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## Student Government Association passes campus-wide tobacco ban on to Faculty Senate

By SEAN DELANCEY  
THE PARTHENON

Tempers flared at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting as tobacco users and tobacco free students, faculty and staff gathered at an open forum meeting to discuss a campus wide tobacco ban.

After two hours of debate from both sides of the issue, the SGA voted 11 - 7 to pass a resolution supporting a campus-wide ban on all tobacco products. The proposal will now go to the Faculty Senate, where it may be revised, and then it will go to the Board of Governors

who will make the final decision on its passage. Student Body President Ray Harrell Jr. said he wanted senators to set aside their own opinions on this controversial issue, and consider their constituents.

"The executive branch, as well as the Senate, is voted upon and represents the student body," Harrell said. "We are there to represent their voice. This isn't a movement from my organization. This is a grassroots movement that has been developing since before I got here."

The Assessment Day Tobacco Survey

Report data from April 2012 showed Marshall students resoundingly favored a change in Marshall's tobacco policies. Three hundred and sixty four students responded to the survey, 71 percent of which supported all of Marshall's campus grounds and parking to be smoke-free. Seventy four percent of the faculty members who filled out a similar survey supported a smoke-free campus. Harrell said these results have a 95 percent level of confidence, and have a margin of

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MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON  
The Marshall University community weighed in during the Student Government Association meeting at Marshall on Tuesday. The SGA has voted to support a tobacco ban on campus.

## West Virginia businessman speaks at MU

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
THE PARTHENON

A local, prominent businessman paid a visit to a college of education and college of science honors class on Tuesday to speak about his experiences in the business world. Robert Shell, chairman and CEO of Guyan International, from Logan, W.Va., spoke to the class whose focus is the nature versus nurture effect on intelligence.

Wendy Trzyna associate professor of biology said exposing students to a successful business person from a small town in West Virginia, like many of the students here at Marshall, is important to help students realize their own potential for success.

"We feel he is a very good example of success in all aspects of life, in other words, taking opportunities as a young person and really turning them into something very substantial in terms of success, so we thought his story was one that our students could relate to. He also grew up in West Virginia and I think it's very good for the students to see an example of a very successful individual who basically did it all himself," Trzyna said.

Shell said he grew up in Logan, W.Va. and his entrepreneurial spirit was evident at a young age. As a nine-year-old boy, Shell said he started collecting copper wire from the local scrapyard to earn money.

From those beginnings, Shell said he went on to graduate high school and subsequently become a student at Marshall University. Shell said his time at Marshall is a good example of how every class you take has something to teach you that can aid in your success.

"When I went to Marshall I took a business law class and I thought, boy is this a tough class, but I remember them talking about some terms about shipping products, now I didn't think that registered, things happen and you don't realize it registers when it does; my first overseas shipment was to South Africa when I got my business open, and because of the information I learned in that class, I set up the order so that when my first shipment went out, \$50,000 mind you, and the boat sank; their

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## Election 2012



WANGLEI/XINHUA/ZUMA PRESS/MCT  
U.S. President Barack Obama, right, shakes hands with Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney prior to their second presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., on Tuesday.

## Obama attacks, Romney counters in second debate

By DAVID LAUTER  
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

A newly energetic and aggressive President Barack Obama went directly after his Republican challenger starting with the first minutes of their second presidential debate Tuesday night, attacking Mitt Romney's business record and accusing him of offering a meek "me, too" to conservative Republicans in Congress.

"Governor Romney says he's got a five-point plan. Governor Romney doesn't have a five-point plan; he has a one-point plan," Obama said during his answer to the debate's first question.

Romney's plan was to "make sure that folks at the top play by a different set of rules" he added, making quick

references to lower tax rates for the wealthy, companies sending jobs overseas and corporate takeovers that "strip away" pensions from workers and "still make money" for owners.

Within the debate's first six minutes, Obama had twice accused Romney of saying things that were "not true."

Romney, who had dominated the first debate two weeks ago, often appeared to be on the defensive, accusing Obama of distorting his positions. But he repeatedly made efforts to return the debate to his strongest point - Obama's economic record.

"The president has tried, but his policies haven't worked," he said, citing the nation's continued high unemployment rate. "That's what this election is about."

Each man aimed comments directly at voters that are key to their election efforts. Obama delivered a long list of policies that his administration has designed to help women in the workplace and said Romney's plans would deprive many working women of contraceptive coverage on their health plans.

Romney stressed his desire to help small businesses and reduce their taxes and government regulations.

Obama's approach to a question on Romney's budget plan illustrated how significantly he had reversed his approach from the first debate, which many of his supporters saw as too passive.

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## Supreme Court rejects appeal to block early voting in Ohio

By DAVID G. SAVAGE  
Tribune Washington Bureau (MCT)

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from Ohio's Republican leaders who sought to block early voting there on the final weekend before Election Day.

The justices without comment turned down an emergency appeal filed by Secretary of State Jon Husted.

The court's action leaves intact rulings from two federal courts in Ohio that require the state to open the polls for all voters, including military personnel, on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday before the election.

Four years ago, more than 105,000 voters cast ballots during this final-weekend period, and a heavy turnout of African-American voters gave a boost to Barack Obama's winning campaign.

But last year, after Republicans took control of the Ohio legislature and governor's office, they voted to reduce the time for early voting and to close the polls on Friday, Nov. 2. They said this down time would allow election officials to prepare for Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Obama's campaign had urged the Supreme Court to steer clear of the dispute and to allow early voting on the final weekend before the election. General counsel Robert Bauer said Ohio had tried to create a system that was "as arbitrary as it is unique: nowhere else in the country will an eligible voter be turned away from a single, open polling place because the polling place is open for some voters, but not for that particular voter."

## 150 campus parking spaces to be lost during construction

By BISHOP NASH  
THE PARTHENON

Construction on the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex will consume roughly 150 employee parking spaces beginning Friday evening.

The lots will be located on F Lots between the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science

Center and the Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Laboratories on Third Avenue.

According to an official press release, construction will take approximately 28 months and is expected to be completed in early 2015. The loss of parking is expected to cause a prolonged inconvenience for both students and

faculty in the already strained Third Avenue surface lots.

"It's part of doing business," Jim Terry, director of public safety, said. "We're building a engineering building to the benefit of thousands."

Terry stated he anticipates students and employees will quickly adapt their schedules without problem.

"You just need to have a new routine," Terry said. "You have to learn to go drive somewhere else."

