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Obama visits Ohio University

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President Barack Obama visited the Athens, Ohio campus of Ohio University Wednesday in an effort to gain voter support in the last leg of the 2012 election. The President delivered a convincing presentation to an audience of approximately 14,000 students and community members.

Athens county resident, Deanna Flanders brought her family to the rally.

"We were just excited to see a president," Flanders said. "No matter what party you are affiliated with, you don't always get to see a president and we wanted our daughters to have the experience too."

Flanders, an independent voter, said that in the past she has sided with both Republican and Democratic candidates, but in this election her decision easily pointed towards Obama, as he exemplifies many of her and her family's beliefs.

Obama capitalized on the weaknesses displayed by his opponent, Mitt Romney, during the second Presidential Debate Tuesday night in Hempstead, N.Y. Specifically, he addressed Romney's blunder regarding women in the workforce.

"We want our sons, but we also want our daughters," Obama said. "I don't know if you were listening last night but, see, we don't have to order up some binders to find qualified, talented women young women. And when the young women graduate, we should make a very simple concept the rule-equal pay for equal work. I've got two daughters. I don't want them paid less than a man for doing the same job. And by the way, men out there, you don't want your wife paid less than a man for the same job. So this isn't just a women's issue. This is a family issue."

Ohio University student, Beau Kobee said his decision to support Obama resulted from the President's campus presentation.

"I am normally Republican, but I feel like today I agree with too much of what he had to say to not go and vote for Obama," Kobee said.

The visit marked his 16th to Ohio in this election cycle as both candidates are attempting to swing the state in the Nov. 6 election.

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Karen Leatherman, left, studies Korean with Sejin Kim, center, and Yejin Han, right, during a language session at Marshall University's Global Study Lounge on Tuesday.

Marshall students learn new languages from native speakers

By SUZANN AL-QAWASMI

THE PARTHENON

There is a new program on campus that allows Marshall University students the opportunity to experience new languages in an intimate environment to foster learning.

Marshall's study abroad office will be hosting language sessions in the Global Study Lounge located in Old Main 231 for students interested in learning new

Lauren Fraser, graduate assistant in the study abroad office and coordinator of the weekly conversation tables, said many international students and other native speakers of foreign languages have volunteered to teach their languages to students at Marshall. She said she emailed students to tell them about her idea and she received much interest.

"We have speakers of various languages who really want to teach others, and we have many Marshall students who seem eager to participate in these sessions," Fraser said.

A different language will be taught each day of the week. For example, the Swedish language sessions will be Thursdays at 4 p.m. Fraser said the times and days are subject to change depending on student interest and availability.

See LANGUAGE | Page 5 session Tuesday.



Hyeree Son, left, and Yejin Han teach a fellow student Korean during a language

Weekly instructional calendar



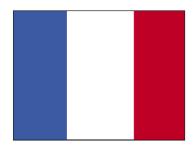
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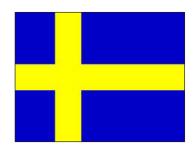
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Arabic: Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m.



French: Wednesdays



Swedish: Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m.



Chinese: Fridays @ 1:00 p.m.

Times and dates are subject to change.

George Zimmerman murder trial set for June 10

By RENE STUTZMAN and JEFF WEINER

ORLANDO SENTINEL (MCT)

SANFORD, Fla., — George Zimmerman's murder trial in the death of Trayvon Martin was set for June 10 during a hearing in court Wednesday.

Zimmerman, 29, is charged with second-degree murder for shooting Trayvon, an unarmed 17-year-old, in Sanford Feb. 26, a homicide that set off civil rights rallies across the country.

Wednesday morning, Circuit Judge

Debra Nelson set Zimmerman's trial for June 10. Attorneys in the case said they estimate the trial will last three weeks. Prosecutor Bernie de la Rionda said he expected jury selection would take longer than the trial itself.

The hearing, known as a docket sounding, lasted about six minutes. Though the judge set a date, Zimmerman attorney Mark O'Mara was noncommittal about when he'd be fully prepared.

"I don't know today when we'll be ready for trial," he said.

After the hearing, Zimmerman's defense tweeted he will likely seek a hearing under the controversial self-defense law commonly known as "stand your ground" in the months leading up to trial.

The "self-defense immunity hearing (is) likely to be requested for April or May," the tweet said.

Zimmerman's wife Shellie Zimmerman, 25, is charged with perjury, and her attorney was also in court Wednesday morning. Prosecutors say

she lied at her husband's first bond hearing when she testified that the couple was broke.

Prosecutors agreed with Shellie Zimmerman's lawyer to delay the next hearing in her case until Dec. 12. No trial date was set in that case.

Neither defendant appeared in court Wednesday. Both are living in hiding in Seminole County.

Wednesday's hearing was Nelson's first in the George Zimmerman case. She noted that she is set to be

reassigned to civil and divorce cases in January, but said she will keep the case. The change in assignments, she said, should give her more flexibility and time for hearings.

There's another hearing in his case Friday. Among the things the judge will then hear is an argument about whether to allow O'Mara to subpoena Trayvon's school records and whether the public should know about future defense subpoenas and what evidence they produce.

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HOMELESS FRATERNITY



Alpha Tau Omega fraternity brothers stand outside their makeshift cardboard house in front of Marshall University's Memorial Student Center on Wednesday. The fraternity brothers went homeless for the week in order to raise awareness for homelessness in Huntington.

