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Early voting begins throughout Ohio

By LYNN HULSEY and JEREMY KELLEY
DAYTON DAILY NEWS (MCT)

DAYTON, Ohio - Ohio voters on Tuesday cast their first ballots in this year's hotly contested presidential election, as early voting began across the state and voters camped outside the Montgomery County Board of Elections overnight.

"I could not be more pleased in terms of the process," said Steve Harsman, deputy director of the Montgomery County board. "The

turnout is higher than typical for a first day, but I think with the campers out on the lawn and the controversy with the early voting hours, I think they tried to make a statement."

As of Friday 11.8 percent of Ohio's 7.9 million registered voters had requested absentee ballots, which are mailed to voters by local boards of elections in response to the applications.

The number of people who choose to vote absentee by mail or in person is likely to increase this year after an

unprecedented statewide campaign that includes ballot applications mailed to every home and television and radio advertising by Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted.

"From a social marketing perspective we would expect the more time the message 'Send in your absentee ballots' gets repeated the more people will be likely to do that because it gets drummed into their heads," said Benjamin Bates, associate professor of communication studies at Ohio University.

"They're emphasizing the convenience and ease of being able to vote from home," Bates said. "You can vote in your pajamas."

Statewide numbers are not available for absentee ballot applications in the last presidential election, but in that 2008 election 30 percent of nearly 5.8 million ballots cast were absentee.

Husted spokesman Matthew McClellan said the state spent \$1.6 million in federal funds on two mailings and another \$75,000

paid to the Ohio Association of Broadcasters to get Husted's absentee voting public service ad placed on local television and radio stations in Ohio. The ad is not being placed on national cable networks.

"This is the first time that there's been a statewide effort to send absentee ballots," McClellan said. "We really do think this was a good investment and a good use of funds."

Absentee voting rules were liberalized in 2005 when

voters no longer had to state a reason for needing to vote absentee. Since then, voting by mail or in person in advance of Election Day has proven increasingly popular. Urban counties, including Cuyahoga and Montgomery, had typically mailed absentee ballot applications to voters as a way to reduce the wait at the polls on Election Day in the wake of the 2004 election when Ohio's Election Day lines and other problems received negative national attention.

MU announces homecoming court

By SEAN DELANCEY
THE PARTHENON

The 2012 Marshall University Homecoming Court was announced on Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

The male representatives for homecoming court are Stephen Sheppard, Zachary Morris and Rusty Sartin.

The female representatives are Casey Adams, Andrea Celorio and Leslie Thomas.

The Homecoming King and Queen will be announced on Saturday Oct. 7 at halftime of the football game against Tulsa.

The announcements of the candidates were accompanied by live music and cheering from supporters.

Candidates who received nominations for the homecoming court said they were excited to be able to represent Marshall as a member of the homecoming court.

Sheppard, graduate exercise physiology major and male homecoming court representative, said he was grateful for the opportunity to spread cancer awareness as a member of the homecoming court.

Sheppard said his family was affected by cancer and that motivated his platform of cancer awareness.

"It's an honor to be nominated," Sheppard said. "I'm really not used to the spotlight."

Leslie Thomas, senior biology major and female homecoming court representative, said she wanted to thank her supporters, specifically the cross country and track teams and her friends from Baptist Campus Ministry, for putting her in the position to promote her platform. Thomas is planning to partner with the Women's Studies program to put together a clothing drive for local residents.

"This is out of my element, but I'm excited," Thomas said.

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A bulldozer operator works atop a large pile of coal at the raw coal tower at Arch Coal's Raven preparation plant in Knott County, Kentucky. Arch idled the Raven complex and other facilities in Eastern Kentucky in late June, putting more than 400 people out of work.

Energy debate causes rift on campaign trail

By NEELA BANERJEE
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

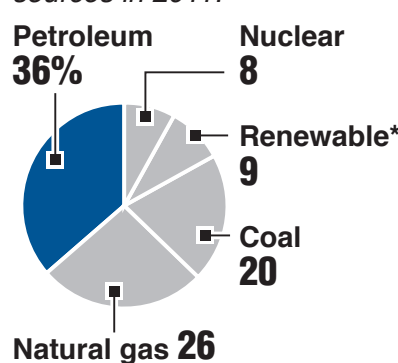
WASHINGTON - No matter who wins the 2012 election, the next president will take office as the United States faces vast new opportunities in energy production and profound challenges to environmental protection.

After decades of growing dependence on imported oil, the U.S. is moving to energy self-sufficiency, thanks to greater domestic supplies of oil and natural gas and reduced demand. Coal, which once fired most American power plants, is being edged out by natural gas, renewable energy and stricter efforts to cut pollution - a trend that has touched off bitter political fights.

At the same time, climate change has gone from distant threat to palpable reality, as ice caps shrink, winters shorten and drought spreads. Climatologists and policymakers warn that unless the United States and other industrialized nations move to rein in emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases by 2020, most aspects of life - from the food chain to the oceans

Energy sources

U.S. energy consumption sources in 2011:



*Hydroelectric, wood, biofuels, wind, waste, geothermal, solar

NOTE: Chart does not equal 100 percent due to rounding

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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
Graphic: Chicago Tribune

to communicable disease - could be altered, largely for the worse.

With the stakes so high, President Barack Obama and Republican nominee Mitt Romney offer starkly divergent ideas on how to proceed.

The split between the candidates on so many energy issues might be traced, in part, to a fundamental disagreement over the reality of climate change. Romney has said he is unsure of it. Obama has called it a "threat to our children's future."