Terry said employees displaced by construction have several options available. Employees may park at the new Sixth Avenue parking garage for 50 cents an hour, as well as upgrading their permits to park in the Third Avenue garage. Terry

also stated that the west lot in front of Joan C. Edwards Stadium is rarely filled to capacity.

"Often, with progress comes some inconvenience," Terry said in the release. "We ask for understanding and patience as our community has to alter their campus parking habits."

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# NEWS

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## Marshall professor researches famed FBI director

By JEREMY BROWN  
THE PARTHENON

J. Edgar Hoover was the director of the FBI before it was even called the FBI. In 1924 he was named director of the Bureau of Investigation. When it expanded to become the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1935 he retained his title, a title he maintained until he died in 1972.

In his nearly 50 years on the job he became as famous for modernizing the bureau and building it into one the world's most capable, resourceful crime fighting forces as he did for being a paranoid and power-hungry man. History

shows Hoover was willing to dismiss civil liberties, collect vast files on innocent people and even spy on government officials and celebrities he deemed suspicious. For almost half a century he was one of the most powerful men in America.

"He is still ingrained in our brains as being this huge force of history," Stephen Underhill, first year Marshall University Professor, said.

Underhill is conducting a major research project on Hoover.

Underhill, who teaches rhetoric and its use in politics and religion, was inspired to research Hoover while working as the lead reference person for

FBI and Department of Justice requests at the National Archives. His research focuses on how the man was able to stay in power for so long by making sure he and the agency were always relevant and needed. His research focuses on how Hoover navigated the changing of presidential administrations to guarantee the power of the FBI.

"In a sense he is reacting to time changing, but in another sense he is changing the way people see things, so there is an interaction going on," Underhill said.

Underhill cited the wave of gangsters and bank robbers

that came in the 1930s as a means Hoover used to increase the bureau's power. The gangster problem, in his estimation, was a major point of concern for the country; one the FBI needed extra resources to solve.

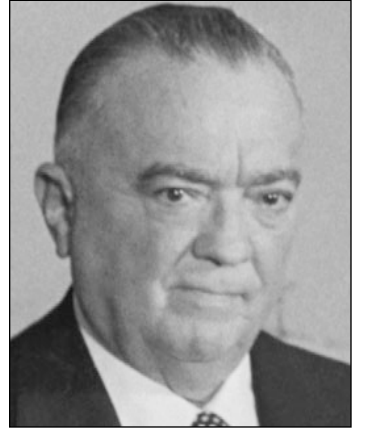
While the gangsters of that era were certainly dangerous, many of them were not as dangerous as people have come to believe they were.

Underhill uses the example of John Dillinger. Dillinger robbed banks. However, he was not really the big-time criminal boss he is often remembered as. Underhill points out that Dillinger did not shepherd any big-time

crime syndicates and that his crimes were mostly contained to the Midwest. He is only suspected of personally killing one man, a police officer he felled in a gunfight. By the time he was 31 Dillinger was already dead.

Hoover used the threat to increase the power of the bureau, a tactic he used all the way through his career. Later targets would include civil rights leaders, supposed communists and the counterculture.

Underhill admits the research on Hoover is extensive and will likely continue for years, but for a man who was in charge of the FBI and all its means from the time of Prohibition to the



HOOVER

days of hippies, there is understandably a lot to examine.

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Submitted photo: A young boy decorates a pumpkin at last year's Spooktacular Halloween Bash at the Clay Center. This year's event is set for Saturday.

## Clay Center sponsors annual Spooktacular Halloween Bash

By SARAH SMITH  
THE PARTHENON

The Clay Center's annual Halloween bash, Spooktacular, will be Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

LeAnn Dickens, public relations specialist at the Clay Center, said Spooktacular is a family-friendly event.

"Spooktacular is one of our family fun day events, which we have throughout the year," Dickens said. "It is designed for kids and families."

The schedule of events will include trick-or-treat bag decorating, a haunted lab, a trick-or-treat trail, pumpkin decorating for \$1 per pumpkin, a costume parade and a weather science demo.

Dickens said the trick-or-treat trail will be outside in the Clay Center garden, weather permitting.

Other activities available will include the "Harvest Skies" planetarium show, the physics

exhibit "Roll Drop Bounce" and the screen films "Bears" and "Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West."

Dickens said the event typically attracts about 1,000 people.

All Spooktacular activities, unless otherwise noted, are included in museum gallery admission. Films and planetarium shows are additional.

Museum gallery admission is free for Clay Center members, \$6 for children and \$7.50 for adults.

"Spooktacular is one of our most fun family events," Dickens said. "Come in costume and enjoy a Halloween party like no other."

For more information about this and other Clay Center events, visit www.theclaycenter.org or call 304-561-3570.

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TOP: University of North Carolina students hold up a "VOTE" sign as first lady Michelle Obama gives a speech at Carmichael Arena on Tuesday at UNC in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. RIGHT: First lady Michelle Obama spoke to supporters at the UNC speech.

## First lady encourages students to vote Nov. 6

By MEGAN ORTIZ  
THE NEVADA SAGEBRUSH, U. NEVADA VIA UWIRE

With the closing of voter registration in Nevada last Saturday, Michelle Obama's visit to U. Nevada, Reno last Wednesday was ended by the first lady's emphasis on the importance of registering to vote.

The first lady visited campus on the day of the first presidential debate, encouraging students and public attendees to get to the polls and make their voices known.

"All the hard work and progress we've made...it's all at stake this November," the first lady said in her speech at UNR. "The only

guarantee is that this election will be closer than the last one."

The UNR media newsroom reported a crowd of about 3,800 attendees, all of whom erupted in cheers as Michelle Obama emphasized the importance of moving "forward," the adopted slogan for Barack Obama's campaign.

The first lady said the decisions her husband makes aren't just about the bottom line but rather laying the foundation for the next generation.

"As president, you must be driven by the struggles, hopes and dreams of all those you serve," Michelle Obama said.

President Obama's recent

health reform policy is one of the many topics the first lady addressed during her speech, where she said her husband didn't care that health reform was the easy thing to do politically, but rather, it was the right thing to do.

Other platforms on the Obama campaign include women's rights, in which the first lady preached to the women of the audience that "my husband will always have our backs." The first lady also stressed the importance of education in their campaign, for not only did she choose to hold the rally on the university campus rather than elsewhere, but said that

President Obama can relate to students on a personal level.

"Neither Barack, nor myself, could have ever attended college if it weren't for financial aid and our combined student loan bills were higher than our mortgage," Michelle Obama said. "Barack and I, we've been there ... this is not a hypothetical."