Alpha Tau Omega raises awareness for Huntington's homeless population

By JOSHUA PRINCE

THE PARTHENON

Members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity are experiencing what it is like to be homeless while raising funds for the Huntington City Mission.

cardboard box home outside the Memorial Student Center on the plaza. The members are in the middle of a weeklong stay from Monday to Friday afternoon. There is a fraternity brother at the cardboard box home 24 hours a day. Each member is obligated to stay for six hours.

Sam Worthy, president of the ATO fraternity, experienced first-hand what it was like to be homeless with the other members.

"The experience is humbling, it gets cold and it makes you appreciate having a house with a warm bed," Worthy said.

Worthy said it has also given them the opportunity to talk to students, faculty and For the fourth year, members have built a community members as they are walking

> The fraternity raised about \$300 in donations last year. They have been receiving many more donations this year than the previous year. The goal this year is \$1,000.

> Jack Stonesifer, Alpha Tau Omega brother, said it makes you think just how rough it is for the homeless population in Huntington, so every bit helps.

"You feel the chill in your bones after sleeping over night," Stonesifer said. "You wake up with a aches from sleeping on the ground and that's with us having blankets and pillows."

Worthy said they have been lucky this October because it has been warm compared to recent years.

The fraternity will present a check to the Huntington City Mission and the money will be used to buy food and clothes for people in need.

The fraternity encourages people to stop by any time until Friday to make a donation. Joshua Prince can be contacted at prince37@marshall.edu.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following was compiled from Marshall University Police Department reports.

By BISHOP NASH THE PARTHENON

HOMELESS DUO ATTEMPT BIKE THEFT

Marshall police arrested two homeless, intoxicated men attempting to steal two bikes outside of the Freshman South dorms late Tuesday night. According to police reports, MUPD dispatch received a call at 11:33 p.m. Tuesday from a Freshman South desk worker reporting that several eyewitnesses observed two men stealing bikes from outside the building. Police apprehended the men heading west on the 1900 block of College Avenue. The suspects were identified as two white males, 39 and 36, homeless and appearing intoxicated. The two men were transported to Western Regional Jail on charges of destruction of property, petty larceny and public intoxication. Whether the incident is related to previous bike thefts in the area is currently under investigation.

MUPD BOOKS UNLICENSED DRIVER

At 10:58 p.m. Monday, a MUPD cruiser stopped a white Ford Explorer on the 300 block of 16th Street for an expired registration. Upon confronting the driver, the officer learned that his license had been revoked due to a previous DUI offense. According to reports, the suspect was also driving without insurance. The suspect was transported to Western Regional Jail on charges of driving while license revoked, no proof of insurance and driving with expired registration.

UNDERAGE CITATIONS AT FRESHMAN NORTH

MUPD received complaints of underage drinking at 10:36 p.m. on Saturday in the Freshman North dorms. Five individuals were cited for possession of alcohol is two separate rooms. Four white 18 year old males and one white 19-yearold male received citations for their actions.

Armstrong stepping down as Livestrong chairman

By CLAUDIA GRISALES

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

AUSTIN, Texas — In a move likely to send shockwaves through his hometown, Lance Armstrong said in a statement Wednesday that he will resign his longtime post as head of his Livestrong foundation to keep the nonprofit focused on fighting cancer, and distance it from the controversy surrounding his cycling career.

Minutes later, apparel giant Nike Inc. said it was severing ties with Armstrong "due to the seemingly insurmountable evidence" he participated in doping and "misled the company for more than a decade."

Armstrong will remain on the 15-member board of his foundation, but Livestrong's vice chairman and founding chairman Jeff Garvey will take over the reins, according to a lengthy statement released by the foundation early Wednesday.

"I have had the great honor of serving as this foundation's chairman for the last five years and its mission and success are my top priorities," Armstrong said in the statement. "Today therefore, to spare the foundation any negative effects as a result of controversy surrounding my cycling career, I will conclude my chairmanship."

The move is the latest in a series of developments tied to a long-running investigation into Armstrong's professional cycling career that included seven Tour de France titles.

In July, Armstrong dropped plans to challenge the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's doping charges while still maintaining his innocence. Last week, the agency released a 1,000-page report detailing wide-scale doping among Armstrong and his cycling counterparts during his most prominent years as an athlete



in the sport. The document boosted plans to ban Armstrong from cycling and erase 14 years of Tour titles and other career results.

Experts had suggested the detailed report could deal a devastating role to Armstrong and his brand, saying it could benefit Livestrong if he diminished his public role with the foundation.

Livestrong was created in 1996 as Armstrong's own treatment for testicular cancer was coming to an end. Over the years, the foundation has served 2.5 million people and "helped spur a cultural shift in how the world views cancer survivors," he said in the statement.

"This organization, its mission and its supporters are incredibly dear to my heart," Armstrong said. "I am deeply grateful to the people of the foundation who have done such hard and excellent work over the last 15 years, building tangible and effective ways to improve the lives of cancer survivors. And I am deeply humbled by the support our foundation has received from so many people throughout the world _ survivors, world leaders, business leaders and of course, the cancer community itself."

Armstrong, who was not

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Lecture highlights struggles of McCarthyism

By BISHOP NASH THE PARTHENON

The epic and often-public battles between journalists and anti-communist agents during the Cold War were discussed during a lecture Wednesday afternoon in the Marvin L. Stone Library. The forum was sponsored by the Marshall University chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and delivered by Robert Rabe, assistant professor of journalism.

