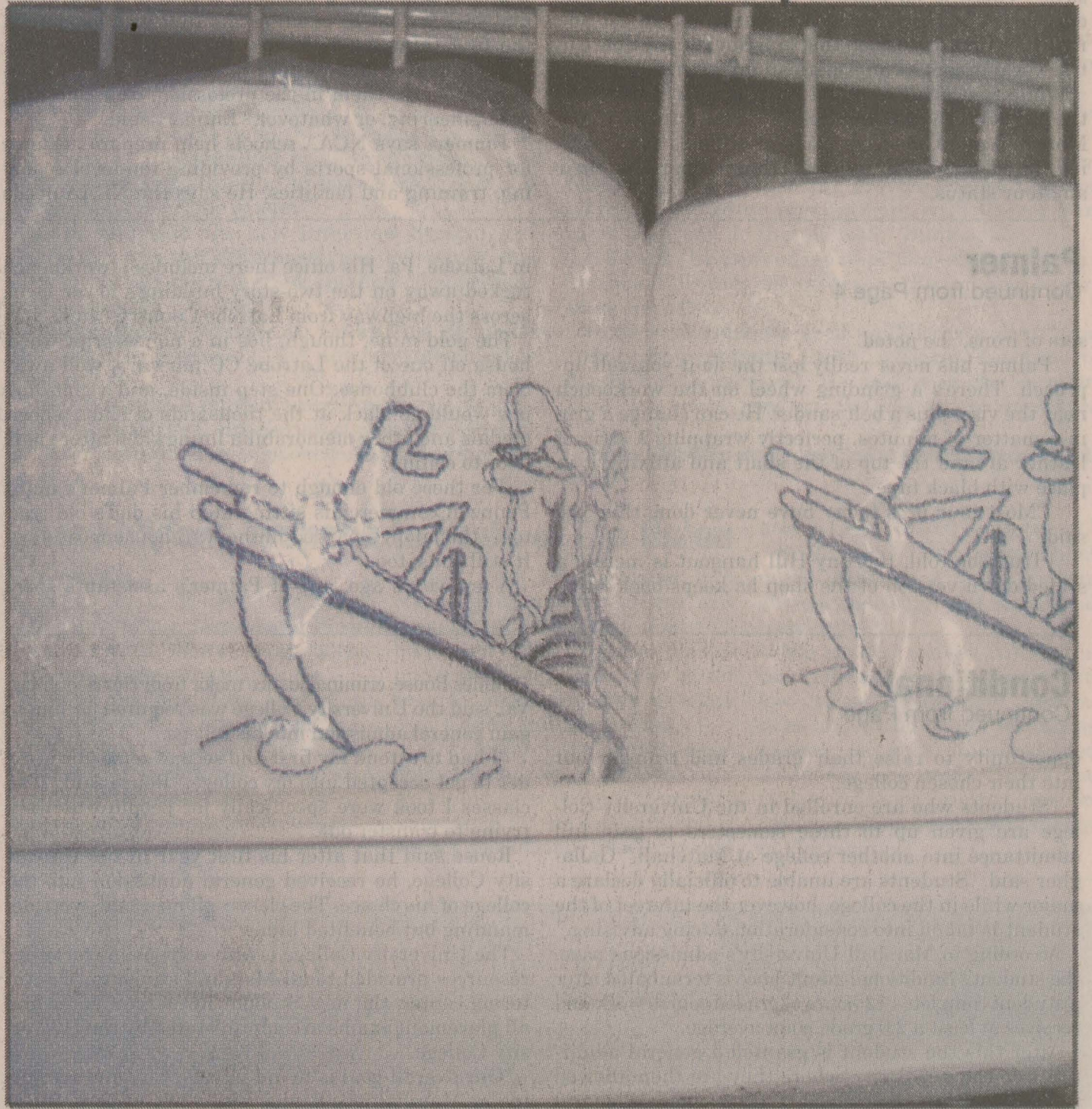
"This is truly a unique experience and my girls just love it," said Bill Betts who is visiting with his two daughters from West Palm Beach, Fla.

Tourists can top off this tailored trip with a visit to Sew What Embroidery.

"We will embroider anything, even toilet paper" said owner Don Rutherford.

Rutherford and his wife Peggy can custom embroider bags, cup holders, hoodies, backpacks or hats. They will also customize anything a customer can bring through the door that will hold a stitch.