With Election Day approaching on Nov. 6, the first lady stressed the importance of how every vote matters, particularly in Nevada, a state whose democratic bid for Barack Obama was won by 121,000 votes in 2008, which breaks down to 69 per precinct, according to Michelle Obama.



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## Lecture Series continues at Marshall

By JEREMY BROWN  
THE PARTHENON

George W. Bush won the 2000 presidential election even though more people voted for Al Gore. This result sparked a controversy, the recounts spurred by rows of ambiguously punched ballots lasted well past November. Gore may have won the overall popular vote, but Bush won the right votes.

In the end it came down to Florida and the state's 25 electoral votes. Bush won the state and reached the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency. Gore finished with only 266 electoral votes.

The 2000 election, however, did not mark the first time a candidate won the presidency without winning the hearts and minds of the majority of voting Americans. It happened three times before. In 1888, 1876 and, perhaps most notably, in

1824 when the House of Representatives picked John Quincy Adams over Andrew Jackson as president.

Tuesday night, Daniel Feller came to campus to lecture on the election of 1824 as the second speaker in this year's Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy.

In addition to being the author of two books about Andrew Jackson, Feller is a contributing editor to americanpresident.org. When PBS was making the documentary Andrew Jackson: Good, Evil, and the Presidency, he was a senior academic advisor.

"If you want to hear about something that is related to Andrew Jackson, this is probably your man," said Patricia Proctor of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, which co-sponsors the series.

The election of 1824 was one of the most controversial

in American history. Although Andrew Jackson won the popular vote, by a substantial margin, and finished with more electoral votes than his three opponents, he was not elected president because he failed to secure the majority of electoral votes. With this result, the decision about the presidency fell to the House of Representatives. They voted and John Quincy Adams was elected.

Feller discussed many of the long-held notions about that election. He spoke about the lobbying and backroom bargains that people believe denied Jackson the presidency. According to the story Adams promised Henry Clay, then Speaker of the House, a position in his cabinet if the election turned his way. Sure enough Adams became president and Clay became Secretary of State.

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## Penn State will not renew athletic director's contract

By JEREMY ROEBUCK  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (MCT)

PHILADELPHIA — Pennsylvania State University will not renew the contract of embattled Athletic Director Tim Curley when it expires in June, the college announced Tuesday.

Curley, who was placed on leave after his arrest on charges connected to the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal, was notified this month of his impending dismissal, a university spokesman said. But Penn State will continue to pay his legal bills, as his case stems from decisions made in his official capacity at the school.

A spokeswoman for Curley's attorney, Caroline Roberto, declined to comment Tuesday.

Curley, 58, and Gary Schultz, the former university vice president, face trial in January



CURLEY

on charges of perjury and failing to report child abuse. The case arises from allegations that they neglected to alert authorities to early reports of Sandusky's inappropriate contact with children and then later lied about it to a grand jury.

Schultz retired within days of his November arrest. Both men have entered not guilty pleas.

A former Penn State football player and recruiting coordinator, Curley was appointed athletic director in 1993. But he had long been a member of former head football coach Joe Paterno's inner circle. In recent years, his attorney and family have said, he has battled lung cancer.

Since his suspension, Curley's role has been filled by former Penn State trustee David Joyner, who is expected to remain in the post through the term of current university President Rodney Erickson.

Erickson announced this year that he had no plans to continue in his post past his current contract, which ends in 2014.

The university's decision regarding Curley's future came the same day that credit-rating agency Standard & Poor's

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EAST DIVISION	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
UCF	2	0	4	2
EAST CAROLINA	3	1	4	3
MARSHALL	1	1	2	4
MEMPHIS	1	1	1	5
UAB	0	2	1	5
SOUTHERN MISS	0	2	0	6

# SPORTS

	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
TULSA	4	0	6	1
HOUSTON	2	0	3	3
TULANE	1	1	1	5
SMU	1	1	2	4
RICE	0	3	2	5
UTEP	0	3	1	6



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## Men's soccer to face Wildcats

By **KARA KUCIN**  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's soccer team remains 10-1-1 after their 2-1 win against the University of South Carolina. The Herd's Conference USA record stands at 2-1. On Wednesday the Herd will be taking the field against the 6-6-1 Kentucky Wildcats in hopes

to improve their record to 11 wins. Junior Michael Hayes said wins are helping the team feel confident in their play.

"It lets us know that if we stick to our game plan and play the way we like to play then we can beat anyone," Hayes said. "With such a good record we feel like we are no longer the underdogs

and teams have to base their game plans around us now."

The Kentucky Wildcats are coming off a 2-1 win last weekend against UAB.

Junior Zach Hunter and Freshman Nick Edginton scored the Herd's two goals against South Carolina. The goal scored on the Herd was one of the four the goals that Marshall's goalkeeper Daniel

Withrow has allowed the whole season.

Haye's said his best memory at Marshall has been their 7-0 win against the Virginia Military Institute.

"It was such an amazing game because everything we worked on happened right away," Hayes said. "It was cool to see multiple people including freshmen and seniors on the team

score goals and get involved in the game."

The Herd has five games left in their season, three of those being home games in Hurricane.

The Herd will take on the Wildcats Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Hurricane.

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PHOTOS BY MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

TOP LEFT: Marshall goalkeeper Daniel Withrow reaches out to block a shot on goal during men's soccer game at Hurricane High School on Saturday. TOP RIGHT: Marshall junior midfielder Zach Hunte and South Carolina midfielder Asa Kryst go up for the header during the men's soccer game at Hurricane High School on Saturday. MIDDLE: Marshall's Jesus Mafouta, Nick Edginton and Cade Parton celebrate an Edginton goal during the men's soccer game at Hurricane High School on Saturday. BOTTOM LEFT: Marshall freshman midfielder Jesus Mafouta and South Carolina freshman midfielder Ryan Arambula chase the ball downfield during the men's soccer game at Hurricane High School on Saturday. BOTTOM RIGHT: Marshall senior midfielder Devin Perkins kicks the ball downfield past South Carolina's Asa Kryst during the men's soccer game at Hurricane High School on Saturday.

Column

## Giants' new Bradshaw might be better than the old one

By **TOM ROCK**  
NEWSDAY (MCT)

Ahmad Bradshaw used to be the quick one. The zippy running back who could slip through a crease, juke a defender, and bring the ball to the end zone on any given touch. Injuries, particularly to his ankles and feet the last few years, have taken away that part of his game. He's not that same kind of back any longer.