"I think it's an eternally important subject to talk about," Rabe said. "Hopefully my talk raised some issues people could continue to discuss about freedom of the press."

The lecture covered the distrust and intimidation toward the media caused by Sen. Joseph McCarthy and other like-minded Americans during the height of the Cold War, particularly in the 1950s and 1960s. During this time, journalists and Hollywood figures were often persecuted and accused of being sympathetic to the communist cause.

As is the goal of many history lessons, Rabe highlighted the past as a way shed light on the present even for those who did not experience Cold War policies.

"I wanted to talk about legacies to try to get people to think about something that maybe they didn't experience first-hand and, in it's literal sense, isn't relevant anymore," Rabe said, "Some of the ideas from it still resonate."

Rabe also noted that some issues have not entirely died into history and remnants of the past could be seen still today.

"I think that, especially in the post-9/11 world, some of these issues came back in a way that surprised some people," Rabe said.

In attendance were a mixed bag of journalism educators, professional and students of all ages. The youngest was Henry Culvyhouse, junior print journalism major from Inwood, W.Va. He understood the importance of the lecture's points in regards to the history and future of journalism.

"It highlighted a point in time where we really started changing up what we do," Culvyhouse said. "We advanced our knowledge about conducting journalistic research. We start becoming fact checkers and critical instead of being transcribers."

During a time when television was in its infancy, Culvyhouse related the fledgling medium's enormous impact on its environment to the possibility of using the current cutting-edge of technology to the advantage of news.

"With technology changing today, it's definitely a good illustration of how to take your baby steps to establish your conventions," Culvyhouse said.

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Robert Rabe, assistant professor of journalism at Marshall University, lectured Wednesday on journalists during the Cold War and the mistrust toward the media caused by Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the '50s and '60s. The lecture was in the Marvin L. Stone Library in Smith Hall.

Marshall men's club hockey takes the ice



By LAKE MOREHOUSE

THE PARTHENON

There is a men's club hockey team on the campus of Marshall University.

Although the sport is nonsponsored by the university, the Thundering Herd men's hockey club still wears the name of its school on its jersey.

Junior Evan Hazelett, cofounder of the organization and Huntington native, said the team is made up of a 20-player roster.

According to Hazelett, the roster has to be made up of 60 percent Marshall students, while the other 40 percent of members can be unaffiliated with the university.

Hazelett said the team has a set schedule and facility in which they operate under.

"We play our home games and practice at the South Charleston Memorial Ice Arena," Hazelett said. "We practice Wednesday nights at

Junior forward Steven Macuch skates past a West Liberty defender in the club team's 16-2 victory in the home opener last season at the South Charleston Memorial Ice Arena. Marshall's next home game in 2012 is scheduled for Oct. 26 against Wheeling Jesuit. The team is not sponsored by Marshall's athletic department, but does receive financial assistance from the Student Government Association. SUBMITTED PHOTO

It's just so cool to be able to say I am a part of the group that started it all."

> Sam Worthy

10 p.m. and play our games love so much about our club." over the weekends."

has made major steps since Marshall. last season.

team." Hazelett said. "We have brand new jerseys and a new coach, Bill Durstein. We've come a long way since last year in terms of organization."

Hazelett said the team exercises its funding to the best of its ability.

"We get \$500 dollars from the SGA (Student Government Association) every semester," Hazelett said. "The rest of our money comes from player dues, which are around \$400 per year. Our dues are very reasonable compared to other club teams."

Hazelett said the club plays schools such as High Point University, West Liberty and Eastern Kentucky.

Hazelett said the team provides an opportunity for compete at a skillful level.

"It's a place for guys to come rial Ice Arena. play hockey that typically cannot play at the NCAA level," Hazelett said. "That's what I

Senior Sam Worthy said he Hazelett said the club team is glad to see a hockey team at

"Hockey has always been "It's our second year as a my favorite sport and there isn't a lot of it around here." Worthy said. "We haven't had hockey in this area for close to 10 years."

> Worthy, along with Hazelett, was a part of the group of students that started the club team at Marshall.

Worthy said he is grateful to be included in the small group that has now grown to become Marshall Hockey.

"It's just so cool to be able to say I am a part of the group that started it at all," Worthy said. "It'd be great to come back here in 10 years and see how much In terms of competition, the team has expanded. I'd love it if they could even have their own ice by then."

> The men's club hockey team won its opening game 9-7 against West Liberty.

Its next home game is Oct. players of a lesser caliber to 26 against Wheeling Jesuit at the South Charleston Memo-

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Vision Campaign close to breaking ground

By SARAH HAGERTY

The first major fundraising campaign project for athletic facilities at Marshall University is finally here.

Known as the Vision Campaign, the \$30 million facilities have been created to improve sports medicine for athletes and to create academic and athletic centers that include an indoor practice facility, a soccer stadium complex, a sports medicine research center and a student-athlete academic center.

"The number one reason for the need of this new complex is simply because we do not have the right facilities for our athletes to train in," said John Sutherland, executive director

for Big Green. "This facility complex is also a part of the the facilities. can do anything, for anybody, Vision Campaign and will be in any sport and that is what the first facility to be built. we need."

The new complex will include a 300-meter indoor track, a 100-yard football field, a roll away tennis court, batting cages, long jump pits, among other things. It will also include a sports medicine center and an academic center.

"It's embarrassing, to be honest, to be a Division-I program and to not have an academic center to show recruits," Sutherland said. "Once this complex is complete, we will finally be able to offer all of these different facilities that will hopefully bring in more student athletes."