Both tout an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that would utilize everything from coal to wind, but the candidates emphasize different fuels. Romney embraces greater reliance on fossil fuels, including coal - the greatest contributors to climate change. Obama sees a future increasingly tied to renewable energy, like wind and solar.

The Obama administration's Environmental Protection Agency has implemented rules to reduce air pollution that will further crimp coal usage. Romney has vowed to repeal those rules.

"The rhetoric of 'all of the above' is the same," said Michael A. Levi, director of the energy security and climate change program at the Council on Foreign Relations. "But the vision is very different."

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Pi Kappa Phi participates in 2012 Disability Awareness Day

By JOSHUA PRINCE
THE PARTHENON

The Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity participated in their second annual Disability Awareness Day Tuesday.

Members of the fraternity simulated disabilities in a wheelchair.

Disabilities Awareness Day was established by the Mountain State Centers for Independent Living more than 20 years ago. The center is a community-based organization providing advocacy, networking and resources to people with disabilities and their families. The center is a place where people with disabilities are free to meet, share, learn, and plan lives of greater independence and self-reliance.

The wheelchairs were delivered to brothers of the fraternity by Mountain State Tuesday morning. The brothers who participated experienced what it was like to be in a wheelchair for the day and soon learned it was harder than they expected.

Jacob Adkins, fraternity brother, said the day was about something different than raising money and promoting awareness for the cause.

"Today was about actually feeling what it was like to become the people we help," Adkins said. "Walking a mile in their shoes is a completely different experience, especially since we were in wheelchairs."

The brothers said it was hard being in a wheelchair and challenging maneuvering to class. The wheelchairs set them apart from others on campus.

This was the first year for Ramon Urbaz to participate in the awareness day. Urbaz said this was his first time in a wheelchair. He found it difficult because he had to work his whole body in order to go up inclines on campus.

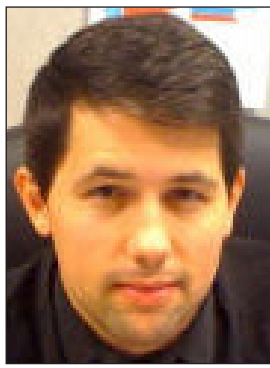
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MU Religious Studies Professor**SCHULER**
MU Political Science Professor**CONLEY**
MU Sociology Professor**WILLIAMS**
MU History Professor**MCGUIRE**
Award-Winning Author**JEFFRIES**
Civil Rights Lecturer**FELLER**
Lecturer

Variety of lecturers, professors to speak at Marshall

By JEREMY BROWN
THE PARTHENON

This month Marshall will host a roster of writers and lecturers. Five visiting speakers will be on campus throughout the month for events sponsored through the College of Liberal Arts. In addition, four of the university's professors will speak at an upcoming event also sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts.

Things kick off this Monday when Marshall hosts an event on sex and politics.

"Four professors from four

disciplines will be giving their take on hot-button topics of the current political season," said E. Del Chrol, chair, sexuality studies at Marshall.

Marshall's professors will talk about an array of topics at the event. Gay rights will be one of the issues discussed. The upcoming presidential election will be another topic; rape will be addressed, too. The protests and counter protests brought on over remarks about gay marriage made by Chick-Fil-A President Dan Cathy will be discussed as well.

Religious studies Professor

Clayton McNearny, political science Professor Shawn Schuler, sociology and anthropology Professor Robin Conley and history Professor Kat Williams will all provide their discipline's perspectives at the event.

The lectures begin at 7 p.m. in room 402 at the Drinko Library. Refreshments will be served.

Also this month, "The Long Civil Rights Movement in America" lecture series, the "Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy" and the "Visiting

Writers Series" all continue.

On Tuesday, Hasan Kwame Jeffries will speak in the MU Foundation Building as the next presenter in "The Long Civil Rights Movement in America" lecture series. Jeffries will lecture about how local voters rights movements influenced the formation and gestation of the original Black Panthers in Lowndes County, Ala.

The series moves Oct. 23, when award-winning author Danielle McGuire visits campus. She will speak about the connection between the civil rights movement and attempts

to curtail violence against black women in the South.

David Trowbridge, director of African-American studies at Marshall, stressed the importance of the series in these tumultuous times.

"The sad thing is, racism is still with us. At best, it has been closeted at certain times, but usually comes to the surface and rears its ugly head in times of economic or political crisis," Trowbridge said.

Both lectures will start at 7 p.m.

Daniel Feller will be at Marshall Oct. 16 as this month's speaker in the Amicus Curiae

Lecture Series. Feller will discuss the election of 1824, in which the House of Representatives decided the presidency.

Finally, the "Visiting Writers Series" brings a double bill of authors to Smith Hall on Oct. 18. Both Chris Bachelier and Danielle Cadena Deulen will come to campus to speak on their works.

The event begins at 8 p.m. All lectures this month are free for students to attend.

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MU students staying on course with Cash Track

By CODY FRANK PERKINS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University has made some changes in the Bursar's Office this fall to help make the lives of students and parents easier. The Bursar is introducing something new called Cash Track, a faster way to check that everything is paid for, to buy parking passes and conduct other business.

"It was created inside Marshall University's Information and Technology Office and not an outsider that the university brought in," Robert B. Collier, assistant director, student financial systems, said. "We wanted to try and keep everything within Marshall to help with the cost."

Cash Track is another step toward Marshall going green.

With this, the university will reduce printing costs because everything will go to electronic billing by the spring of 2013.

Some students are happy with the change.