He might be better.

Bradshaw is the rare running back who has been able to change his identity and do so with success. There are plenty who come into the league as big bulldozers and spend a career as a wrecking ball pounding into defensive lines, and just as many who make their living avoiding contact by spins, slithers and sidesteps, but very few have been able to accomplish both in such a short period of time.

These days, Bradshaw is more likely to be fighting for extra yards, thrusting every muscle in his body like a hooked swordfish trying to avoid the boat, than he is to be burning down the sideline in a touchdown sprint. That's David Wilson's job now. It used to be Bradshaw's.

We see this kind of thing more often in baseball. A pitcher loses a few miles per hour on his fastball, but overcomes the loss in velocity with wisdom and craftiness. They say he goes from a thrower to a pitcher. Bradshaw is doing that as a running back.

There are only a handful of backs in the league who could meet NaVorro Bowman head on at the goal line and find a way to push through to the end zone as Bradshaw did Sunday. That wasn't always Bradshaw's game and it only makes the play more impressive.

He still shows glimpses of those open-field moves when he can break through the defensive line and reach the secondary. He did that Sunday, and also against the Browns. But now Bradshaw isn't bolting for 88-yard touchdowns like he was as a rookie five years ago. He's more likely to leave an imprint on a defensive back and take the 30-yard gain than find the end zone on a breakaway.

There was a time this season when he looked on the verge of washed up, a geriatric 26-year-old. In his first game back from a neck injury, he ran for 40 yards on 13 carries against the Eagles, his longest run a 9-yard gain. This after younger, faster Andre Brown had success replacing Bradshaw while he was sidelined for a game and a half with a neck injury and Wilson, drafted to be Bradshaw's eventual replacement, churned out kickoff return yardage and tried to find a role in the offense. But Bradshaw has had his most productive stretch as a Giant in the last two games.

He ran for 200 yards on 30 carries against the Browns, and followed that up with 116 on 27 carries against the 49ers on Sunday. Those 316 are the most by a Giants running back in two games since Tiki Barber ran for

344 on 61 carries in late 2005. Bradshaw is on pace for his second 1,000-yard season — he had 1,235 in 2010 — and with 449 after six games, he needs just 211 more to top last year's disappointing total of 659.

Some may say that "the old Bradshaw" is back. Numberswise, perhaps. But this isn't the old Bradshaw. This is a new one. Redefined and reclassified. Evolving as few NFL running backs ever have.



JIM GENSHEIMER/SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS/MCT  
The San Francisco 49ers' Patrick Willis tackles New York Giants running back Ahmad Bradshaw in the second quarter at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

## New Browns owner approved by his peers

By **DAN POMPEI**  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

CHICAGO — After NFL owners unanimously approved Jimmy Haslam's ownership bid for the Cleveland Browns during a meeting Tuesday at a Chicago hotel, Haslam promised his best effort in turning around the franchise.

"We're going to do everything we personally can and work as hard as we possibly can to bring a winning team to Cleveland," Haslam said.

When Haslam was introduced to fellow owners after being approved, he was greeted with a round of applause. Haslam, a truck-stop magnate who is chairman of Pilot Corporation, reportedly paid \$1.05 billion for the team.

Haslam is acting swiftly in making the Browns his own,

hiring former Eagles president Joe Banner as CEO. Banner will start working Oct. 25, as soon as the Browns officially become Haslam's.

Haslam said President Mike Holmgren has decided to retire at the end of the season. He praised Holmgren and stressed that the outgoing president will be active in the transition process.

Haslam said he would make no other changes at least until the end of the season, which means general manager Tom Heckert and coach Pat Shurmur are safe for now.

Even though Haslam hired a CEO, that does not mean he will be a hands-off owner. Haslam indicated he will be involved in all major decisions.

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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 Presidential Debate?

- Biden 58% - 37 votes
- Ryan 42% - 27 votes

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### Editorial

## Huntington campus could become not so tobacco-friendly

In an open forum hosted by the Student Government Association Tuesday afternoon, academic college senators voted 11-7 in support of a campus-wide ban on the use of tobacco products. A committee comprised of representatives from the President's Office, Student Affairs, Residence Life, Student Health and the student body president, drafted a proposal of the ban. The proposal took into account multiple surveys involving students and faculty and the opinions represented pointed overwhelming to the approval of a smoke-free campus.

The survey results are undeniable with regard to the preference of a "smoke-free" campus—in the student surveys presented on the 2011 and 2012 on-campus assessment days, students supported the idea of having a smoke-free campus, with 73 percent support among 398 students who responded in 2011 and 71 percent support among 364 students who responded this year. Further, 74 percent of 370 faculty members sampled prefer a smoke-free campus.

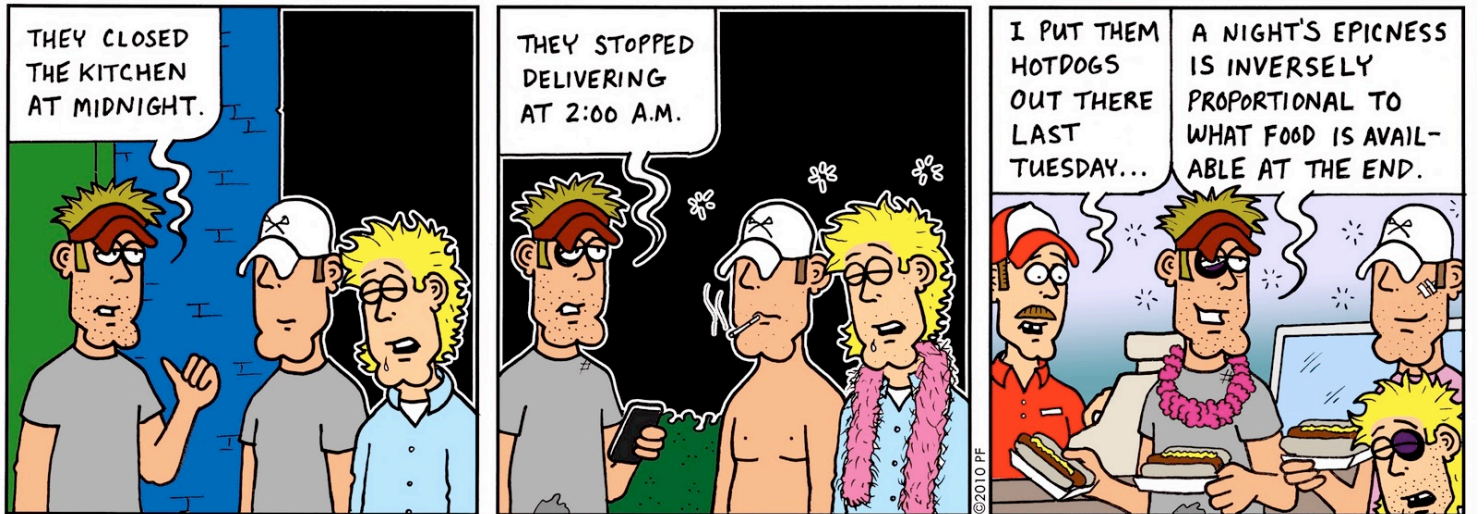
Additionally, responses confirmed that both student and faculty are bothered by the smell of smoke, are bothered to see the remains of used tobacco products on campus, are bothered by cigarette-smoking on campus and are for the most part, tobacco-free themselves.