The new soccer stadium

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Nov. 16 at 2:00 p.m. located where the Veterans Memorial Field

House once stood.

"The soccer stadium will accommodate seating for 1,000 people and will not only be used by the Marshall men's and women's soccer teams, but also by soccer teams all over the Tri-State area," Sutherland said. "This complex will bring in a lot of people and a lot of money to the surrounding

Former Marshall alumni, Chad Pennington and Mike D'Antoni, are the spokesmen for the Vision Campaign and

"Both of these guys are very involved with the Vision Campaign and have made generous donations, along with many other people, to see these facilities be carried out and built," Sutherland said.

The whole campaign will cost \$30 million to complete and Big Green has to raise \$19 million of it.

"We are little bit past half way but still have a lot more money to raise," Sutherland said. "We've talked about building these facilities for so long and it's really exciting to know that it's finally becoming real."

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Promotion saving Herd fans money

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Athletics partnered up with the IMG College and the Huntington Mall to promote "Kelly Green Fridays," where wearing kelly green to the mall every Friday will get

you exclusive offers with participating partners. "It's

an initiative for

the fans to wear their school colors prior to the games on Saturdays," Todd Knisley, senior account executive at Marshall Sports Marketing for IMG, said. "It's a way to promote Marshall Athletics and a way to promote the local businesses."

IMG College is a company that represents the marketing rights for roughly 80 colleges around the nation. They sell all the advertisements and sponsorships for every university's athletic department they work with.

For Marshall University, IMG is responsible for all of the signs in the stadium and on billboards. They also handle the television, radio, print and online advertisements for this area.

"Other schools have done this type of promotion and it worked really well," Knisley said. "Since Marshall's colors have recently changed to kelly green, we want more fans to start wearing the new kelly green color and to get rid of the old green. People are still confused about Marshall University's colors and this program can help lock

> in the kelly green color." This is the

year that Marshall Athletics has "Kelly tried Green Fridays." The

athletic department kicked it off with the Marshall v. WVU football game earlier this semester and they are running this promotion during remainder of the football season.

"The process of getting the exclusive offers is pretty simple," Margi MacDuff, marketing the

director for the Huntington Mall, said. "Wear kelly your Margreen apparel to the customer service center at the mall and you will handed be a list of the participating partners with the exclusive offers."

The 25 participating partners include stores and restaurants such as Chick-Fil-A, Auntie Anne's, Michaels, Great American Cookies. The rest of the participating partners can be found at www.herdzone.com.

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Timberwolves' Kevin Love to miss at least first month of season with broken hand

By JERRY ZGODA

STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS) (MCT) MINNEAPOLIS — The Tim-

berwolves will play at least the opening month of the NBA season without not just injured Ricky Rubio but two-time All-Star forward Kevin Love now, too. Love broke two bones in

his right hand - his shooting hand - while working out at his Minneapolis condo before Wednesday's practice at Target Center, the team said. He is expected to miss six

to eight weeks, a conservative timetable that places his return in early to mid December. Or just about the time Rubio will return from March knee surgery.

Love will see a New York City hand specialist on Thursday for further evaluation, a visit that likely will schedule him for surgery.

The Wolves now will start the season Nov. 2 against Sacramento without either Love or Rubio, their two young stars.

Tuesday, Rubio just starting jumping for the first time after he tore two knee ligaments in a March 9 game against the Los Angeles Lakers. He expects to return in

November to the Vail, Colo., surgeon who repaired his torn ACL for clearance to resume complete on-court work.

Love's personal trainer, Rob McClanaghan, was in Minneapolis this week working with his client, who arrived at Target Center at mid-morning Wednesday after he reportedly injured that hand working out at home.

If Love misses six weeks, he'd return around Dec. 1, or about 15 games into the season.



He broke a bone in his left hand almost exactly three years ago, on Oct. 16, 2009, when he banged it reaching for a rebound in a preseason game at Chicago. He missed the season's first 18 games that year and returned on Dec. 4.

Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor said he had this reaction when he heard that Love now, too, like Rubio is lost for November at least probably:

Why us? "When you hear about it, you feel like that," he said. "I think

all of our fans anticipated this

season with great enthusiasm. We knew we were going to have to wait for Ricky and we have two guys to wait for, for a month probably. But I'm going to be positive about it and say we've got some young guys and let's see them step up."

Taylor specifically mentioned how second-year forward Derrick Williams worked hard all summer to lose weight and gain playing time and how forward Dante Cunningham wanted out of Memphis and to a new team where he could play more.

"And now he's probably going to be get more chance to play than he anticipated," Taylor said.

Love, coach Rick Adelman and president of basketball operations David Kahn could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

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Proposed campus-wide smoking ban does not please everyone

By HENRY CULVYHOUSE

COLUMNIST

On Tuesday, the Student Government Association voted 11-7 to pass a resolution to support a proposal to ban tobacco on campus. The proposal will be kicked over to the Faculty Senate, where it will be revised before the Board of Governors makes the final call. I think this ban is completely absurd.

Now, for the sake of honesty, I will admit I am a two-pack day smoker. I'm probably coming at this issue from a selfish, centered standpoint. However, stepping away from the general anger I have over this proposal, I smoked a cowboy killer and reflected on why I perceive this vote's outcome as absurd.

