
The exhibit is a collection of five artists, including Jane Ingram Allen, Brian Detterm, Karen Margulis, Mia Pearlman and Crystal Wagner. Each artist’s work uses paper as a medium. This type of exhibit is the first of its kind at UNCP.

“It is important for students to have exposure to this type of medium because it hasn’t been here before,” Carla Rokes, gallery director, said. “It’s a new direction in contemporary art.”

The exhibit includes a variety of artistic techniques and styles using paper as a medium including cut paper installations and paper mache. Books and maps were also used to create some of the pieces featured in the exhibit. The artists are taking paper and altering it and displaying it in a three-dimensional form. “Paper’s versatility allows artists to explore a variety of possibilities,” Rokes said.

**"Prevent Horizon" by Brian Detterm uses old books that were sculpted to create a unique piece of art.**

**"Weirdly of Form" by Crystal Wagner uses layered mylar and cut paper to create a unique piece of art.**

Students roll-up their sleeves to save lives

Around 77 of UNCP’s students, staff and faculty registered to donate blood on Jan. 19 to give to the American Red Cross. The goal of the drive was to collect 99 units, and they collected 69.

The drive was held in the University Center from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and was sponsored by one of UNCP’s fraternities, Zeta Tau Alpha. The job of ZTA was to make sure everyone checked in and was sent to the right locations throughout the day.

It was important for them to be there for the nurses and donors in order to get water to whoever was in need. Also, they made sure that snacks and drinks were provided to those who had just given blood.

Emily Duke, a freshman, was one of 15 first time donors who decided to give that day. “It felt good to know that I was helping someone out,” Duke said.

Another freshman, Everett Coley, gave blood for his third time. “I feel good helping someone and the ladies of ZTA took great care of me afterwards,” he said.

Those who donated were thanked by receiving one of two certificates that the ZTA and American Red Cross blood drive provided.

“It’s paper coming to life,” she said. The A.D. Gallery is located in Locklear Hall. For more information on the A.D. Gallery and current and upcoming exhibits, visit the gallery’s website at www.uncp.edu/a.d.gallery.

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Apple launches desktop version of App Store

Apple launched the Mac App Store earlier this month. The program will run on the Mac OS X, the operating system installed on Apple computers.

Based off the popular App Store found on the Apple’s iPhone, the Mac App Store launched on Jan. 6 with over 1,000 launch applications.

Applications in the store are as diverse as its mobile counterpart, ranging from casual games, such as Angry Birds, to office productivity programs such as the iLife ‘11 collection.

It should be noted the service requires version 10.6 of Mac OS X, also known as Snow Leopard, or later to be installed. This means Mac’s assembled before August 2009 will need to upgrade to the new OS for $29.99.

The site has already proven to be a success. On the day after launch, Apple announced through its website that the Mac App Store topped over one million downloads within the first 24 hours.

**The immediate success was not expected by many as Apple has surprisingly chosen not to push the service with an extensive marketing campaign that the company is known for doing, most recently with the iPad.**

With these applications being designed for desktop computers and laptops instead of touch screen devices, Apple is looking at the store as a more solid venture into digital distribution.

With increasing Internet speed, installing software digitally is incredibly more convenient than purchasing a physical copy. With the analysts promising this is where the industry is heading, Apple is looking to be ahead of the curve much like Valve has been with its online service for digital distributing video games.

In time, the number of applications will continue to grow as designers will begin to develop applications with the desktop layout in mind. However, even at launch, the Mac App Store is well worth checking out for anyone who owns an Apple computer.