So it seems as though the students and faculty who have offered a view would prefer a "smoke-free" campus. But the resolution passed by the SGA prohibits the use of all varieties of tobacco products, not limited to those that produce smoke. Looking at just the facts, the use of dip and snuff is not explicitly mentioned in the surveys, aside from the negative reaction to remains left by dip. This aspect leaves some room to question whether or not the all-encompassing ban on tobacco products outlined in the proposal is representative of faculty and student opinion.

Subsequent decisions on behalf of the Faculty Senate and the Board of Governors will determine the outcome of the ban, but as it stands there are, perhaps, some smoke and mirrors at work.

### BLUNDERGRADS

by phil flickinger ([www.blundergrads.com](http://www.blundergrads.com))



### Column

## Benefits of Bush tax cuts questionable

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Recently mentioned in the debates were the "Bush Tax Cuts," a set of laws passed in 2001 and 2003 that lowered marginal tax rates for almost all taxpayers. Although the laws were set to expire in 2010, President Obama renewed them until 2012. Now the debate begins a third time as Democrats and Republicans again argue about the cuts' proposed expiration.

Most Americans support a progressive tax system — a system where the wealthier pay a higher proportion of their income in taxes than the poor. The Bush tax cuts actually made the system more progressive.

Wait, how is that possible?

Didn't Democrats argue that the wealthier receive a higher proportion of the Bush tax cuts?

How could the cuts also have made the system more progressive?

Well, in the words of Aristotle, "There are things which seem incredible to most men who have not studied mathematics."

Let's look at a hypothetical example to see how this is mathematically possible, relying on statistics from Deloitte and Touche's analysis as cited by David Rosenbaum of the New York Times in 2001.

Imagine there are two families in America. According to Deloitte, in 2001, one that currently made \$20,000 paid \$990 (4.95 percent) in taxes. The other family made \$1,000,000 and paid \$306,842 (30.7 percent) in taxes. Thanks to the Bush tax cuts, the poor family saw their taxes reduced to \$580, a reduction of \$410 or 41 percent. The rich family saw their taxes reduced to \$259,728, a change of \$47,114 or 15 percent.

If we then added the two tax cut numbers together to find the total dollar amount cut, \$580 + \$47,114 = \$47,694, we could see the statistic often cited by Democrats that the "rich received a higher percentage of the tax cut."

In a large-scale society, there are obviously more than two families. However, not only did poor families see a higher tax cut than the rich in terms of percentage of income, but according to multiple calculations, the share of total taxes paid by the rich increased by a full percentage point, facts often cited by Republicans.

Both facts are true at the same time. Now the numbers are obviously going to be different today — but feel free to apply the same calculations.

My point is that, historically, the Bush tax cuts made the tax system more progressive. In addition, the law basically wiped away the tax bill for many low-income taxpayers.

Perhaps one of the biggest problems is that letting the cuts expire could cost trillions in lost revenues.

This is certainly distressing, considering the state of our national debt. The Obama administration has recently been arguing to extend the Bush tax cuts for all families making under \$250,000 a year, while letting the other tax cuts expire. This "soak the rich" compromise may sound appealing to some, but it does not come close to eliminating the effect on the national debt. Additionally, raising taxes in this economy could cause even slower growth.

Peter J. Wallison, the Arthur F. Burns fellow in financial policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, argues that tax cuts do not stimulate much growth without reducing regulation at the same time. He says:

"Tax cuts are powerful economic stimulants, as the Kennedy, Reagan, and Bush experiences show, but reducing regulation provides the space in which a private sector — incentivized by tax cuts — can find room to pursue the innovation and risk-taking that ultimately creates jobs."

### Column

## A wake-up call for Democrats

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Your average Democratic partisan is by nature an anxious soul, prone to wild mood swings, with a range of neuroses reminiscent of Woody Allen. And the current presidential campaign has done nothing to ease those symptoms.

Way back in the distant sands of time — say, two weeks ago — the Democratic mood was downright giddy, buoyed by Barack Obama's increasingly robust poll numbers. People started to behave as if Obama had the election in the bag, and denizens of the left-leaning echo chamber began to fantasize about a decisive victory, a replay of 2008. Andrew Sullivan, the prominent blogger and commentator, declared that Obama was set to become "the Democrats' Reagan."

But in the wake of the debate where Obama comported himself like a sleepwalker on Ambien, Democrats opened their oven doors and inserted their heads. We're doomed, they cried. And the aforementioned Sullivan, in full whipsaw mode, promptly declared: "Obama just forfeited the election."

Take a breath, people. Obama's reelection was never as assured as it seemed in September, and it's not nearly as imperiled as it seems in October. The fundamentals that were established early in 2012 remain in place late in 2012: Despite a persistently weak economic recovery at home, and myriad challenges abroad,

the president has clung to a small elector-map lead in a race that will stay competitive to the end.

Granted, the Democratic fury after that first debate was understandable; it was inexplicable that Obama would allow Mitt Romney to evade and deceive and sell his fungible factoids for 90 minutes in front of 70 million people. One liberal reader e-mailed me to say: "To be out-passioned by Romney is a disgrace. If he can't show more than he got last night, he doesn't deserve to be reelected."

But let's put things in perspective. Here's another quote: "At least in the short run, the challenger may have performed some necessary image repair, perhaps increasing his comfort level with supporters who have been frustrated by his campaign, and demonstrating to swing voters that he's more than a mere weather vane." In other words, the underdog challenger persuaded voters to give him a second look.

That's clearly about Romney, right?