Amy Saunders, the Student Health Education Specialist is quoted in yesterday's Parthenon as saying "We're not trying to tell people how to live, we're trying to promote a safe environment for everyone." The article goes on to cite how second-hand smoke, discarded butts and dip spit is harmful not only to users, but also non-users (i.e. second-hand smoke). This is where I see the sticking point.

If Marshall University wants to promote a safe environment for everyone, we have to go all out on this effort. Second-hand smoke is terrible and awful, but you know what else is? Carbon monoxide. After all, a lot of ex-husbands lock themselves in garages to kill themselves with it. So obviously second-hand exhaust from commuter cars, golf carts and the like is a hazard, but I don't see a motion to ban it.

Just for argument's sake, let's say I can't stand the sight of overweight people. They make my blood boil, I foam with rage every time I catch them walking to class. Stress is acknowledged in the medical community to shave years off people's lives. While I doubt many at Marshall share my hatred, there maybe a sizeable number of people to raise this proposal: let's ban fat people from

If second-hand smoke is horrid and a detriment to the public health, then surely the sight of fat people, if it causes this acute stress, is also a health risk. Also, the soft drinks, student center fast food and candy machines would also have to go, because it creates this health risk for everyone (I'm going to call it secondhand fat). These stress levels have to go down because it may shave off a year for everyone on campus.

Now, I'm going to return to sanity for a second. I don't think the sight of overweight people is a health risk, but I made my point. If someone wants to treat their bodies terribly, we let them. You can eat the whole dessert buffet at Golden Corral if you want: no one takes issue. You can pile chunks of lard onto potatoes chips at Drinko Library and no one would bat an eye. Why? Because it's a terrible health choice that doesn't effect others around them.

The real nut with smoking is you need to mitigate second-hand so none smokers are not affected. This could obviously be done with designated smoking sections, say in Buskirk field. Or, we can move the ashtrays that are illegally next to the doors at most buildings. Either way, we need to allow the nicotine and tar to dilute in the air so nonsmokers do not get lung cancer.

But if you don't want to get cancer, then go all the way. Move to a remote location in the mountains away from power lines and cell phone towers. Don't drink a drop of water that didn't come from an untouched stream and only plant on soil that has never experienced acid rain.

Practically everything can give you cancer in this God forsaken world. So what will a whiff of my cigarette do that the cellphone you can't hang up ain't already doing?

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ONLINE POLLS

Who do you think made the best points in the second Presidential Debate?

- Obama
- Romney

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Who do you think made the best points in the Vice Presdiential Debate?

■ Biden 58% - 37 votes

■ Ryan 42% - 27 votes

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Editorial

Exit Red Scare, enter Blue Scare

Every now and again, Americans come together in such an enormous cluster of stupidity that those who do not conform to every idiotic rambling from their neighbor is forced to hang their head in despair.

Enter Red Scare.

The time following WWII was filled with blind hatred and fear toward the Soviet Union and Communism. Schools conducted nuclear drills, somehow thinking ducking under your desk would help protect you from radiation, Louis A. Bowman followed a strong tradition of forcing Christianity into our lives by initiating the addition of "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance and President Truman required federal employees to swear a loyalty oath before being hired.

Seriously? Being scared is one thing, but having the government enact policies designed to make people so scared they can do nothing but hate an entire country and government then that is a problem.

The only thing that really

came out of the Cold War was both sides, the U.S. and Soviets, showed how ignorant they could be - for decades.

Exit Red Scare.

Enter Blue Scare.

Much like the post-WWII era, we have a country becoming increasingly uniformed in their blind hatred for a certain person and party of government. But the sad part here is the hatred is focused inward.

The hatred many Americans have for President Obama and Democrats in general is often founded on ignorance and blind stupidity.

That is not to say people cannot have intelligent arguments against Obama and his party, but go out and ask the average Joe why they are voting for Romney and many will tell you simply 'because he isn't Obama.'

The American people are so afraid of liberals that the very term has become a curse word. Calling someone a "Dem" or "liberal" today has become akin to calling them a "red" or "commie" 60 years ago.

An interesting thing to keep in mind is the ones propagating the hate, both 60 years ago during the McCarthy era and today, have been the extremely rightwing Republicans.

No one in their right mind would single out the entire party, there are moderate Republicans out there who keep an open mind, but the extreme right has been the group which seems hell-bent on ruining our country.

Even directly after WWII, when the country was anti-Communist and very pro-America, the extremist rhetoric of Sen. Joseph McCarthy created tension in America, as citizens were afraid to say they did not follow McCarthyism due to fear of being branded as "commie" lovers. And our conservative gov-

ernment allowed, and help spread, this fear.

Today, the extremists in Congress spread toxic filth to the American public calling Obama 'Socialist,' 'Communist'

and almost every other name they can think of to make voters believe he is anything but a hard-working American man who has the best interest of his country's citizens in mind.

One of the main tactics used by McCarthy and his followers was guilt by association - and that is currently being used to make those who proudly identify as liberal feel they are somehow wrong and un-American.

Just like McCarthy did, the extremists of today are so far gone that they will eventually lose their followers. Extremism riles people up at first, gets everyone good and mad, but in the end the followers dwindle as they start talking among themselves about how crazy the person in charge of the movement is.

And as McCarthy, fell so will Beck, Limbaugh and all the others whose sole goal in life is to spread lies, fear and hate.

Hopefully one day soon we will be able to say goodbye to the Blue Scare.

