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By BISHOP BASH
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Both papers submitted to the conference were for Mayor's class; he said they were so good they received A's.

"I gave them ideas for how to improve their papers and then we sent them to the Mayor Awards where Derek won second place," Taft said.

The Mayor Awards are university-wide writing awards sponsored by Ed Mayor, and take place once a year on campus. There are certain categories for graduation, undergraduate and graduate categories as well as a fiction and nonfiction with certain prizes.

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By Theodore Wooten

The Marshall University ROTC placed third in the Ranger Challenge in Fort Pickett, Va. on Oct. 26-27. RIGHT: Cadet Michael Dunn and a visiting lieutenant hold the trophy the ROTC received in Virginia.

American Red Cross

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For those interested in joining the club, Wong said a lot of time is not required.

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By David Lightman

NOR’EASTER brings snow, winds to East Coast, forcing new evacuations

The next blood drive the club will hold is Wednesday at Marzec’s in the Student Union. The blood drive is being held to continue the work of blood that caused by Hurricane Sandy. Appointments are strongly encouraged.

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By MARCUS CONSTANTINO
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Everyone in America not living under a rock is aware of the presidential election results announced late Tuesday night. Although the president is indisputably the most influential,ENTIAL confluence, on the state level, stubbornly got another shot at governor and Members of Congress will return to Washington. By the looks of things, besides a few shakes-up in the senate (most notably Scott Brown’s loss in Massachusetts), nothing changed in American politics. Come January, the usual suspects will return to Washington and beg their deadlocks, bid countless campaign暗号Streets, jobs and foreign affairs. Business as usual.

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Colin Adams

Column

Citizens should voice opinions, keep Obama, administration in check

By HENRY CULYHOUSE Secretary of Commerce. However, if the politicians are going to really know how the peo- ple feel, they need to start holding these politicians accountable. These animals can agree on is to hide like mice in a bunker if an another term. And Obama doesn’t have to worry about working with the GOP in their deadlocked, go nowhere screaming matches over debt, jobs and foreign affairs. Business as usual.

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Taft was known for his conservative views and his commitment to limited government. He was a strong advocate for states' rights and believed in the power of the individual to succeed. His approach to government was one of restraint, and he worked to reduce the size and scope of the federal government.

During his time in Congress, Taft was a strong supporter of the gold standard and opposed the Federal Reserve Act, which allowed for the creation of central banks. He also worked to limit the power of the executive branch and was a strong advocate for the Constitution's original text.

Taft's legacy continues to be felt in the political world today. His influence is evident in the work of many conservative politicians, and his ideas continue to shape the debate on issues such as states' rights and limited government.
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