Wrong. I wrote that sentence in 2004 — in reference to John Kerry, who had just won his first debate against incumbent George W. Bush.

The general consensus that autumn was that Kerry defeated Bush in all three debates. But Kerry lost the election anyway; Bush eked out the narrowest incumbent victory since Woodrow Wilson won in the wee hours in 1916. And Obama still seems poised to join their

company, winning a squeaker at the final buzzer. In fact, I wrote back in July that the broad contours of the current race resemble those of 2004. I could be wrong, of course — the past is not always prologue — but the similarities persist.

I say this not merely because another polarizing president saddled with serious issue baggage (Iraq then; the economy now) has sought to paint his opponent as a rich elitist flip-flopper who can't connect with common folk. More important, this is about the polarized electorate. At this late date, just as in 2004, there are very few undecided swing voters. The outcome of this election, as in 2004, will likely hinge on which candidate turns on his partisans and succeeds in turning them out.

Romney's postdebate poll rise was fueled not by swing voters taking his side, but by GOP partisans who previously had been wary of the guy. His assertive performance persuaded many of them to "come home." Conversely, Obama's lassitude soured his own partisans. But despite Romney's gains, there is scant evidence that the trajectory of the race has been fundamentally altered.

For starters, Democratic partisans have stepped back from the ledge after watching Joe Biden in the vice presidential debate. His hyperactive stagecraft probably turned off a lot of viewers, but his main job was to buck up the party base, and he did it — by bulldozing Paul Ryan on the issues

that Democrats care about most. For instance (this is the abridged version of just one Biden colloquy):

"We went out and rescued General Motors. ... When that occurred, what did Romney do? Romney said, 'No, let Detroit go bankrupt.' ... But it shouldn't be surprising for a guy who says 47 percent of the American people are unwilling to take responsibility for their own lives. ... These people are my mom and dad — the people I grew up with, my neighbors. They pay more effective tax than Governor Romney pays in his federal income tax. They are elderly people who in fact are living off of Social Security. There are veterans and people fighting in Afghanistan right now who are, quote, 'not paying any tax.' ... Instead of signing pledges to Grover Norquist not to ask the wealthiest among us to contribute to bring back the middle class, they should be signing a pledge saying to the middle class, 'We're going to level the playing field.'"

That's the kind of stuff Obama fans were craving — now it's their turn to "come home" — and Biden, by plucking populist chords, was talking as well to the working stiffs in pivotal states like Ohio. Indeed, despite tightening in the polls, Obama has sustained modest leads in many of the swing states, most notably Ohio. And there's polling evidence that Obama has done well with early voters in Ohio, many of whom cast their ballots prior to the first presidential debate.



# Pakistan still split over Taliban, despite outrage

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ISLAMABAD — The horrific shooting of a teenage girl by the Pakistani Taliban to silence her campaign for schooling for girls has forced a battered Pakistan to consider how it can tackle violent extremism after years of equivocation and toleration, analysts and politicians say.

Pakistanis, almost obsessively, have followed the news of 14-year-old Malala Yousafzai since Taliban assailants shot her in the head a week ago. The shock

has jolted Pakistanis to resolve that the country can no longer live with an organization and an ideology in its midst that would attack a girl who only wanted to be allowed to go to school — and then brazenly promise to hunt her down again if she survived.

“Malala is Pakistan right now. This is not the Taliban’s Pakistan. This is our Pakistan,” said Asma Shirazi, the host of a popular nightly political show. “We have created this problem. Now the fire has reached our house. This is a question of our survival.”

Pakistan President Asif Zardari even addressed the subject Tuesday at an economic summit in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. “The Taliban attack on the 14-year-old girl, who from the age of 11 was involved in the struggle for education for girls, is an attack on all girls in Pakistan, an attack on education, and on all civilized people,” he said.

Still, there is no consensus on whether fighting or talking is the answer to the militant challenge, leading to dangerous fractures in society. Thousands of Pakistanis

have died in what people here call America’s “war on terror,” and many are reluctant to embrace a fresh military offensive against the Pakistani Taliban, which is based in North Waziristan along the border with Afghanistan.

On Tuesday, writing in the same newspaper, *The News*, a Pakistani daily, two columnists drew opposite conclusions, one pushing for immediate military action, the other opposed.

Maleeha Lodhi, a former ambassador to Washington, warned that “the window of

public consent” for an operation against the Pakistani Taliban could close rapidly if not seized now. Ansar Abbasi, an influential conservative commentator, argued that such an operation would be a trap. “They (the West) want to use the poor girl’s case to further chaos and anarchy in Pakistan,” he said.

The military and the civilian government have given conflicting signals about whether an operation is being planned. With winter setting in, which would make conditions tough in the

mountainous North Waziristan terrain, and an election due in the next six months, action would need to begin within weeks.

Malala was shot Oct. 9 as she waited in a school van for the ride home. A gunman approached the van, asked who was Malala and then shot her when another schoolgirl pointed her out. This week, she was taken by air ambulance for treatment in England, where it is said that she will require weeks or even months of treatment and rehabilitation.

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downgraded Penn State’s outlook from stable to poor, citing concerns over its potential civil liability in the wake of the Sandusky case. However, the agency noted, the university’s long-term bond rating remains strong.

Sandusky, a former assistant football coach, was sentenced last week to a minimum of 30 years in prison for the serial molestation of 10 adolescent boys. He met all of his victims through the Second Mile, a charity for underprivileged youth he founded, and he abused many of them on Penn State’s campus.

According to a university-sponsored internal investigation, Curley, Schultz and other top administrators including Paterno and ex-university President Graham B. Spanier ignored warning signs of Sandusky’s behavior as early as 1998.

And at least four of the former assistant coach’s accusers have sued the university for negligence. Sixteen others have entered into preliminary settlement negotiations with the university over their abuse claims, the university’s appointed negotiator, Michael Rozen, said last week.

Rozen noted that he had not begun to closely examine any of those claims.

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“We think it’s important for ownership to be present and involved,” he said.

Wearing a Browns lapel pin and orange-striped tie, Haslam called the Browns “one of the great, iconic NFL brands,” and made reference

to Paul Brown and Jim Brown for their historic significance.

Haslam said he would look at every aspect of the organization except the Browns’ helmet. He mentioned the team’s uniform and Cleveland Browns Stadium as aspects of the team to be evaluated. Putting a dome on the stadium is under consideration.

Haslam had been a minority owner of the Steelers. His ownership stake in the Steelers will be held in trust until it is sold.