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Nobel Peace prize losing its integrity

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The Nobel Peace Prize, perhaps at one time a universally admired achievement, has managed to take yet another step toward becoming a complete farce. Just three years after granting a newly elected Barack Obama the Prize for little more than the content of his campaign speeches, the Norwegian politicians that comprise the Nobel Committee gave the award to the European Union, a decision that left much of the world scratching its collective head in confusion.

According to the Nobel Committee, the EU deserved the honor for having "over six decades contributed to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe." Essentially, the committee deemed it appropriate to reward most of the members of an entire continent for behaving exactly as they should - for not attacking one another. Of course, many EU

member states have engaged in some sort of armed conflict in the past six decades. But an undistinguished history of participation in international military operations is not enough to discredit the EU alone; after all, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and not the EU serves as the military coordinator for much of the continent. No, the Nobel Committee's decision is flawed for two main reasons: It affords the shared ideals of the EU too much credit for the continuing peace on the continent, and it completely ignores the present-day quagmire in which the EU finds itself. The idea that the European

peace is a direct result of the liberal values shared throughout the continent is a nice one. This type of thinking appeals to our idealism as good Westerners and to our senses of democracy, freedom and fairness. But solely concentrating on the proliferation of liberalism as the cause for peace, as the Nobel Committee does, leaves a much more tion — the rather large United States military presence in Europe. From the end of World War II to the modern day, the United States has maintained significant amounts of personnel and equipment across the European continent. The explicit purpose of such an expensive and large force approximately 90,000 men and women — is not to prevent, for example, France and Germany from attacking one another again. Rather, the preservation of such a presence grants the United States easier access to the Middle East and offers the military a better position from which to respond to emergency situations.

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Regardless of U.S. intention, however, European states are the beneficiaries of such a security blanket. They have to worry less about providing for their own defenses and can concentrate funds and efforts on welfare programs or other potentially stabilizing projects. And of course, a large and capable American

military presence is likely to deter an unfavorable balance of power from materializing in Europe — just in case, say, Germany started wondering about exactly how much it could flex its ever-growing muscles. So perhaps the Nobel Committee should have awarded the prize to the U.S. Army as a joint declaration for having "over six decades contributed to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe."

And of course, the EU as it exists now is in rather poor shape. Anyone not living under a rock is aware that the EU is still in the midst of a fiscal crisis that has been ongoing for several years. Less wealthy and less financially competent countries, such as Greece and Spain, have been forced by more wealthy and more financially competent countries, mainly Germany, to impose strict austerity measures on irate populaces, which have responded with protests that have at times devolved into violent riots.

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Lewis-McChord soldiers in Afghanistan see additional threats, uncertainties

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CHECKPOINT PEROZI, Afghanistan — U.S. soldiers who rotate through this checkpoint in Panjwai District sleep on cots that line the narrow confines of a thick-mud-walled hut where farmers once used to dry grapes. To guard against attack from insurgents, they take turns posting watch on a rooftop that overlooks a village in this traditional homeland of the Taliban.

Their view takes in a nearby field where a young soldier died in a spring ambush just ence" of U.S. advisers, Special Forces, air weeks after their unit — the 1st Battalion 23rd Infantry Regiment _ arrived from Western Washington's Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

The village skyline is dominated by a fortress-like compound where a lieutenant stepped on an improvised explosive device that blew off his foot.

In recent weeks, U.S. Army commanders have decided to beef up security here in response to another potential threat: Afghan police who occupy the housing in an adjacent courtyard and join U.S. forces on patrols into the village.

"The generals want everyone here to watch those guys," said Pfc. Matthew Brown, a young soldier in Blackhawk Company. "We not only have to guard outside the wire, but now we have to look after our back door as

This tighter scrutiny of Afghan forces reflects Pentagon concerns over the growing threat of Afghan allies turning against U.S. forces. These insider killings have killed more than 50 western troops this year, including a September assault at a checkpoint north of here that claimed the lives of three Lewis-McChord soldiers.

The restrictions are a troubling new aspect of the war.

There is increased uncertainty about who is friend and who is foe, and what will happen to security gains once the NATO troops cede combat duties to Afghan forces in late 2014.

The strategy for winding down the war faces one of its toughest tests here in Panjwai, an area of strategic importance to the Taliban, who use the cover of trees and foliage to move arms, explosives and fighters to other areas of southern Afghanistan.

"In their minds, if they can't hold Panjwai ... they can't hold anywhere," said U.S. Gen. Robert Abrams, who leads NATO's regional southern command. "That's why we have to fight so hard for it."

1st Battalion leaders say they have been able to pressure the Taliban by arresting some of the ringleaders of bomb-making networks and cracking down on insurgent supply lines.

To try to protect such gains after 2014, the Pentagon plans for an "enduring pressupport and other assets, the cost of which has yet to be estimated.

But in Panjwai, even with the current level of forces and spending, hostile places remain, including the village just outside of Checkpoint Perozi.

"We clear something and pull back out, and then they (insurgents) reinhabit it," said Pfc. Chris Engelke, a soldier from California who took his turn on rooftop watch.

"We never keep things clear ... I guarantee you that if we were to walk down that road we would get shot at or find an IED."

An Afghan National Army captain in Panjwai is skeptical that his force will be able to withstand the Taliban after U.S. combat

troops withdraw.

"Right now we have helicopters. We have (surveillance) balloons and everything, and you see still what is going on," said Capt. Habibullah Noorzi. "If America is not here, there is going to be killing and destruction. Not only in Panjwai, but other districts and Kandahar City. The Taliban will be coming."