Another unique offering of Sew What Embroidery comes from Rutherford's trips to Pakistan where he lived for two years. Handmade onyx containers, clocks and ice-skates from Pakistan are a rare find in the area. The



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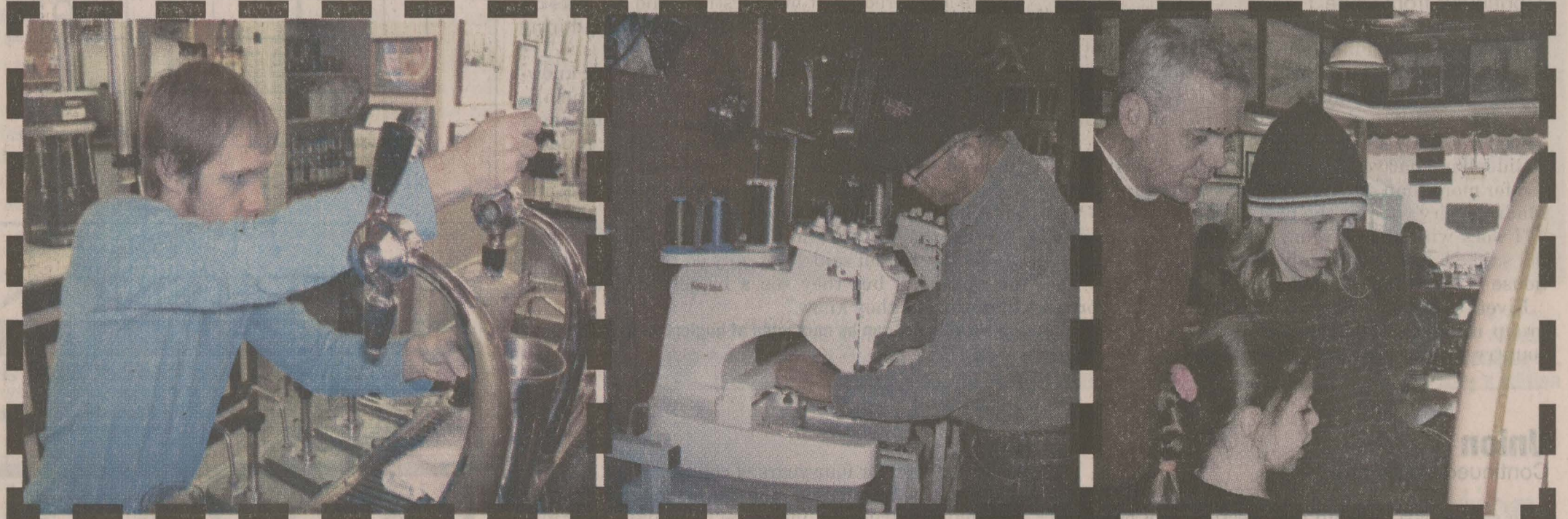
ice skates were a special request from Don whose wife loves ice-skating.

"They (the Pakistanis) didn't know what an ice skate was, so it was pretty funny trying to explain it to them," said Rutherford.

When looking for a distinctive destination, a trip to

the Ceredo-Kenova area can truly be made one of a kind by visiting these specialty stores.

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Customers can purchase any flavored soda inside the shop of Griffith and Feil.

Tourists can top off this tailored trip with a visit to sew any embroidery where they can purchase a variety of customized goods.

Customers can play their favorite song on the jukebox while experiencing Griffith and Feil Pharmacy. The shop is designed as a 1929 soda fountain.

Lewisburg competes for America's coolest small town

BY ASHLEY GROHOSKI
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Budget Travel, a magazine dedicated to sharing travel tips to its readers, is sponsoring a competition for America's coolest small towns. The voting began in November and Lewisburg, W.va. appears to lead the way with 20 cities competing against the small town.

The town of Lewisburg, in Greenbrier County, contains of many historic landmarks; parks, railroad stations, museums, theaters, and an old covered bridge. The town

has shopping centers, farms, and places for families to golf courses. Taking a tour to the Carnegie Hall Art Exhibit or attending live music at the River Rock may complete a trip to Lewisburg.

Ely, Minn. was awarded the title of the coolest small town in America by voters in May 2010. The town won 118,899 votes of the 400,000 that the magazine had received. The town of Ely offers opportunities to stay at resorts while experiencing the wilderness atmosphere. It is dedicated for those who have the passion and enthusiasm

for the outdoors. The Chamber of Commerce identifies Ely as a "true wilderness adventure".

The town is populated with writers and photographers, artists and those who simply make Ely their "home away from home" said the Commerce.

Phoenicia, N.Y. one competitor of the 2011 competition is home of the Catskill Mountains. In 2000, the population amounted to only 381, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. It is a town with many galleries and vintage clothing available to tourists and

citizens. Visitors can make a stop to Sweet Sues, for a variety of French toast that is both "tremendous both in size and flavor", the New York Times claims.

According to the poll results of Independent Traveler, a website created to offer travel tips, expenses are becoming more closely watched by travelers than before. Small towns are becoming more of a tourist attraction.

If Lewisburg wins the award, it will help the small town to "stand out from the crowd", as the magazine says. Rachael

Stebbins, director of marketing & communications encourages students and tourists alike to vote for the small town to "win this for the entire area."

Other northeast towns that are also in the contest include: Clayton, N.Y., Wiscasset, Maine, and Newtown Borough, Pa.

Voters can participate until Friday Feb. 11 and can vote every five hours.

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