Owners will vote on who will host the games in May. They will choose from between San Francisco and South Florida for Super Bowl L, and then choose from between Houston and the runner-up for Super Bowl LI.

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insurance paid for it and they ordered a duplicate order from me,” Shell said.

Shell said after his time at Marshall ended, his career in business began.

“Some of the companies I have been involved with over the years in some significant way are, for example, Broughton Dairy, Portec Rail Products and Permco,” Shell said.

Shell said his main focus has been on Permco, a division of Guyan International, which manufactures hydraulic pumps among other machinery that Shell has grown internationally.

“My feeling about business success is that essentially you have to be able and willing to drive it; there’s something that separates the ones that

can do that from the ones who don’t,” Shell said.

Kelli Myers, senior health-care management major from Kittsville, Ohio who attended the lecture is a student of the honors class that is trying to determine that very issue. Myers said getting the perspective of someone who has been so successful in business is a great asset to her education and how she approaches her future career.

“I learned a lot about business which was great because this isn’t one of my business courses but just kind of real life business perspective, which is something you don’t always get in the classroom,” Myers said.

Myers said she also appreciated the fact that Shell is from the area and decided to stay in the area and build his success here.

“I thought he was a really

impressive guy, he’s built a really impressive resume so it was a pleasure just to be able to hear him speak, just to be able to accomplish so much in his life is impressive,” Myers said.

Tryzna said she hopes showing the students someone who has been so successful can help them recognize that drive in others.

“I think that drive is really an innate ability, which I think he has. You could line up 20 next to a scrapper but maybe only one of those people would actually go in and start looking for the opportunity that’s there, and I really think that speaks to a genetic component, i.e. an innate drive,” Tryzna said.

Shell said he realized he’s not even sure of how much of it is his nature versus his nurture.

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“What actually happened in 1824 looked very different as it unfolded at the time,” Feller said.

He contends, while the story of the furtive arrangement between Clay and Adams may or may not be true other factors certainly

played into the result. Clay also ran for president in 1824, but was eliminated by the time the House of Representatives got involved. Before he was eliminated he managed to win the electoral vote in three states, Jackson finished second in those three states. In the House though, those states supported Adams, giving him three extra electoral votes. In addition

three other states, in which Jackson won the majority of electoral votes, threw their support behind Adams in the House. These six extra votes in favor of Adams decided the election.

According to Feller, “John Quincy Adams was made president in the end by a little handful of Congressmen.”

The Amicus Curiae lecture

series continues next month when author George C. Edwards III visits Marshall to discuss the electoral college and its impact on elections in America. Edwards, a visiting professor at Oxford University, will be on campus Nov. 29.

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A joint committee involving representatives of the President’s Office, Student Affairs, Housing and Residence life, Student Health and the student body president, drafted the proposal now supported by the Senate.

The proposal involved a campus wide ban of tobacco products including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, dip, pipes, cigars, cigarillos, hookah or water pipe smoking, snus and snuff both indoors and outdoors.

Student Health Education Specialist Amy Saunders and Piyali Dasgupta, associate professor of pharmacology, physiology and toxicology at the Joan C. Edward School of Medicine, were the first people to speak, and subsequently field questions from concerned students.

Saunders said the ban is supposed to promote a healthy environment for both tobacco and non-tobacco users alike on Marshall’s campus. Saunders also said the campus would save money and time because clean up crews would no longer have to spend an average of four hours a day cleaning tobacco products off of campus.

“We have to keep this place beautiful,” Saunders said. “We’re not trying to tell people how to live, we’re trying to



promote a safe environment for everyone.”

Dasgupta said emerging research shows that all forms of nicotine can be harmful to the user, and many times those around the user; which was why a ban of all tobacco use should be supported.

A student gallery then posed questions on how the ban was to be implemented, enforced, and the effects that would follow its passage.

During this period, Dasgupta, Saunders, Harrell and several senators explained that, according to the American Nonsmoker’s Rights Foundation, Marshall would follow 814 other universities in banning tobacco if this proposal passes the Board of Governors.

Harrell said enforcement would be carried out through the Office of Student Health, but that eventually the culture of the university would reflect that smoking on campus just is

not acceptable and self regulation would occur.

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Several attendees were not happy with the proposal, and expressed their frustration during a round of speeches from members of the gallery.

Wittlee Retton, junior public communications major, said a total ban on campus was unnecessary, and the senate should opt for designated smoking areas on campus before moving toward the full ban.

“The senate should take baby steps here, not just jump to the total ban,” Retton said. “You have to boil the water slowly.”

Nick Chancey, senate parliamentarian, said he was torn on the issue.

“I hate smoking,” Chancey said “I don’t think it’s the university’s place to ban it.”

The issue is now out of the SGA’s hands, and moves to the Faculty Senate where it may undergo changes before reaching the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors will then have the final decision as to whether a change to Marshall’s tobacco policy is enacted.

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Romney offered a broad outline of his proposals, saying the goal was to simplify the tax code and ensure that the middle class pay less.

“Under the last four years, they’ve been buried, and I want to help people in the middle class. And I will not — I will not under any circumstances — reduce the share that’s being paid by the highest-income taxpayers,” he said.

Obama responded with a multi-pronged attack, invoking his rival’s 14 percent tax burden — “when a lot of you are paying much higher” — and recalling his pledge to Republicans in the primary phase of the campaign that he would also seek to lower taxes on the top 1 percent.

And, Obama said, Romney’s budget math “doesn’t add up.”

“When he’s asked, how are you going to do it, which deductions, which loopholes are you going to close, he can’t tell you,” Obama said. “We haven’t heard from the governor any specifics, beyond Big Bird and eliminating the funding for Planned Parenthood, in terms of how he pays for that.”

Then he went one step further, invoking Romney’s background as “a very successful investor.”

“If somebody came to you, Governor, with a plan that said, here; I want to spend \$7 or \$8 trillion, and then we’re going to pay for it, but we can’t tell you until maybe after the election how we’re going to do it, you wouldn’t have taken such a sketchy deal. And neither should you, the American people,” Obama said.

Romney then also leaned on his resume, saying throughout his career — as a businessman, running the Olympics, and as governor of Massachusetts, he always balanced the budget. And Obama’s record is one that “puts us on a road to Greece.”

“When we’re talking about math that doesn’t add up, how about \$4 trillion of deficits over the last four years, 5 trillion,” he said. “We have a president talking about someone’s plan in a way that’s completely foreign to what my real plan is, and then we have his own record, which is we have four consecutive years where he said, when he was running for office, he could cut the deficit in half. Instead, he’s doubled it.”