"I think it's a great idea because it isn't time consuming and I can access it from my own computer when I have the free time," Ali Dotson, Marshall University student, said. "Plus I don't have a ton of papers

in my mailbox, which means less trees need to be cut."

Collier said Cash Track offers various options.

"With Cash Track you are able to view current and/or outstanding balances, financial obligation holds, pay for parking passes and set up a payment system," Collier said.

With the use of Cash Track, Marshall is saving on average \$100,000 annually, according to the Bursar's Office.

Parents can use Cash Track as well by creating a PIN to log into their student's portal to access information to see if there are outstanding holds with the Financial Aid Office or the Bursar's Office.

"Like any new technology we are still going through the ups and downs of Cash Track, but by the spring we hope to have it running smoothly and have it where you can purchase meal plans if you are a commuter," Collier said.

Marshall is trying to move completely away from paper billing to help reduce the cost of printing and mailing. Cash Track can be accessed anywhere via a computer with an Internet connection.

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Vice President Joe Biden speaks to supporters Tuesday at The Fillmore in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Biden's middle class remarks draw GOP taunts

By TIM FUNK and JIM MORRILL
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER VIA MCT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Even as he accused Republican Mitt Romney of gunning for the middle-class with plans to raise their taxes, Vice President Joe Biden Tuesday inadvertently gave ammunition to GOP critics.

"How they can justify raising taxes on the middle class that has been buried the last four years?" Biden asked more than 1,000 supporters at the N.C. Music Factory. "How in the Lord's name can they justify raising their taxes with these tax cuts?"

"Thank you, Vice President Biden," Romney adviser John Sununu mocked

to reporters in an afternoon conference call. "For the first time in a long time, you're right. Middle-class America has been buried under President Obama's failed policies."

The exchange - later joined by GOP vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan - came as Biden made his sixth trip of the year to North Carolina with stops in Charlotte and Asheville. It underscored the importance of a state that both sides are trying hard to win.

Sununu, a former New Hampshire governor, said Biden's remark "sets the stage for the (presidential) debate that will take place (Wednesday night)."

But neither side was willing to wait.

"Vice President Biden, just today, said that the middle class, over the last four years, has been 'buried' - we agree," Ryan, who will debate Biden next week, told an afternoon rally in Iowa. "That means we need to stop digging by electing Mitt Romney."

"Of course the middle class has been buried. They're being buried by regulations; they're being buried by taxes; they're being buried by borrowing. They're being buried by the Obama administration's economic failures."

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Clay Center to sponsor exhibit on American printmaking

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The reception for the exhibit "Associated American Artists: Art by Subscription" at the Clay Center in Charleston will be Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This exhibit is focusing on early twentieth century American Printmaking," said Arif Khan, Mary Price Ratrie Curator of Art. "It is named after the company where people could order prints of artwork."

Khan said the exhibit will contain a mix of lithographs and etchings.

The works being showcased are by artists Grant Wood, Thomas Hart Benton, Peggy Bacon and others.

This exhibit will be available to the public until Dec. 9. Khan said this is the first part of a two part series.

The second part will begin in January and will focus on recent American printmaking.

Romney pledges to honor Obama ban on deporting immigrants

By MICHAEL FINNEGAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA MCT

LOS ANGELES - With polls showing Latinos overwhelmingly backing President Barack Obama's re-election, Mitt Romney has shifted stands on the deportation of many young illegal immigrants, saying he would honor visas granted to them under a program that Obama launched in June.

Romney's remarks in an interview with the Denver Post mark the first time he has taken a position on Obama's order halting the deportation of most illegal immigrants

who were brought to the United States as children. They also contrast sharply with the tough rhetoric that Romney used on illegal immigration when he was seeking the support of conservatives in the Republican primaries.

Until Monday, Romney had refused to say whether he would halt Obama's program, calling instead for an undefined "permanent solution" on illegal immigration to be worked out with Congress and criticizing Obama for failing to reach one.

"The people who have received the special visa that

the president has put in place, which is a two-year visa, should expect that the visa would continue to be valid," Romney told the Denver Post on Monday. "I'm not going to take something that they've purchased. Before those visas have expired we will have the full immigration reform plan that I've proposed."

When Romney was seeking the Republican presidential nomination, he opposed efforts to legalize the status of anyone brought to the United States as a child by parents who were illegal immigrants, with the sole exception of those

who served in the U.S. military. At a GOP debate in January, he called for "self-deportation" of illegal immigrants, saying they should "return home and to apply for legal residency in the United States _ get in line with everybody else."

"We're going to encourage a wave of illegal immigration by giving amnesty of some kind to those who have come here illegally," he said at the Tampa, Fla., debate.

A poll last month by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found 69 percent of Latino voters support Obama's re-election.



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EAST CAROLINA	2	0	3	2
MARSHALL	1	0	2	3
UCF	0	0	2	2
MEMPHIS	0	0	0	4
SOUTHERN MISS	0	1	0	4
UAB	0	1	0	4

SPORTS

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	W	L	W	L
TULSA	2	0	4	1
HOUSTON	1	0	1	3
SMU	0	0	1	3
UTEP	0	1	1	4
TULANE	0	1	0	4
RICE	0	2	1	4



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Herd seniors to play last game on Sam Hood Field



By SAM CRAIGO
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Thundering Herd men's soccer team will be taking a break from living their lives on the road and sleeping in hotels to play on Sam Hood Field in Huntington.

The Thundering Herd has played eight out of their nine games on the road and will be facing the Asbury Eagles for the Herd's only game on Sam Hood Field this season.