Within Panjwai District, there hasn't been an incident of Afghan forces attacking NATO troops.

But U.S. forces are constantly on guard. When an unarmed Afghan soldier ventures from his side of a combat outpost to visit a medic on the American side, he is flanked on both sides by armed U.S. solders, an escort worthy of a prisoner.

Even Afghan officers can't escape an armed escort as they head into talks with their U.S. counterparts.

Such security measures, though awkward, have not unraveled the partnerships that some U.S. soldiers here have forged with Afghan National Army forces.



Capt. Paul Brown holds a trigger device for an IED at a meeting with Panjwai District villagers at Combat Outpost Mushan in Afghanistan.

On a recent patrol, Afghan soldiers appeared poised and professional as they carefully navigated a path through a route notorious for IEDs.

But the Afghan soldiers were far outnumbered by U.S. troops, who used mine-sweeping equipment to find a safe route. This patrol was backed up by U.S. air power two Kiowa helicopters called in to fire hundreds of rounds of 50-caliber bullets and eight rockets at insurgents trying to stage an ambush.

That overnight mission was abruptly cut short as word came down from NATO commanders about a temporary halt of joint operations to reassess security.

After a noon lunch break, the U.S. soldiers apologized as they shook hands with their Afghan counterparts, and bid them farewell.

"You guys are not the problem," said Staff Sgt. Kelly Rogne, a Lewis-McChord soldier from Colville, Stevens County.

"We are great friends. We work well together. You are friends. Don't think that we're going to shoot you," said an Afghan sergeant.

Social media more damaging to college applicants

By LILY BEATTY

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The college application process can be overwhelming to high school seniors, and according to a Kaplan Test prep survey, the process has become even more of a challenge in the past year.

The results from Kaplan Test Prep's 2012 survey of college admission offices show a slightly increased use of Facebook and Google as a tool in application evaluations to about 26 percent and 27 percent respectively, compared to the previous year where Facebook was also used 26 percent of the time, but Google was only used 20 percent of the time.

While this statistical jump is relatively small in relation to the year prior, the number of applicants who had damaging material found on their social networking pages that negatively impacted their applications nearly tripled from 12 percent to 35 percent this

"The offenses heard repeatedly [from admission officers] were underage drinking, vulgarities, essay plagiarism, academic offenses and suspect material," Colin Gruenwald, director of SAT and ACT programs for Kaplan Test Prep,

Students' social networking profiles might paint a different picture of the college hopefuls than they would like.

"The traditional application—-, the essays, the letters of recommendation, represent the polished version of an applicant, while often what's found online is a rawer version of that applicant," Jeff Olson, vice president of data science, said in a Kaplan press release.

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"Since the language department at Marshall does not offer that many foreign languages, I think this program will be a great opportunity for students who are genuinely interested in other cultures and languages," Fraser said. "We have so many international students that represent so many different countries, and I think it is good to expose people to that."

Fraser said it is up to the participants to decide where they want to go with their sessions. She said the teachers are willing to teach students about their cultures as well.

"I think it is a really nice exchange," Fraser said. "The students can learn about each other's cultures and become aware of the diversity within the local community."

Yejin Han, an international student from Korea, volunteered to teach Korean to interested students. She said it has been an enjoyable experience so far because the students who attend the sessions do so voluntarily.

"The students are motivated, so it makes it really easy for me to teach them," Han said. "Their positive

attitudes make me really enjoy helping them learn."

Han said she understands how hard it is to learn a new language and wanted to help make the process less challenging for students who want to learn Korean. She said she has also gained a lot from the experience because communicating with the students enables her to practice English.

Karen Leatherman, graduate student from Wardensville, W. Va., said she decided to participate in the program because she plans to study abroad in South Korea next semester and would like to learn a little Korean before she leaves. She said she also hopes to make new friends.

"It is an opportunity to not only learn a new language but to learn about a culture different from your own," Leatherman said. "I feel that this is a great opportunity to build a better community with the international students and other Marshall students."

Fraser said the program will continue throughout the semester. She said students, faculty and community members are all welcome to attend.

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paid for his role as chairman, went on to say he entrusted "full confidence" to Garvey to continue to lead the foundation and continue its plans to expand its support of cancer survivors.

In essence, Garvey will assume many of the roles Armstrong once held as the public face of the foundation.

This weekend, the foundation

anniversary with a series of activities that will now be led by

Armstrong said his work, along with his family's work, with the foundation "will not change." "We plan to continue our service to the foundation and the cancer community," he

Doug Ulman, the longtime president and CEO of the foundation, said Armstrong's

is due to celebrate its 15th leadership helped spur "immeasurable progress" in the cancer community and the group remains proud of his record. Armstrong also helped the group raise nearly \$500 million to help those affected by the

> Garvey will likely offer a "seamless transition" as he takes over the reins, he said.

"Lance's devotion to serving others whose lives were irrevocably changed by cancer, as his was, is unsurpassable. We are incredibly proud of his record as an advocate and philanthropist and are deeply grateful that Lance and his family will continue to be actively involved with the Foundation's advocacy and service work. We look forward to celebrating 15 years of progress with Lance and his family this weekend and recommitting ourselves to the work of the cancer community for the years ahead."



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'The Blacker House' describes haunted history of fraternity house

By ERIKA RITTENHOUSE THE PARTHENON

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity members were surprised to find a book written about their fraternity house on Fifth Avenue. Nicole Mulloy, a former resident of the house and former Marshall University student, wrote "The Blacker House" about the haunting of the mansion.