For both men, the attack lines reprised themes that their campaigns have stressed in advertising that has saturated the airwaves in battleground states. Obama used another line familiar from his ads also immediately, pivoting from a question about job prospects for college students to talk about Romney’s opposition to the bailout of the auto industry in 2009. “We would have lost a million jobs,” under Romney’s approach, he said.

The sharply worded exchanges bore out pre-debate predictions that Obama would more aggressively challenge Romney in this debate than he had in the first one. After a distinctly lackluster performance in the first debate, which left Democrats demoralized, Obama was under great pressure to try to create a turnaround in the second encounter.

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## Sillyette's Vinyl to Art

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Vinyl records may not be used to fill homes with music as they once did, but a Kentucky artist is giving them new life to provide a different type of entertainment.

Roger Madden, founder of Sillyette, has taken a garage full of classic vinyl records and cut them into pieces of art.

Madden, a Russell, Ky. resident, first had the idea six years ago when he decided to do a portrait of his granddaughter.

"I had about 600 vinyl records in the garage," Madden said. "I just didn't know what to do with them. So I decided I will cut my granddaughters profile

out of one and see if anybody is interested. I put it on the website and the business started to grow."

Rachel Walker, Madden's daughter, said she was proud of her dad when he first showed her his new form of art.

"I thought it was really neat when he showed me the portrait of my daughter," Walker said. "He came home and was like what do you think of this idea? I was like, see if you can do it and he did. I was really surprised of how much it resembled my daughter. It really looked like her."

With family support, Madden never lacks new creative ideas for his business.

"I just have a creative mind," Madden said. "I have been a stained glass artist, but my daughter and my granddaughter help me with ideas. We have three generations going into this."

Walker has been inspired by her dad and supports his newfound passion.

"I think it's awesome," Walker said. "It's a great way to recycle some of these vinyl music records that are out of date. It shows you bring them back and still appreciate them."

Walker said its better then the alternative of throwing them away or having them collect dust.

"A lot of these records would

end up in a dumpster somewhere. Some that we used are scratched and unusable," Walker said. "So even if you had a record player you wouldn't be able to play them so now they are safe from the dumpster and get to go on people's walls."

Madden currently has an online shop on Etsy.com named Sillyette. There he has a list of products ranging from his classic guitar cut out to Elvis, the king of rock.

Madden can be contacted through his online store and will take special orders.

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TOP: Madden's classic guitar shaped out of a vinyl record. BOTTOM LEFT: A portrait of James Dean made from vinyl records. BOTTOM MIDDLE: A laser disc movie disc of a microphone. BOTTOM RIGHT: Rudolph the Reindeer made from a vinyl record.



Column

## Jason Aldean makes tracks with release of new studio album



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Country-rock artist Jason Aldean released his fifth studio-album Tuesday titled "Night Train," and fans are eager to take the ride this album provides.

Aldean has created an album which flows smoothly from one track to the next and takes fans on a journey as the album progresses through the track list. "Night Train" offers fans a 15-track ride where they hop onto a train in a "Nothin' Town" and ride it through the night back home until they see the "Water Tower."

Following its predecessor, "My Kinda Party," which was released in 2010 and was certified multiplatinum, Aldean's new work is

greeted with high expectations. Thankfully, he has met the expectations of fans with a well-crafted album that is musically and lyrically satisfying. If Aldean and his management choose radio singles with a careful thought process and take the right amount of risks at the appropriate time, this could very well meet or surpass the success of his last album.

With over 15 songs to choose from for singles, Aldean should have more than ample material for a kick-butt concert as well as great promotional releases.

The album starts the ride with an up-tempo country song that warns listeners to not underestimate the small towns. Aldean sings that looks can be deceiving and "There's always something going down, in this nothin' town."

Continuing the train-ride with the second track, "When She Says Baby," which gives the first bump in the road is handled without a stop. Aldean tackles the every day stress and struggles of life that tear him down, but "When she says baby," Aldean sings about the stress suddenly fading away and knowing that everything will be alright. This song sounds

more like Aldean's earlier musical releases. By combining classic country and rock antics this sure-fire choice for a single will leave true country fans with chills.

Next the ride addresses a missed relationship in "Feel That Again," and a need to emotionally connect in "Talk," without saying any words, if fans catch Aldean's drift. "Wheels Rollin'" is a layered rock song with plenty of country undertones to keep fans happy and will sound even better with his live band on tour.

Friends of Aldean, Eric Church and Luke Bryan, stop by for a brief visit on the country track, "The Only Way I Know," which has a similar sound to the duet group, "Big & Rich."

The ride continues with a song appropriately titled "Take a Little Ride." This song has been selected as the first official single off of the album. This mid-tempo and guitar driven composition is the traditional Jason Aldean sound that fans have come to love.

The album is a fine composition of up-tempo country songs and throws in a few notable ballads into the mix. "I Don't Do Lonely Well" is easily related to by anyone who has ever experienced a broken



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heart and is reminiscent of Aldean's previous hit "Why?" "Black Tears" is an emotional song that tells the story of a stripper who is struggling to get away from the pain in her life. This is a well-written piece that fans should really focus on the lyrics more than the musical composition.

The title track of the album, "Night Train," plays sequel to the unfinished story left in "Take a Little

Ride" and completes with a song couples will want to crank up on their stereos and listen to under the fall night stars in the sky.

With an album so packed with hit potential material, there are always the occasional songs that are not so appealing. Fans will enjoy the addition of "Walk Away" and "Drink One for Me" as they follow traditional country story lines just like

the titles imply. "Staring at the Sun" leaves fans asking what's missing as the song just doesn't feel complete. "1994" is a song that refers to breaking out a time machine and an artist named Joe Diffie. The song is a little left field compared to the rest of "Night Train." This can be easily forgiven in the overall picture when compared to the long list of note-worthy songs.

At last, fans arrive at the end of the train tracks and the trip is summed up by "Water Tower," where Aldean sings about the good feelings about finally being back home after a long trip away from the things he knows and loves.

Aldean has more than enough material on "Night Train" to duplicate his prior success and fans will enjoy taking this extensive ride with him. The album shows of the confidence levels in the voice of this Ga. native after the hard-earned success of his last album. One thing is for certain, Jason Aldean is a force to be reckoned with in the country music industry and there are no signs of his "Night Train" derailing anytime soon.

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