The Herd has spent the past week on the road for their first two conference games of the season and walked away with a 1-0 win to Memphis and a 2-0 loss to Tulsa.

Wednesday night's conference game against the Asbury Eagle's is a non-conference game, but Head Coach Bob Gray said that the team's motto this year has been to take every game one game at a time and to treat every game like a conference game.

The Asbury Eagles are coming off of four home games to head to Huntington to prove they can defeat a division one team.

"You know it is their opportunity to beat a big Division-I school and they are going to fire up their players. No doubt about that," Gray said.

The Thundering Herd intends on treating tonight's

game as business as usual. Coach Gray said the team believes the toughest opponent should be themselves and that is how they treat scrimmages during practice.

The Thundering Herd will have a different starting lineup to honor the senior's last game on Sam Hood Field.

"The only difference tomorrow is that we will be starting our seniors, you know we have seven of them," Gray said. "Although three of them are not regular starters, they would have come of the bench to play significant time anyhow."

The Herd is looking to control the momentum of

the game tomorrow because they understand the ball can roll either way. Coach Gray and the team know the game can go either way, but Gray said their plan is to always make sure the ball bounces their way.

The Thundering Herd is looking forward to playing for their fans Wednesday night. Gray said having your fans backing you is like having a 12th man on the field.

The Thundering Herd will be kicking off against the Asbury Eagles Wednesday at 6 p.m. on Sam Hood Field in Huntington.

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ABOVE: Marshall University men's soccer team celebrates a 2-1 double-overtime victory against Tulsa University on Oct. 29, 2011. Devin Perkins scored both goals for the Herd. BELOW: Thundering Herd fans cheer on the men's soccer team.

Men's golf finds success in Florida

By KARA KUCIN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's golf team spent their weekend in Ft. Myers, Fla., at the Miromar Lakes Golf

Course. The Herd competed in the Cobra-PUMA Invitational and finished with seventh place.

The Herd, which practices at Guyan Country Club on Route 60, had to adjust

to a different atmosphere in Florida.

Coach Matt Grobes said his team adapted very well and played well.

"We played on Bermuda greens down there in Florida and opposed to dead grass greens up here in Huntington," Grobes said. "We have one guy on the team who is from Florida and really helped the guys adapt to the climate change."

Senior Nathan Kerns shot a 2-under-par 70 but finished second to Florida Gulf Coast University's Edward Figueroa who shot an 8-under-64.

"I felt like I played really solid this weekend and did what I needed to do. The guy who edged me out had a heck of a day. It's tough to beat a 64," Kerns said.

The Herd as a team finished two strokes behind Jacksonville, the sixth place team.

"We felt much better after this event and played consistent golf throughout the week, which showed us that we have potential to be a really good team," Grobes said.

Freshman Logan Lagodich led the



The 2012 Marshall University men's golf team consists of two freshmen, three sophomores, five juniors and one senior. The Herd finished in seventh place in the Cobra-PUMA Invitational.

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MU marketing teams up with Qdoba Grill

By SARAH HAGERTY
THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Herd Men's Soccer team will play Asbury University Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Sam Hood Field. The Herd are currently 7-1-1 and hope to improve their record tonight.

"It is the only game that they will play at Sam Hood Field this season," Grant Robertson, Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions for Marshall Athletics said. "We wanted to do something special for this game."

Qdoba Mexican Grill is teaming up with the marketing and promotions team to provide fun contests for all the fans that attend the game.

"Qdoba will have a prize wheel at the game and all fans who attend will get a chance to spin the prize wheel and win a prize," Grant said.

They are also sponsoring a burrito contest at halftime of the game. The winner gets free Qdoba for a year.

The Marshall Maniacs will be handing out free Marshall sunglasses to the first 200 fans that attend the game.

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Baseball lands eight-year extension on playoff television deals

By NEIL BEST
NEWSDAY (MCT)

Major League Baseball, Fox and Turner announced new TV contracts Tuesday that will keep the World Series and League Championship Series on those networks through 2021.

The deals, which take effect in 2014, join a recently announced extension with ESPN that will bring MLB a total of \$12.4 billion for the eight-year period - more than double its existing set of television contracts.

Fox will continue to carry

the World Series and All-Star Game, and Fox and Turner will continue to show one LCS each year. Fox will return to Division Series coverage, carrying two of the four, with Turner the others.

"We've held the line on

ticket prices," commissioner Bud Selig said. "Baseball doesn't get enough credit for that. We wouldn't be drawing this stunning number of fans if the ballpark experience and the price of tickets wasn't within reach of families."

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT | The Constitution of the United States of America

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Column

Low voter turnout could be beneficial

BY STORM DOWD-LUKESH

U. OKLAHOMA VIA UWIRE

Whichever candidate takes office in January will have plenty of people to thank, most notably the Americans who voted him into office. But more than a third of us won't have participated. Less than 60 percent of registered voters have shown up to cast ballots in recent presidential elections, and attendance at midterm and local elections ranges from five to 40 percent — certainly not encouraging figures for those who value democratic participation.

Low voter turnout has been a point of complaint for spirited citizens for decades. Civil-minded types will point to dismal returns from the ballot box as a failure to perform basic civic duties. This is especially true at crucial local and state elections where a single vote carries much more weight than one vote in large national elections.

But registered voters staying home may be a sign of an improving and established democracy rather than a failing one.