Mulloy and her six brothers and sisters moved to Huntington from Maine when she was 16 years old. After moving into the house, Mulloy said she and her siblings had strange experiences in the house they never

After remembering old occurrences, she and her siblings came to an agreement that the house was indeed haunted.

"I had no idea that many of us had similar experiences until we ters and brother also recalled had moved away," Mulloy said.

Many of their experiences were extremely different yet left the same spine- tingling feeling for each of the siblings. "The Blacker House" tells a story of Mulloy's personal experiences in the house.

Mulloy said the most common experience in the house by the siblings was music coming from the third floor ballroom,

discussed until years later. which most of the time was completely empty. Footsteps could be heard walking up the third floor steps often as well, even if Mulloy was home alone.

Two of Mulloy's younger sisseeing an apparition of a young man walking through the house on separate occasions. They agreed to hearing scratching, knocking and footsteps throughout the house many times.

After leaving Huntington and moving away from the house, Mullov began to have nightmares in relation to her experiences in the house. Her nightmares got more intense as time went on. After one particularly bad nightmare, she decided to write about it.

"Once I started to write them down, the story began to take on a life of its own," Mulloy said. "I poured my dreams and many of my personal memories into the story, and then weaved in an exciting ending,"

The Blacker House was built in 1900 and has 5,300 square feet of living space, according to county records. The house is an old country mansion with large rooms and high ceilings. The strangest part of the house is the basement. From the kitchen, an old wooden door opens to creaky



MULLOY

wooden steps and curves downward to a basement with walls tagged with strange graffiti and rooms with dirt floors.

The current inhabitants of the house are the members of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Delta Iota chapter at Marshall. Shortly after "The Blacker House" was published in January 2012, members of Pi Kappa Alpha contacted Mulloy and expended interest in her book and wanted to connect with her through their experiences in the house as well.

"The book definitely confirmed the suspicions I've had about the PIKE house," Cameron Wadley, member of Pi Kappa Alpha said. "The book not only accurately describes the layout of the entire house; but matches some of the odd experiences I've had living here. Fraternity men most certainly are not the only inhabitants of the Blacker House."

Mulloy said she was floored when the fraternity members contacted her, and was even more surprised to hear they of satisfaction that she and her about that house. siblings were not just kids making things up.

Pi Kappa Alpha member

Andrew Senior stayed in the house alone over winter break two years ago. He described the same noises and sensations in the house that Mulloy and her siblings experienced years ago. Senior described a feeling of someone else being in the house with him every time he was alone.

"I kept waking up in the middle of the night hearing what sounded like footsteps walking up the stairs," Senior said. "I checked multiple times and the house was always completely empty. I lived on the third floor, and the room next to me was the biggest room in the house. It almost always sounded like there was a person moving around in there, but it was always completely empty."

Mulloy said she has a strong theory on the existence of ghosts. To some, stories like that of The Blacker House are seen as foolery and imagination, but based on experiences in the house, Mulloy said she believes ghosts seem to be something that are very real.

"You know, science says that energy cannot be created or destroyed," Mulloy said. "If you are talking about a person's soul, about that amazing part of them that makes them human, then I don't think that it's so far-fetched to think that perhaps some of that energy remains once a person dies. If you ask me, hauntings are all about that energy that somehow gets attached to a location."

As the story of "The Blacker House" tells and as past and current inhabitants of the have had eerie experiences in house have experienced, there the house. It gave her a sense truly is something strange

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The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house, which is the setting of Mulloy's book "The Blacker House," is located on Fifth Avenue in Huntington.

Vintage Appreciation Society club starts at Marshall

By ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH THE PARTHENON

Students interested in vintage era culture, music and literature, among other things have a new club to call home on Marshall University's campus.

The MU Vintage Appreciation Society was recently formed by Amanda Stanley, a junior psychology major from Hurricane, W. Va.

While on Facebook, a friend of Stanley suggested starting a club of her own. She said she wanted to start a club with a vintage feel, so she started the Vintage Appreciation Society.

If students think this is going to be more like a class than fun club, they couldn't be further from the truth.

"We're planning a lot of events, like we have our Halloween party coming up and we have a couple trips to go see some classic movies at the movie theater," Stanley said.

The club is also trying to organize fun events geared toward certain periods and eras.

"We were talking about having someone come in and do swing dance lessons," Stanley said.

Community service is also expected to play a key role as the club develops.

"We'd also really like to get involved in community service," Stanley said. "I really see us supporting local businesses

like the Heritage Station down in Pullman and the Antique Mall on Fourth Avenue, things like that I'd really like to get involved not just on campus but in the community."

Reid Palmer, a freshman nursing major from Belle, W. Va., said he was excited to see fliers for this club.

"I was interested because something happened in high school and I just started loving the 50s through the 60s and whenever I saw this, I was like, 'Oh my gosh I'm going to love this," Palmer said.

Melissa Santos, a freshman with an undecided major from Menifee, Calif., encourages students to get involved.

"I would say to do it because it's not only talking about vintage stuff, it's learning about eras too," Santos said.

Students interested in getting involved can attend any meeting.

"I'd definitely like to see more people," Stanley said. "The more the merrier. If not that's fine, as long as everyone's happy."

Stanley said the club is group orientated. What the club does is up to anyone.

The MU Vintage Appreciation Society meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in Harris Hall, room 137.

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