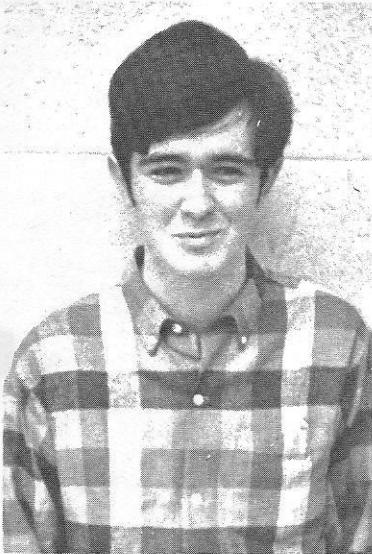


# Marshall Junior Enters Area Art Show, Studies at GWU on Scholarship



Roberto Polo

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Imagine receiving the equivalent of a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree while you are still a junior in high school! This amazing event will occur this spring for Roberto Polo, 11.

"I was presented a scholarship of \$5000 by the United Nations and the Pan American Union while I attended the School of Fine Arts in Lima, Peru," explains the dark eyed junior. "It enabled me to study at George Washington University, which is affiliated with the Corcoran School of

Art. I will graduate from the art school this spring with a diploma equal to a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree." he added.

Roberto, who is in his second year at Marshall, has spent most of his life in Cuba, Europe, and South America.

He was placed in a Havana art school by his parents, and gradually developed an interest in painting.

## Enters Art Show

Besides taking college and high school courses Roberto still finds time to enter top notch art shows. This month he plans to enter a painting in the 18th Exhibition of the Corcoran Biennial Area Showing. The best artists in the Washington area enter the competition. Of 1000 entries, only 40 or 50 are chosen for display.

"The Corcoran Gallery of Art attempts to sell the paintings, and sometimes the gallery buys a work for its own collection," explains Roberto.

He adds, "I don't get frustrated if my paintings don't sell, because you can paint well and still be unable to sell your work." He is asking \$500

## Different Style

Of his style, the tall junior notes, "I don't have a real name for it. It's very illusionistic. Nothing that has been done up to now looks like it. Although my majors are print-making and painting, I use geometric forms that are not angular."

## Future Plans

When asked about his plans for the future, he comments, "I'd like to paint, but not as a 'professional'. The word sounds so commercial."