On Nov. 6, millions of Americans will perform their "duties" and walk out of a polling place proudly displaying an "I Voted" sticker, proving to their communities that they care about their country. The Get Out the Vote and voter registration drives sprout up across the country in election years to preach that regardless of who you cast a ballot for, showing up to the polls is positive.

It's not negative to feel good about participating in government or influencing others to do so, but isn't strange that a major motivation for influencing elections is personal pride?

More importantly, we should question whether pushing citizens to the polls at all costs is truly beneficial to our democracy.

Every vote casted should be made by an educated and informed citizen who has a stake in the effect of their selection. The most inconsistent voters, those who show up to one election but not another, are also the most likely to be less educated voters.

There are two reasons why low voter turnout can actually benefit government and even representation.

First, those who aren't motivated to show up to the polls are unlikely to be educated on or have an opinion about the issues and candidates on the ballot. Sure, apathy is never a good thing, but is ignorantly casting votes any better? Just the opposite: it's worse.

Second, voting on any and every issue as a matter of civic duty means that voters will inevitably select between options on policy or platforms that don't affect their lives, diluting the weight of every vote cast by an affected citizen.

In some cases, this is okay; an educated voter can choose an option likely to benefit the whole of society. However, in most instances, an unaffected voter will find it hard to understand the reach of their vote and how they are changing other citizen's lives.

Voting is a citizen's right, not a duty. Those who choose to vote, however, ought to understand the civic duty of being an informed voter. There are no points for bubbling in ballot choices without researching their meaning.

Sooners, show up to the polls this November. Being involved can, and should, be absolutely positive. Show up prepared and for the right reasons and you will be part of the most important part of our democratic system.

But, afterward, understand that the "I Voted" sticker on your chest doesn't tell the whole story.

Who do you predict will be most impressive in the upcoming Presidential Debate?

- Obama
- Romney

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Which social network do you prefer?

■ Facebook	60% - 26 votes
■ Twitter	26% - 11 votes
■ Tumblr	5% - 2 votes
■ MySpace	9% - 4 votes

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Editorial

Three thousand dollar car on the horizon

Is anybody in the market for a new car? Perhaps a low budget has shifted your interest from a new car to a new-to-you car. But what if there was a new car on the market selling for \$3,000? A new car and a mere \$3,000 investment is pretty appealing, especially to college students with limited funds.

Such a car is projected to hit emerging markets of India, China and Mexico. Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn confirmed in a recent interview that the company will be introducing a car under the Datsun brand which would boast a price tag within the \$3,000- \$5,000 range.

The prospective car is described as compact with no bells and whistles, simply a means of transportation. But, still,

we're talking about \$3,000 for a car— the typical American spends nearly that much to fuel a car annually. Is a \$3,000 car even possible?

Well, it is possible, but probably not in America. Rigorous safety standards in the U.S. would bump the price in our market. Additionally, there is no guarantee that Nissan will choose to bring the latest Datsun to America.

Fingers crossed to see its introduction in the states, but for now, let's recognize just how important this vehicle will be for people in India, China and Mexico. Ghosn, CEO, says that the project seeks to provide world populations with great poverty the opportunity to find mobility at an affordable cost.



Column

Is the U.S. capitalist, socialist or both?

By SARAH FISCHER

U. ILLINOIS VIA UWIRE

Words get thrown around a lot without any real thought to the meaning behind them. Socialist. Liberal. Fascist. Republican. Communist. Capitalist.

Whoa. Capitalist?

The idea of the "invisible hand of the free market," an idea introduced by 18th-century Scottish social philosopher Adam Smith, manifested as a metaphor to describe the self-regulating nature of the marketplace. It has come to be a cry for the deregulation of the free market, a staple of "pure" capitalism.

But Smith never mentions capitalism in "The Theory of Moral Sentiments."

We have come to view economic systems like those in the United States as pure capitalism and revolted against what is broadcast as pure socialism or pure communism. We even bristle at the idea that the slightest socialism might be creeping into our marketplace. (It's part of the reason the new health care law is so highly debated.)

Capitalism, defined as, "an

economic system in which investment in and ownership of the means of production, distribution, and exchange of wealth is made and maintained chiefly by private individuals or corporations, especially as contrasted to cooperatively or state-owned means of wealth" is lauded in the United States. Here, it is held up as the example of what a democratic society can do, as the pinnacle of freedom, being able to have complete control over "the means of production, distribution, and exchange of wealth."

Socialism, on the other hand, is defined as "a theory or system of social organization that advocates the vesting of the ownership and control of the means of production and distribution, of capital, land, etc., in the community as a whole." So what does that mean?

It means that, as a whole, as a community, the people decide what to make, what to fund and how to divide up what is made and funded. Generally this is taken to mean that the government has control, and while that

might operationally be the case, it is not in principle. The government stands for, acts for, the people. The community as a whole.

Countries like Sweden and Norway are commonly defined as "socialist" because they have this strong central government. However, most of their industries are privately run, standing against the idea of a purely socialist society. Some countries, like Sri Lanka and Portugal, discuss socialism in their constitutions, but still others ascribe to various branches of socialism: democratic socialism, African socialism, Arab socialism.

Then there are those countries that identify as socialist in their constitutions but are seen as communist by the rest of the world. How does that happen?

Communism, which branches off socialism, is defined as "a theory or system of social organization based on the holding of all property in common, actual ownership being ascribed to the community as a whole or to the state." Here, then, is where the state — not the

people — makes decisions for the country.

Countries like China, Vietnam and Cuba officially describe themselves as communist, while other countries like North Korea are described externally as communist. (North Korea is an interesting example because, although it is state-run, its military class is elevated above the rest of the population, contradicting the communist idea of a classless society.)

These distinctions are important. Incredibly important. They illustrate the nuances that make economic systems so complex and resistant to the single labels "capitalism," "communism" or "socialism."

The United States, with our capitalist economic system, already has aspects of communism and socialism. We operate government-run prisons. We provide health care for soldiers and the elderly. We require drivers to have car insurance. We pay taxes to support national infrastructure. We have copyright and patent laws that limit what we can produce.



“Burying The Child” by Lilian Lucy Davidson (1893-1954) will be on display at the Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum opening at Quinnipiac University.

Ireland’s potato famine won’t be forgotten

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HARTFORD, Conn. - Since he was a child, John Lahey had heard about the tragic Irish potato famine.

But it wasn’t until he served as grand marshal of New York’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade in 1997 that Lahey, president of Quinnipiac University, researched the subject and developed a passion so strong that the university will soon open its own museum on the famine.

“You know, I grew up in an Irish neighborhood, and I was told about this, but the story was more or less that it was the Irish’s fault for being dependent on the potato. They were lazy or whatever,” said Lahey, who grew up in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. “That was the British story that they wanted us to believe so they were not held accountable.”

What he learned in his research convinced Lahey that the 19th-century tragedy was avoidable - that British policies left the Irish starving when there were alternative food supplies in the country.

Certain that this was a story that needed to be told, Lahey delivered speeches on the subject often during 1997 - the year he was grand marshal and

also the 150th anniversary of the famine. His outrage convinced bagel magnate Murray Lender, then vice chairman of Quinnipiac’s trustees, of the need to inform people about the famine. So Lender, who saw parallels in the lives of the Jews and the Irish, offered to help.

A decade and a half later, Quinnipiac will open Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum or, in Irish, *Musaem an Ghorta Mhoir*, in Hamden on Oct. 11.

Lahey said the 4,750-square-foot museum will be home to the largest collection of visual art, artifacts and printed materials related to the Irish famine. While the private, 7,900-student university in southern Connecticut is covering the cost to buy and renovate the museum - which Quinnipiac isn’t disclosing - the Lender family contributed to the purchase of the collection.

Niamh O’Sullivan, who is a professor emeritus of visual culture with the National College of Art and Design in Dublin, is the inaugural curator; Grace Brady, who worked as an administrator for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will serve as executive director.

“This is the only museum anywhere in the world dedicated to Irish art on

the Great Hunger,” Lahey said. “There is nothing like this in Ireland. The educational piece is that this was an avoidable tragedy.”

Christopher Cahill, executive director of the American Irish Historical Society, said it’s a “great concept” that the university has focused on “a single, but extremely complicated historical event that is almost as central to the history of the United States as it is to the history of Ireland.

“If you look at the impact of the Great Hunger on the U.S., it’s incredibly transformative,” he said. “There certainly are specialized collections in various libraries, but this is kind of a different way of organizing a collection around a single historical event.”

The collection focuses on the famine years from 1845-52, when blight destroyed almost all of Ireland’s potato crops. That crop loss, paired with the British government’s “callous disregard for human rights,” as Lahey said - others have called it indifference - led to the deaths of more than a million Irish men, women and children. More than 2 million left Ireland, with a massive influx into the U.S., reducing Ireland’s population from 8 million to just over 4 million.

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Zach Morris, junior public relations major and male homecoming court representative, said he considered it an honor to be part of the court. His platform included raising awareness for students with disabilities and to breakdown the stereotypes that surround them.

Morris said he wanted

to thank Megan Kelly for sponsoring him, his fraternity for inspiring his platform and all of the people who voted for him.

All members of the Homecoming Court will be a part of the halftime ceremonies at the Marshall University football game against Tulsa.

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Mountain State worked with the fraternity with several events in the past year. The fraternity will also participate in the Rock and Roll Disability Awareness Parade on Thursday. The parade starts at 10 a.m. on Fourth Avenue in Huntington.

Mountain State Community Resource Advocate, Kelly Simpson, said this is a good eye opener for students to see the brothers in the wheelchairs and ask them questions.

“People in wheelchairs are the same as everyone else. They just have to use the wheelchairs instead of using their legs,” Simpson said. “We don’t get a lot of volunteers so we are passionate that the fraternity takes time to help us.”

Pi Kappa Phi will host disability awareness events throughout the semester and will participate in a 24 hour bike-a-thon to raise awareness for people with disabilities.

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Obama’s campaign quickly reacted.

“Another day, another desperate and out-of-context attack from the Romney campaign,” said Obama campaign spokeswoman Lis Smith. “As the vice president has been saying all year and again in his remarks today, the middle class was punished by the failed Bush policies that crashed our economy - and a vote for Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan is a return to those failed policies.”

With early voting already under way in several states, both campaigns are fighting to win every news cycle and stoke the passions of their supporters on Twitter and Facebook.

In this overheated environment, the campaigns are on the lookout for any advantage - including a gaffe by one of the candidates. Biden’s remark could well turn up in Romney-Ryan ads or even get a mention by Romney in his kick-off

debate with Obama.

Before Republicans pounced on Biden’s comment, he appeared to be offering a possible preview in Charlotte of the Democratic strategy in the upcoming debates: Cast the Romney-Ryan ticket as anathema to the middle class.

Once the vice president arrived at the Music Factory on Tuesday morning, he wasted no time in fixing the blame for the nation’s economic woes on the GOP.

“(Republicans) talk about the Great Recession like it fell out of the sky in 2008,” he said.

He charged that policies pursued by George W. Bush - including big tax cuts and relaxed regulation of Wall Street - brought on the recession. The previous administration also drove up the national debt, Biden said, by not paying for tax cuts, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a prescription drug benefit bill.

“What did it do?” Biden said. “It produced the Great Recession, which absolutely eviscerated the middle class.”

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Herd in play on Monday. He shot a 1-under-par 71, his best round as a member of the Herd.

“We made a lot of birdies on the first day and we all continued to feed off each other and really got into the flow of things,” Kerns said.

The Herd golfers feels pretty confident after this

tournament.

“Our team has a bit of rhythm going and we need that to carry into the first day and the final rounds of our tournaments,” Kerns said. “Our confidence level is definitely

growing after each win.”

The Herd will be back out on the green competing in the Bearcat Invitational on Oct. 8 in Herbon, Ky.

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Obama’s record over the last four years reveals an agenda most analysts expect him to stick to if he gets a second term.

He failed to secure passage of sweeping legislation to address climate change, disappointing many supporters. Nonetheless, he has taken steps to cut greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants.

The administration also funneled federal funds to renewable energy, helping to bring more alternative sources on line and making the country the leader in clean energy investment. But it has left itself open to political fallout from failures like Solyndra, a solar equipment maker that won \$535 million in federal loan guarantees and then went bankrupt.

When Romney was governor of Massachusetts, from 2003 to 2007, he articulated an agenda similar to Obama’s current one. Romney’s staff included prominent environmentalists who developed a state climate action plan and a regional cap-and-trade system.

In his 2010 book “No Apology: The Case for American Greatness,” he wrote: “I believe that climate change is occurring - the reduction in the size of global ice caps is

hard to ignore. I also believe that human activity is a contributing factor.”

But none of that hints at how Romney might govern as president, because he has retreated from those positions. Romney’s website makes no mention of the environment or climate change, unlike Obama’s. His ideas instead echo congressional Republicans whose narrative over the last four years is that environmental regulations kill jobs.

“Romney is where the Republican Party is,” said Joshua Freed, head of the clean energy program at Third Way, a centrist Washington think tank.

Romney and Obama vary markedly about the fuels the country should rely on for electricity. Romney has pushed for coal, a cheap and abundant domestic fuel, and he has accused Obama of “waging a war on coal.”

Obama’s campaign rejects that notion, and it has run ads trumpeting the increase in recent years of coal production and jobs in swing states like Ohio. Domestic coal usage is in fact falling, driven mostly by cheaper natural gas prices.

Behind the pro-coal rhetoric, the Obama administration has passed or is considering regulations that would further cut coal use, including reductions in

smokestack emissions of carbon dioxide, mercury and other pollutants and limits on mountaintop removal, a controversial mining method.

Romney has pledged to repeal or scale back many of those initiatives, particularly the reductions in carbon dioxide and mercury emissions. “If Romney’s elected, it’s not so much what would happen as what wouldn’t happen,” Freed said. “His plan seeks to cement the status quo at a time when the energy sector is in the midst of huge upheaval.”

The Romney approach would also bolster oil. For instance, Obama highlights significant increases in passenger vehicle fuel economy from 2012 to 2025, almost doubling gas mileage and sharply cutting greenhouse gases. Romney has said he would undo the 2017 to 2025 standards, which he characterizes as onerous and unrealistic. Increased gasoline consumption would help oil companies, but it would undo the progress the country has made toward energy self-sufficiency, analysts say.

Romney would also open more federal lands than Obama has to oil, gas and coal development. “Under Romney, I have the full expectation that a lot more federal lands will be under production,” said Jack Gerard, a Romney advisor and

chief executive of the American Petroleum Institute, the main oil lobby.

Obama and Romney overlap in one area: the development of natural gas reserves through hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. The domestic energy boom of the last several years stems from the widespread use of fracking to tap oil in North Dakota and gas in Texas, the mid-Atlantic and the Rocky Mountains.

Concerns have been raised about possible water contamination and air pollution from high-volume fracking, which involves injecting millions of gallons of water and sand laced with chemicals deep underground to crack shale formations and unlock oil and gas. So far, the Obama administration has introduced new fracking regulations that independent analysts say would not hinder production. The EPA is also conducting a study of possible environmental effects of fracking, due out after the election, whose findings might lead to new regulations if Obama wins a second term.

But industry has bridled at increased federal oversight of fracking. Romney has said he would hand greater regulatory authority over oil and gas development to the states, which could speed the permitting process but could also lead to lax oversight.

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Stephen J. Kopp: The man behind the president's desk

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Stephen J. Kopp was in it for the long haul when he arrived at Marshall in July 2005. Kopp is the 36th president to serve Marshall University, and upon completion of his most recent five-year contract, will be one of the longest serving school presidents in Marshall's history after 12 years of service.

Kopp has the uncanny ability to promote and establish exceptional growth and progress across the board, but it is his perpetual drive, relatability to students and genuine desire for each and every individual to succeed that makes him a staple of the university.

"What I was looking for was a university where I had an opportunity to make a difference where I felt my expertise and strengths would be a benefit to the university and most especially the students," Kopp said. "When I evaluated the opportunity here at Marshall, it felt like a good fit based on the people I met."

Before Kopp made Marshall his home, he previously maintained leadership positions at Midwestern University, Central Michigan University and Ohio University. Kopp himself earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Notre Dame, and a doctorate in physiology and biophysics from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Illinois became a special place in Kopp's heart for more than one reason. Kopp met his wife, Jane, on a blind date at a school dance in North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.

"We started dating when I was 16, so to date myself, we just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary this year," Kopp said. "She has been my soul mate and the love of my life as far as I can remember. To do the things I have been challenged to do professionally, you have to have a spouse that believes in what you are doing and supports it."

Kopp said Jane was very supportive of his career endeavors and adventures when it came to relocating, especially when the two moved to West Virginia so Kopp could take on his current position as president of Marshall.

Kopp and his wife have two grown children, a daughter, Elizabeth, who is the oldest, and a son, Adam. He says raising his two children has been his biggest personal achievement.



TOP: Stephen J. Kopp sits at his desk. BELOW: Kopp plays quoits Sept. 24 during Constitution Week.

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In many ways, Kopp also functions as a fatherly figure to Marshall, which he has helped shape and mold into the versatile, competitive institution it is today.

"I come to work very energized because I see all the potential in what we are doing, what we are accomplishing

and what lays ahead for us," Kopp said. There is a genuine love and respect for this university and I think people for the most part, who are part of the Marshall community, really care deeply about this university."

Kopp remains determined to ensure that Marshall and its students reaches their greatest potential.

Like many students today, Kopp worked odd jobs on the weekends and in the summer to pay for his semesters at college. With Vietnam looming during his young adult life, Kopp was also faced with the possibility of being drafted.

"The greatest fear that you had was your lottery number was going to get called and you were going to get yanked out of college and sent off to Southeast Asia," Kopp said. "I'm not sure that I ever had a deep and compelling vision of what I wanted to do, but I can tell you I worked every summer to put myself through college and I learned every summer what I did not want to do for the rest of my life."

Kopp maintained jobs ranging from working in factories on assembly lines, to collecting trash as a garbage man, and building locomotive train engines.

Kopp learned at an early age just how difficult it can be to obtain and finance an education. He says defining what is essential to your career and graduating as debt free as possible are things students should strive for.

"The most important investment you'll make in your lifetime is your college education, and anyone that doesn't understand that it is an investment does not understand what a college education is all about," Kopp said. "This is your education and you are going to get what you put into it."

In addition to his presidential duties, Kopp has found time this semester to take on the role of professor, a passion he misses very much. He is currently

teaching a three-hour cardiovascular physiology and exercise class on Monday nights.

"It has probably been the thing I miss the most. I enjoy the instructional side of things because it keeps you in touch with what is happening, and I continue to learn a lot from the students," Kopp said. "Probably the most gratifying aspect of teaching is continuing to learn."

Outside of Marshall, President Kopp enjoys playing golf, which he claims is the greatest head game he has ever played.

"It's the only game that I can imagine, that I've ever played, where if you think negative thoughts, bad things happens," Kopp said.

He makes reference to the game of golf and an important life lesson.

"If you approach your life the same way, living to not make mistakes, you're going to make a lot of mistakes and you are not going to enjoy what you are doing."

Kopp is not just your average university president. He is a family man, a businessman, a professor, a philosopher, a visionary and a man wholeheartedly devoted to improving the university and community the Marshall Thundering Herd so proudly represents.

Once Kopp established Marshall as his home, his dreams and aspirations for the university took root and have only continued to grow and develop. No other career endeavor will steer him away from his mission at making this university the best it can possibly be.

"I have never sought out nor will I seek out positions elsewhere. My heart and soul is here," Kopp said. "I came here to make a difference and we are making a difference. I plan to see it through."

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Arcade games no longer limited to single space

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Arcades haven't died, they've just become so ubiquitous, so entwined in our everyday entertainment experiences that we may not recognize that our visit to a museum, an amusement park, a restaurant or a movie theater is actually another trip to the arcade.

Or at least that's the idea behind the burgeoning Digital Out-of-Home Interactive Entertainment Network Association, a collective of movie theaters, amusement parks, arcades and restaurants brought together by their common interest in and use of video games.

"Most people's perception of what out-of-home entertainment is, is an arcade video game black box," said Kevin Williams, founder of the association. "A lot of people have perceived that it has died or gone away and that the only gaming out there is console gaming."

But it hasn't, it has evolved, Williams said, to become something much broader and further reaching.

Now amusement is something you find in the rides at Disneyland, the virtual changing rooms of some retailers, the touchscreens of some hotels, exergaming at gyms and even educational entertainment at museums.

Take Disney's "Toy Story Mania!," a ride that has park-goers tramping their way from one large 3D screen to the next, using plastic guns to shoot virtual pies, darts, balls and hoops to score points. That's both a relatively small amusement park ride, and relatively huge video game.

"I think they will meet in the middle, with the need for all sizes of venues offering an attraction element in the leisure sector I think this will be a varied and diverse sector, but the separation between an attraction and an amusement piece may blur," Williams said.

That blurring is the thing that Williams' organization is pushing for. They're also hoping to help create experiences that draw on the incredible popularity of sites like Facebook and Twitter to augment the social aspects of gaming, something arcades long mastered.

"Just think on this, I walk past a facility and it texts my phone that my high score has been beaten and it will give me a discount to play if I come in now," Williams said. "I Facebook my friends and we agree to meet up. I compete and get the new high score and win the weekend purse. That is not the future, that is now! And yes, I can check my stats and player avatar at home, but it's competing out-of-home that rules, and the link to secondary spend (avatar, food, drink and merchandising) that offers a strong retail opportunity."

Williams said he hopes to change that with this new association.

"We can show that the business model works again," he said, "even if that means we have to walk over the corpse of the amusement business to do that."

